

Hague School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting  
Friday, 26 July 2024, 10:00AM  
Town of Hague Community Center and Zoom

**Present:** Joshua Patchett, Jack Bast, Linda Fusco, Susan Delarm-Sandman, Rolly Allen, Peter Carney, Kathe Allen

**Absent:** Beth Barton-Navitsky, Sandy Smith, Sally Thurston

**On Zoom:** Amanda Peterson

Meeting opened at 10am

Pledge of Allegiance

**Agenda:**

- Approved Minutes from 07/05/2024 Meeting
- Rural Schools Association of NY Summer Conference Report:  
Linda provided a detailed report on the Rural Schools Association of New York's Summer Conference. Discussions focused on the future role of AI in schools, challenges regarding fairness and unfairness within rural districts, and the concept of regionalization and regional schools. Linda is scheduled to visit LG Elementary School in the fall, and both Linda and Beth will visit Guilderland High School on August 13th.
- Plan for Meeting with Scott Nephew:  
The Committee discussed plans for an upcoming meeting with Scott Nephew, proposing the participation of four SAC Committee members. Concerns were raised about how to proceed given the TI BOE's apparent lack of interest in meeting with the SAC. The Committee deliberated on strategies to encourage engagement and the best way to move forward.
- Preparation for 08/20/2024 TI CSD BoE Meeting:  
The committee reviewed the agenda for the upcoming Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education (BoE) meeting on August 20, 2024. Preparations were made to address current issues and topics. The Committee assigned tasks to Jack and Peter to ensure readiness.

**Committee Discussion:**

- It was noted that Donna Wotton is not a member of this Committee and should not be included in any conversations or emails regarding this Committee that present a conflict of interest with her role on the TI CSD BoE.
- SUNY Rockefeller Institute Study on Foundation Aid: The Committee discussed the findings of the SUNY Rockefeller Institute's Study on Foundation Aid. Key implications for the district were identified.
- NYS 30x30 Land Conservation Law: The Committee reviewed the New York State 30x30 Land Conservation Law, particularly its impact on the tax base in Hague as the State acquires more land. Concerns were raised about the lost revenue that needs to be compensated by the State and the reduced opportunities for development. The Committee also discussed how other towns within the Blue Line are similarly affected.
- Future Direction of the Committee: A discussion was held on the Committee's future direction and the potential to create a "power base" to better influence decisions. The need for a clear course of action was emphasized.

**Action Item:**

The Committee decided to petition the TI BoE for advance notice of any meetings scheduled within seven days' time and to request the enabling of broadcasts for TI BoE meetings. Jack to draft petition for Josh's signature, checking with Town Attorney for any legal issues.

**Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 15th at 10:00 am. The next TI CSD BoE meeting is set for August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 11:40 am.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Amanda Peterson*

**Minutes Documentation:**

The Minutes were written by Amanda Peterson, who took notes from 10:00 am until 11:00 am, after

which Susan Delarm-Sandman continued to take notes. Both sets of notes are reflected in these Minutes.

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