

Hague School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting  
Thursday, 09 May 2024, 10:00AM  
Town of Hague Community Center and Zoom

Present: Joshua Patchett, Jack Bast, Linda Fusco, Susan Delarm-Sandman, Rolly Allen, Desiree LaPointe, Peter Carney (via zoom), Beth Barton-Navitsky (via zoom), Sandy Smith (via zoom), Sally Thurston (via zoom)

Absent: Kathe Allen, Amanda Peterson

Recording Secretary: Desiree LaPointe

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack Bast

Minutes were approved for the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 SAC meeting.

**Board of Education School Vote:**

- The Committee discussed the upcoming Board of Education school vote and Donna Wotton's candidacy.
- Jack will send out reminder letters to encourage participation in the vote on May 21st.
- Phone calls and emails will be sent out as reminders by election day.
- The results of the election will be available at 8:30 pm at the Board of Education meeting following the final vote. Jack will attend.
- Mail Chimp will be utilized, and assistance will be provided to seniors who are unable to get out to vote.
- July 1st will officially mark the first day of the new Board member.

**MYAA "Joint Working Group" and further action**

- The Committee discussed and decided to dissolve the Multi-Year Assessment Averaging (MYAA) "Joint Working Group" in light of Ticonderoga's (Town and Board of Education) complete lack of interest or support.
- However, Hague's request for MYAA to the BOE for implementation in the 2024-2025 school tax levy will be continued right up to the August levy finalization.
- Peter Carney noted that three electric projects are being installed in Ticonderoga this year and next and are worth about \$150 million dollars in property value. How their property values are incorporated into the school tax rolls is a complex issue that is apparently within the jurisdiction of the BOE. PILOT agreements (payments in lieu of taxes) are involved.
- The two points are that Ticonderoga (1) should very well be more interested itself in MYAA to smooth its upcoming potential big jump in their assessed values and (2) the

BOE should absolutely consider Hague's interests in however they decide to treat the projects in the apportionment of the school tax levy!

- In all those regards, the Committee agreed that a strong Hague MYAA message will be presented in the July (and August) BOE meetings. (July rather than June because the newly elected Board members will be seated and hopefully Donna will be on the Board.)
- The message will be intended to more fully educate the BOE on MYAA. Josh may introduce it, but Peter Carney with his extensive knowledge of MYAA and its benefits will make a reasoned, compelling tutorial.

**Action Item: Research School Districts Implementing MYAA:**

- It was proposed to conduct research to identify school districts currently utilizing the Multi-Year Assessment Averaging (MYAA) system.
- Preliminary findings indicate that school districts in Westchester and Long Island, as well as those under BOCES, have adopted MYAA. It's known that CVES BOCES, of which Ti CSD is one of the 16 member schools, uses MYAA.
- MYAA is particularly relevant in school districts comprising multiple towns.
- The Committee is tasked with further investigating and compiling a comprehensive list of school districts implementing MYAA.
- The Committee also reviewed the 2024-2025 school budget.

**Rural Schools Association of NYS Summer Conference:**

- Linda and Beth have been authorized to attend the Rural Schools Association of New York State (RSA of NYS) Summer Conference.
- The Conference is scheduled to take place from July 14th to 16th.
- Linda and Beth are tasked with representing our Town/Committee and participating in the Conference proceedings.

**The next School Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 6th at 10:00 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree LaPointe