

## School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

### Town of Hague Community Center

**Members Present in-person:** Kathe & Rolle Allen, Amanda Peterson, Jack Bast, Linda Fusco

**Members Present on ZOOM:** Beth Barton-Navitsky, Sandy Smith, Peter Carney, Sally Thurston, Susan Sandman-DeLarm

Meeting opened at: 10am

Jack led the Pledge of Allegiance

#### Agenda:

- **Approve Minutes from September 19th, and October 3rd & 4th 2023** - All Minutes were approved by the Committee
  
- **Work Stream Update:**
  - **Legal:** Susan reports that she and Sally have read of the Levittown Case, which has a similar situation to our town and school. They believe not a lot can be done from a legal standpoint. Also, that we should look into if we can overturn the decisions that were made in the past.
  - **Assessments/Taxes-** Amanda has generated a lot of information on the Beach-front Associations from the Assessor's office. The Committee has been looking over that data. Peter also has been generating Graphs and Tables, lots of Data! There was also a discussion about multiyear averaging and the reassessment process.
  - **Communications-** Linda will be working on setting up a time for the Committee to get a tour of the Ticonderoga High School. Sandy has been speaking to locals in the community that have children and grandchildren enrolled in the Ticonderoga School District. The feedback has been that the parents and children love attending the school.
  - **Rural Schools Associations of NYS-** Linda will be attending the Rural School Conference on November 30th and December 1st. She met with the Ticonderoga High School Principal to learn more about the School District. Jack mentioned about getting our Committee a membership to the Rural Schools Association, and that it is also open to retired educators.
  - **Quality of Education-** The Committee has received data on how many children in Hague attend Ticonderoga Schools by grade.
  - **BOCES** Linda is to speak with Katie Jones of BOCES when she is at the Rural Schools Conference

- **Political-** The Committee agreed we need to have a liaison who can attend monthly School Board meetings. We also need to reach out to the community to encourage a Hague resident to run for a seat on the BOE.
- **Budget/Fundraising-** Jack announced that he proposed a budget to the Town Board for the Committee of \$25,000 towards Attorney Fees, etc. as well as \$10,000 for publicity.
- **Revitalize Hague**

- **Plan for deliverable items-** Peter will draft a "white paper" and outline.

**Next meeting at: December 7th, 2023 at 10am**

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:20am.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Amanda Peterson**