

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

**Present:** Jack Bast, Peter Carney, Josh Patchett, and John Zamrok in person; Beth Barton-Navitsky, Barbara Booth, Linda Fusco, and Mike Galow on Zoom.

**Absent:**, Kathe Allen, Walt Lender, Sandy Smith, Sally Thurston'

**Meeting opened at 10:01 AM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approved Minutes of 06/05/2025 SAC Meeting**

**Board of Education (BoE) July 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Summary**

Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Carney, and John Zamrok and his brother-in-law from out of state attended the meeting. Superintendent Nephew and six of the nine BoE members were in attendance. One or two people from Ticonderoga were there.

Jack had provided a report of the meeting to SAC members on July 9<sup>th</sup> and it was discussed. Among other things, Peter's plea for streaming was ignored, and his 06/16 request and restatement for BoE assignment of each member to a specific academic test score area for improvement was ignored. Jack's renewed request for including the Full Market Value (FMV) of PILOT projects in the 2025-2026 apportionment was answered that neither MYAA nor FMV would be included this year. A response to Barbara Booth's 06/16 submittal of academic questions was eventually promised by Mr. Russell.

**Academic Performance Improvement (API) Initiative**

Next steps in our API initiative were discussed. We agreed that getting parent participation would be beneficial. Linda has made contact with one person from Putnam; Linda will pursue getting her actively involved.

It was agreed we'll send Superintendent Nephew a request for a series of meetings with elementary school administrators and personnel to investigate curriculum, policies and practices. The purpose is to understand it so that we can effectively help improve academic performance by students. It will come from Linda as a SAC Member and be sent before the next BoE meeting.

**PILOT FMVs and Assessments**

In spite of Mr. Russell's statement that PILOT FMVs would not be included in the 2025-2026 school tax levy apportionment, it was agreed that we should request that the calculations should be performed with and without them and the results made public before the Aug 19<sup>th</sup> BoE meeting. Peter will draft the wording, and it will be sent promptly by Jack as SAC or by Josh for the Town.

The request will emphasize the importance of having the correct assessment values as a basis. There are considerable concerns on our part from documented evidence about Ticonderoga assessments. Some of these are being looked into by our Assessor at SAC's request.

**SAC Membership**

Kathe Allen is not continuing her SAC membership. Jack asked for suggestions for a replacement.

**The next regularly scheduled Ti BoE meeting is on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.**

**The next SAC meeting will be held Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:00 AM.**

**Adjournment - 11:22 AM**

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bast