

**Hague School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting  
Thursday, 09 January 2025, 10:00 AM  
Town of Hague Community Center and Zoom**

**Present:** Jack Bast and Josh Patchett in person; Beth Barton-Navitski, Peter Carney, Linda Fusco, Sally Thurston and Sandy Smith on Zoom

**Absent:** Kathe Allen, Susan DeLarm-Sandman

**Meeting opened at 10:01 am**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approved Minutes of 12/06/2024 SAC Meeting**

**Meeting Notes**

1. TCSD Streaming – Sandy is developing a broad list of schools identifying the status of their streaming.
2. PILOT Agreements – White Paper
  - Beth suggested attention-getting edits in numerous places in Rev 7, highlighting the point that it costs taxpayers money. Jack and Peter to incorporate into next Rev. Peter will develop a specified estimated dollar amount to use - \$1M/yr annually?
  - How PILOT monies affect the school budget / state aide needs clarification.
  - Where do we go from here? It was agreed Josh and Jack would make one last effort with Nephew and Russell before going public.
  - A Public Hearing still seems useful to educate. It must be done soon, i.e., before the School Budget is advanced.
  - Get an appearance on LookTV? Linda thinks they're objective. Articles in newspapers.
  - Jack will respond to comments by a Hague resident on PILOT White Paper articles appearing in the Chronicle.
3. Education emphasis on TCSD was discussed.
  - Urge someone in Hague to run for BoE; there will be three openings in May 2025.
  - The Committee will invite Regent Catenia to an upcoming meeting. An agenda must be prepared in advance of such a meeting.
  - A list of some Hague parents with school-age children has been developed from publicly available sources. Assignments were made to reach out to specific

parents to obtain their perspectives, by interview or by survey. Chronicle articles will continue to urge parents to contact SAC. Jack provided a first draft of potential survey questions.

4. The next BoE meeting will be on January 23rd at 6:00 pm. Jack plans to attend, Sandy will attend, weather permitting. Hague citizens were encouraged to attend by Jack in the Dec 10 Town Board Meeting. We will continue to advocate for streaming. Jack will request a May 2025 Budget meeting be held in Hague.
5. There are three open positions on SAC. A Hague parent of students at Ti CSD would be good. After discussing candidates, including parents, the Committee agreed to contact and invite Walt Lender, John Zamrok, and Michael Galow.

**The next SAC meeting will be held Thursday, 06 February 2025 at 10:00 am.**

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bast