

SACKETS HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET HEARING  
MAY 12, 2015  
5:00 P.M. – MPR

Board Members Present: Gregg Townsend, Stephen Swain, Christine Allen,  
Angela Green

Board Members Absent: Dale Phillips

Others Present: Frederick E. Hall, Jr., Superintendent; Julie Gayne, Sheri Rose, Shirley  
Lloyd, Briggs McAndrews, Jane Barton

The President of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Education Law provides that the Board of Education appoints the Chairman of the  
meeting and inspectors. The Board has made the following appointments for the vote on  
May 19, 2015:

Chairman – Gregg Townsend  
Inspector – Brenda Scordo  
Teller – Karen Williams

Education Law provides that the Clerk of the Board shall act as clerk of the  
Budget Hearing.

The three items to be voted upon are:

The Budget  
One 66-passenger, diesel school bus  
One Board Member for a full 5-year term

Education Law requires nomination for board membership by petition only. There was  
one properly filed petition for a 5-year term. Space has been provided for a write-in  
candidate on the ballot.

Mr. Gregg Townsend introduced Angela Green, Board Member Candidate:

Mr. Hall took the opportunity to present the 2015-16 budget.

Mr. Hall opened the meeting for questions from community members.

*Ms. Jane Barton asked the District's graduation rate. Mr. Hall replied the graduation  
rate for the 2013-14 school year was 94 percent.*

*Mrs. Shirley Lloyd indicated on the great accomplishments of the Valedictorian,  
Salutatorian and Career Award winner. The students and parents should be proud.*

*Mrs. Shirley Lloyd inquired on the current enrollment and the number of seniors  
graduating.*

*Mr. Hall responded the current enrollment is 437 with 32 seniors graduating in June.*

*Mr. Hall indicated Sackets Harbor Central School is ranked 620 out of 669 schools in  
New York State for lowest spending per pupil. General Brown is the lowest in which they  
ranked 669 out of 669.*

*Ms. Jane Barton inquired on the status of the windmill proposition with Hudson Energy.*

*Mr. Hall responded this is a small proposal of 32 windmills. Currently, there are many unanswered issues regarding revenues, PILOT Program, revenue generated to the school district, and a decommission plan. Mr. Hall indicated the Board of Education supported the first windmill proposal based on the revenue that was to be generated to the District.*

*Mr. McAndrews indicated that his experience has been that the company will get a PILOT, promise a lot, don't do a lot and immediately file a tax certiorari. If the District decides to fight the tax certiorari, it would cost tax payers a lot of money in legal fees and feels the District would not win. Mr. McAndrews also indicated the negatives on the environment. The promises sound better than reality.*

*Mr. Hall indicated the Board of Education would look strictly at the PILOT and with the decommission going through DEC and other proper jurisdictions.*

*Mr. McAndrews took the opportunity to indicate he felt the tax levy was reasonable and has been too low in his opinion, over the years, and he liked the District's plan for the Capital Reserve and felt the District's report card was positive and that he has sat on Scholarship Committees and Sackets Harbor students do wonderfully representing the District.*

Moved by Green, seconded by Swain, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Sheri Rose, District Clerk

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Gregg Townsend, Board President