



Do you know the facts?

about the proposed
CENTRALIZATION
of

CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT No. 5

HOLBROOK, HOLTSVILLE-FARMINGVILLE, LAKE RONKONKOMA

THE EDUCATION of YOUR CHILDREN is YOUR BUSINESS

A better future for your children and for the community depends on YOUR vote

THE CENTER ISLAND AREA HAS A SCHOOL PROBLEM

ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH THE FACTS

- * POPULATION HAS GROWN
- * SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HAS INCREASED
- * CLASSES ARE ON DOUBLE SESSION
- * JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS CAN NO LONGER BE "FARMED OUT"
- * SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS ARE CLOSING THEIR DOORS TO OUR CHILDREN
- * POPULATION WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE AS NEW HOMES ARE BUILT

WHAT HAVE WE DONE

- * HOLBROOK, HOLTSVILLE-FARMINGVILLE AND LAKE RONKONKOMA HAVE CONSOLIDATED
- * NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS ARE PLANNED
- * WE ARE POOLING OUR RESOURCES TO LICK THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROBLEM

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

1. A Junior High School Program must be initiated immediately to take care of 7th, 8th and 9th year pupils who can no longer be sent away to be educated.
2. Building plans must be approved and completed to avoid double session, where possible.
3. A HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM MUST BE STARTED:

LAKE RONKONKOMA was notified by Port Jefferson (Spring-1954) that no new classes could be accommodated.

HOLTSVILLE-FARMINGVILLE was notified by Bayport (Fall-1954) that no new classes could be accommodated.

HOLBROOK was notified by Sayville (Fall-1954) that no new classes would be accepted after 1956.

(Because of these facts, the Boards of Education of the Holbrook, Holtsville-Farmingville and Lake Ronkonkoma School Districts, after many conferences, requested that District Superintendent, Mr. Walter Ormsby, take the legal steps necessary to "CONSOLIDATE" the three districts into one, so that work could be started - IMMEDIATELY.)

(ON NOVEMBER 17, 1954, THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT ISSUED THE ORDER WHICH WOULD CONSOLIDATE THE THREE DISTRICTS, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 1955)

THE FINAL SOLUTION IS --- CENTRALIZATION

With Consolidation a fact---the three school districts now being CONSOLIDATED into one---CENTRALIZATION would complete the move by making available the maximum amount of financial assistance, in the form of STATE AID.

WHY THE "SUDDEN" RUSH TO CENTRALIZATION

For about the past 19 years, many interested citizens in the Center Island Area have worked toward Centralization, as a means to secure better education for our children, at the lowest possible cost.

Until now, all efforts in this direction have failed because of the wide area which would have to be included to make the plan feasible.

For the past two years, Citizens' Advisory Committees have worked with the various School Boards, attempting to find the answer. Many plans were investigated and surveys were made covering groups of NINE, SEVEN, SIX and FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. None seemed entirely practicable and all had to be discarded.

THE SITUATION WAS BROUGHT TO A CLIMAX - NECESSITATING IMMEDIATE ACTION - WHEN NEIGHBORING HIGH SCHOOLS, TO WHICH LOCAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE BEING SENT, CLOSED THEIR DOORS TO "OUTSIDERS".

IMPORTANT DATES LEADING UP TO THE VOTE

Having investigated all alternate plans thoroughly--the School Boards of Lake Ronkonkoma, Holtsville-Farmingville and Holbrook met to explore the possibility of joining forces in a smaller grouping, heretofore considered unacceptable to the State Education Department--with the following results:

1. October 1954- School Boards reached conclusion that educational interests of the three Districts could best be served by immediate CONSOLIDATION.
2. November 17, 1954 - At the request of the Three School Boards, with ALL individual members in UNANIMOUS agreement, the District Superintendent of the Second Supervisory District issued the Order for Consolidation, to take effect February 21, 1955.
3. December 14, 1954 - State Education Department notified us that, as a result of a survey, they were recommending a change in the plan for Reorganization of School Districts, better known as the "MASTER PLAN", which would combine HOLBROOK, HOLTSVILLE - FARMINGVILLE and LAKE RONKONKOMA, with no other school districts being included.
4. February 21, 1955 - THE CONSOLIDATION ORDER TOOK EFFECT.
5. March 22, 1955 - At the request of the School Board, the Commissioner of Education issued the Order "LAYING OUT" CENTRAL DISTRICT NO. 5, in the Towns of Brookhaven, Islip and Smithtown.
6. March 28, 1955 - Petitions bearing the names of residents of Holbrook, Holtsville-Farmingville and Lake Ronkonkoma were forwarded to the Commissioner requesting a vote on Centralization.
7. March 31, 1955 - Commissioner of Education issued Order for a vote on "CENTRALIZATION" to be held at Lake Ronkonkoma School, APRIL 21, 1955.

WHAT WILL CENTRALIZATION DO FOR US

CENTRALIZATION will greatly improve the educational opportunities for all our children.

CENTRALIZATION will make possible adequate school housing with the State helping to pay building costs.

CENTRALIZATION makes possible efficiently coordinated and increased school transportation, with greatly increased State Aid.

CENTRALIZATION enables Junior and Senior High School enrollments to be large enough to permit a wide diversity in course offerings. This means a broad educational program for children with varying abilities, talents and interests, at costs lower than they could ever be in a school.

CENTRALIZATION will bring to our area additional financial assistance to help establish and maintain a good program of education for all our children. This State Aid represents much needed revenue that will not come from local Real Estate Taxes.

WHAT WILL CENTRALIZATION COST

The cost of CENTRALIZATION will be determined by the educational needs of the pupils in the district.

CENTRALIZATION is neither a "give-away" program nor a scheme for reducing taxes.

CENTRALIZATION is a plan considered best by the State Education Department, under which almost 7000 common and union free school districts in New York State have combined to form over 425 Central Districts. Under CENTRALIZATION it is possible to have the BEST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT A COST WHICH WILL BE LOWER THAN UNDER ANY OTHER PLAN OFFERING THE SAME PROGRAM.

Tentative figures, based upon the anticipated needs for the 1955-1956 school year, show that the cost of operation of the three districts separately would have amounted to:

\$868,277.00 - Less 191,803.00 (Est. State Aid) - \$676,474.00

The proposed CONSOLIDATED Budget for the same services shows a saving:

\$838,857.00 - Less 194,218.00 (Est. State Aid) - \$644,639.00

ADDITIONAL STATE AID, AVAILABLE UNDER CENTRALIZATION, (based on the number of pupils anticipated) is estimated as - \$35,000.00.

The ADDITIONAL State Aid, available under CENTRALIZATION, and NOT AVAILABLE under any other plan, will continue to rise over the next few years until the maximum of between \$66,000.00 and \$82,000.00 (depending on proportion of enrollment - Elementary pupils to High School pupils) is reached.

IN ADDITION - THERE WILL BE AVAILABLE A SUBSTANTIAL BUILDING QUOTA, (not a loan, but an outright GRANT) for Elementary and High School Buildings.

WHAT ARE THE FACTS CONCERNING THE
MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 21st?

1. The Commissioner of Education has issued an Order that a vote on the question of forming a Central District to be held at the Lake Ronkonkoma School on April 21st, 1955.
2. The meeting will begin at 1:45 P.M. and voting ON THE QUESTION OF CENTRALIZATION will continue until 8:00 P.M. at which time the meeting will recess so that ballots may be counted.
3. If the vote is YES, the meeting will re-convene at 8:30 P.M. to proceed with the business of electing NINE members to the Central School Board.

Nominations for each of the NINE POSITIONS will be from the floor.

The Positions to be filled are as follows:

- 1 - Three year term HOLBROOK
- 2 - Three year term HOLTSMVILLE-FARMINGVILLE
- 3 - Three year term LAKE RONKONKOMA
- 4 - Two year term HOLBROOK
- 5 - Two year term HOLTSMVILLE-FARMINGVILLE
- 6 - Two year term LAKE RONKONKOMA
- 7 - One year term HOLBROOK
- 8 - One year term HOLTSMVILLE-FARMINGVILLE
- 9 - One year term LAKE RONKONKOMA

After all nominations are in, the ballots will be prepared, and every qualified voter will vote for ONE candidate for EACH position.

WHO MAY VOTE

All voters at any School Meeting must have ALL of the following GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. A citizen of the United States
2. At least 21 years of age.
3. A resident within the district for the period of at least 30 days next preceding the meeting at which he or she offers to vote.

(Any person who possesses all of the above general qualifications AND ANY ONE of the following SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS is entitled to vote.)

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. Owns, leases, hires, or is in the possession under a contract of purchase of, real property in such district liable to taxation for school purposes; but the occupation of real property by a person as lodger or boarder shall not entitle such person to vote. (Under the first clause persons who hold a joint deed or joint lease may each vote.)
2. Is the parent of a child of school age, provided such child shall have attended the district school in the district in which the meeting is held for a period of at least eight weeks during the year preceding such school meeting. (Under this provision both father and mother may vote, and where a district contracts with another district for the instruction of its pupils, the parents of such pupils may vote.)
3. Not being the parent, has permanently residing with him or her a child of school age who shall have attended the district school for a period of at least eight weeks during the year preceding such meeting. (Under this provision but one person may vote, namely, the head of the household.)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CENTRAL DISTRICT HOLBROOK, HOLTSVILLE-FARMINGVILLE,
LAKE RONKONKOMA

Election of a Nine-Member Board of Education:

- INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Mark ballot ONLY with a pencil having black lead.
2. Mark an X in box at left of name of listed candidate.
3. Vote for ONE candidate ONLY for EACH position.
4. Vote for an unlisted candidate merely by writing in his name.
5. If you tear or deface ballot, return it for a new ballot.

POSITION No.1 Holbrook
Three year term

POSITION No.6 Lake Ronkonkoma
Two year term

POSITION No.2 Holtsville-Farmingville
Three year term

POSITION No.7 Holbrook
One year term

POSITION No.3 Lake Ronkonkoma
Three year term

POSITION No.8 Holtsville-Farmingville
One year term

POSITION No.4 Holbrook
Two year term

POSITION No.9 Lake Ronkonkoma
One year term

POSITION No.5 Holtsville-Farmingville
Two year term

QUESTIONS AND
ANSWERS ABOUT CENTRALIZATION

Q. What is a Central School District?

A. An enlarged school district uniting a number of common and union free districts.

Q. What is the purpose of the Central School District?

A. There is only one purpose: to provide for the education of its children. By pooling the resources of individual districts, BETTER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES can be provided.

Q. Isn't it possible to do the same under Consolidation?

A. Yes, but at a higher tax rate because Centralization offers advantages not available under any other plan of school organization. There are provisions in the State Aid Law under which Central Districts receive an increased basic state aid quota, and special quotas for transportation and buildings.

Q. Who will administer this new Centralized District?

A. YOU will administer it, through the representatives you elect to the Central Board of Education. Representatives will be elected to represent each of the former districts.

Q. When and where will new construction take place?

A. With continuing growth anticipated, new buildings will be necessary and your School Board will make the recommendations concerning the time and place of new construction.

Q. Who may vote at School Meetings?

A. The qualifications for voters at School Meetings are listed elsewhere in this brochure.

Q. Can existing schools be closed or elementary pupils be moved around at will?

A. Under CENTRALIZATION, the schools in existence may not be closed and elementary pupils will not be moved around, without the permission of the district involved.

Q. Why can't we vote for School Board Members before we vote for Centralization?

A. We could vote for a CONSOLIDATED School Board before a vote for Centralization but nothing would be accomplished since the Consolidated Board could not remain in office if Centralization is voted later. It would be necessary to hold another vote for the Central School Board, at a waste of taxpayers' money and a loss of time.

Q. Will CENTRALIZATION lower my taxes?

A. No - as long as the numbers of pupils in the school system continue to increase and new personnel and facilities are needed, taxes will continue to rise. However, there will be more State support under Centralization than under any other plan of district organization.

Q. Why were we not permitted to vote on Centralization before the districts were consolidated?

A. Reference to facts in other sections of this brochure will disclose that the Boards of Education of Holbrook, Holtsville-Farmingville and Lake Ronkonkoma were faced with the responsibility of acting with the greatest speed possible when it became apparent that our Junior and Senior High School pupils could no longer be sent away to be educated. The regular procedure for Centralization is long and involved. Although Committees had been working and making surveys, no practicable plan had evolved. The individual School Boards took the necessary legal steps to Consolidate, so that the combined resources of the three districts could begin to provide Junior High School facilities which would be too costly if done separately. The decision to ask for a vote on Centralization came as a result of a desire to secure the lowest possible cost.

Q. How will transportation be handled under Centralization?

A. At the present time, Lake Ronkonkoma uses District owned busses while Holtsville-Farmingville and Holbrook are under contract for transportation. It will be a responsibility of the Central School Board of Education to decide whether the interests of the district would best be served by continuing present methods or whether an orderly change to district-owned equipment would be desirable. In any event it is likely that the over-all transportation problem will improve since it will be possible to schedule bus service more efficiently, particularly in remote and border section.

**THE INFORMATION IN THIS BOOKLET
IS A REPORT TO YOU**

**THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF
CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT NO.5**

Your Committee has endeavored to present the facts, fairly and honestly, based upon the experience gained in working on education matters in the district for the past several years.

**WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND
THE DISTRICT MEETING TO CAST YOUR VOTE**

FOR CENTRALIZATION

DATE: April 21, 1955

PLACE: LAKE RONKONKOMA SCHOOL

TIME: Meeting STARTS 1:45 P.M. (Continuous voting on the
question of Centralization)
Meeting RECESSES 8:00 P.M. (To count ballots)
Meeting RECONVENES 8:30 P.M. (To elect Central
Board of Education)

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF
CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT NO:5**

John A. Pedisich - Chairman
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Ferdinand L. Coste - Secretary
John G. Proios
Millard G. Terry Liaison
Leo Steidel Committee

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Mrs. Ruth Bowers	Mrs. Marie Howell	Mr. Hugo Surdi
Mr. Gerald Brown	Mrs. F.C. Hugelmeyer	Mrs. Hugo Surdi
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Mrs. Helen Corbett	Mr. Fred Liska	Mrs. Millard Terry
Mr. Joseph Corbett	Mrs. Robert Loun	Mr. E. Dayton Thorne
Mrs. Lionel Day	Mrs. Alfred Petersen	
Mr. Carl Finken	Mrs. Ellis Riley	

Dear Friends,

This letter is to notify you that a meeting of the Central School District No. 5 will be held at Lake Ronkonkoma School House at Gatelot Ave. and School Street, Lake Ronkonkoma, N. Y., on April 21, 1955.

The purpose of the meeting: to vote on centralization, from 1:45 P.M. to 8 P.M. and at 8 P.M., same night, to vote for three school board members for each of the districts Lake Ronkonkoma, Holbrook and Holtsville-Farmingville. You must go to Lake Ronkonkoma School to cast your vote.

It has always been a pleasure to serve the parents of our district. To see that your children get the best education possible, is our aim. We believe it is very important that you come out and vote. May we, as past board members count on your support?

Below, are the board members and their respective Districts that they have served. They are running for the Central Board No. 5 and you are eligible to vote for each one. If elected, they will serve together.

HOLBROOK

Mr. Herman W. Beebe
Mr. Alfred Steiger
Mrs. Mary Bedell ✓

LAKE RONKONKOMA

Mr. Philip Hans
Mr. Francis Hugelmeyer
Mr. Charles Seibert

HOLTSVILLE-FARMINGVILLE

Mr. Harry Fields
Mr. Arthur Bahnmuller
Mr. Richard Philpitt

Mrs. Mary Bedell

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THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
for the
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION: FIRST EFFECTIVE ON SEP 24 1955

ARTICLE I -- Name:

Sec. 1. This Committee shall be known as THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE for the SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 BOARD OF EDUCATION.

ARTICLE II -- Purpose:

Sec. 1. The purpose of this committee shall be to formulate advices on school matters in committee deliberation, and to make them available from time to time for the Board of Education to consult in their deliberations and decisions.

ARTICLE III -- Membership:

Sec. 1. Any adult resident of Sachem Central School District #5 who signs an agreement to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Committee shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE IV -- Motto:

Sec. 1. The motto of this Committee shall be: "TAKE APATHY APART; SEEK INFORMATION OUT; MAKE ADVICE AVAILABLE; PUSH EDUCATION ON".

ARTICLE V -- Membership Limit:

Sec. 1. The limit of membership shall be twelve (12) from each section.

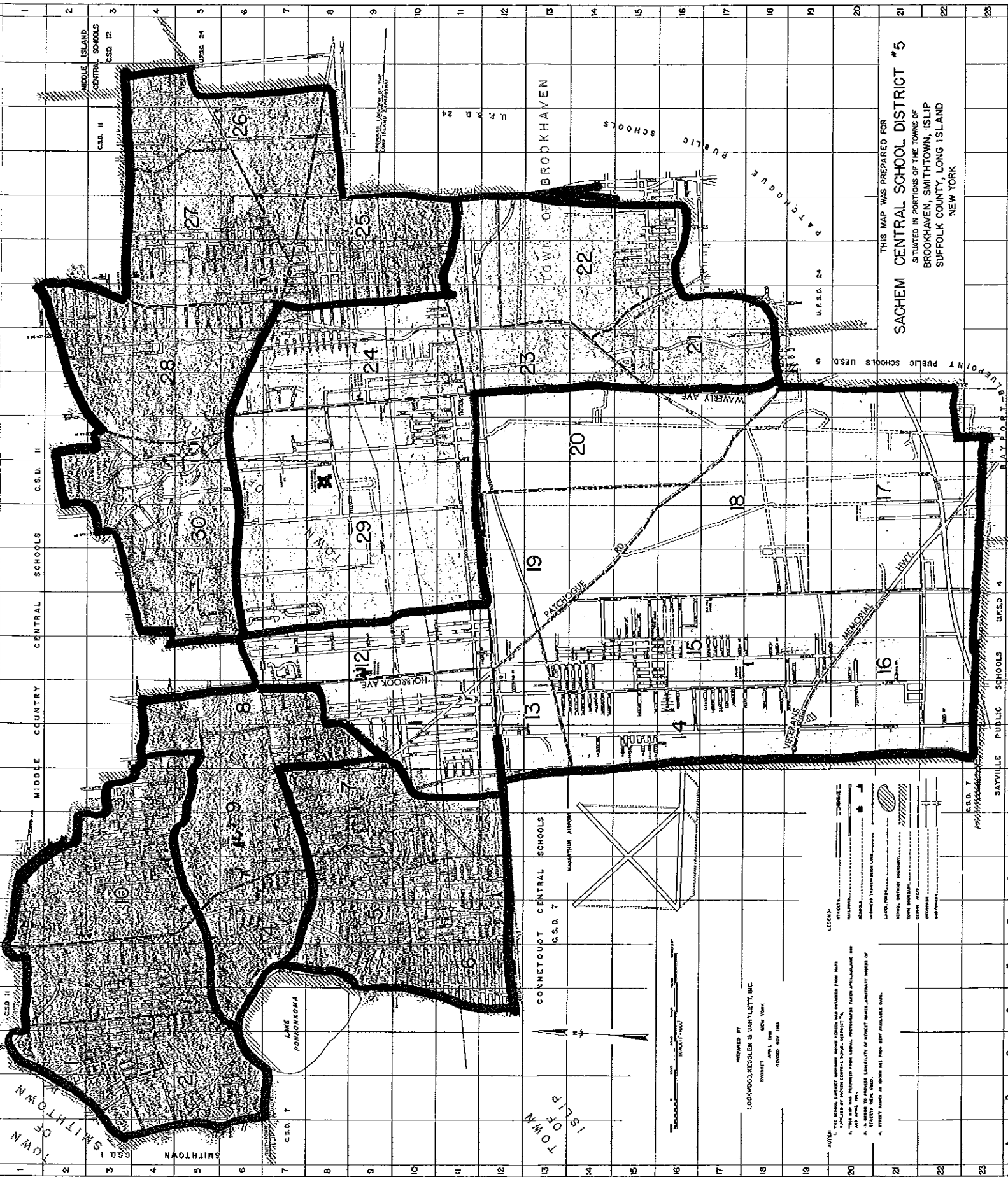
ARTICLE VI -- Amendments:

Sec. 1. This Constitution and its ensuing By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered, in whole or in part, if the amendment is proposed in writing, signed by six members, one from each section, and presented at any regular meeting, read by the recording secretary at that meeting, discussed, changed or corrected from the floor if so desired by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, subjected to the same procedure at the subsequent regular meeting, and if finally approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at that meeting after any desired further discussion from the floor, changes or corrections, shall be adopted immediately after the voting.

ARTICLE VII -- Federal and State Constitutions:

Sec. 1. Nothing in this Constitution or in the ensuing By-Laws shall be construed to be contrary to, or in contravention of, the Constitution of the Federal Government of the United States, the State Government of the State of New York, or the Rules or Regulations of the Board of Education of Sachem Central School District #5, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Amendments Follow)

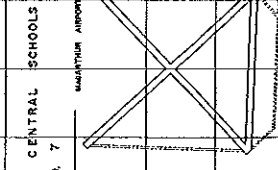
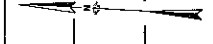


THIS MAP WAS PREPARED FOR
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #5
 SITUATED IN PORTIONS OF THE TOWNS OF
 BROOKHAVEN, SMITHTOWN, ISLIP
 SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND
 NEW YORK

- LEGEND**
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NOTES:
 1. THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS DISTRICT ARE SHOWN BY A THICK LINE.
 2. THIS MAP IS THE PROPERTY OF LOGWOOD KESSLER & SHUTTLETT, INC. AND IS LOANED TO YOU.
 3. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE ACCURACY OF THIS MAP, ALL CHANGES IN STREET LAYOUTS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED TO LOGWOOD KESSLER & SHUTTLETT, INC.
 4. STREET NAMES AS SHOWN ARE FROM 1961 BUREAU OF ROAD MAPS.



BY-LAWS:

ARTICLE I -- Constitution:

Sec. 1. The Constitution of this Association *AND THE MAP OF SACHEM DISTRICT #5* shall be the first part of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II -- Membership:

Sec. 1. A candidate for membership who also is able to qualify for registration and voting in Sachem Central School District #5, and who desires to join, must be presented for approval to the main committee at any regular meeting by the sub-committee chairman of the section in which the candidate resides, as shown on the map on the preceding page. These names, after approval, would then be presented to the Board of Education for their records.

ARTICLE III -- Meetings:

- Sec. 1. Regular meetings of this Association shall be held on fourth (4th) Fridays in all months except for July and August, at 8:00 P.M., and at places designated by the Board of Directors. The regular October meeting shall be the Annual Meeting for hearing final reports from all officers and committees, and for electing officers and section chairmen.
- Sec. 2. Three Inspectors of Elections shall be chosen by nomination, seconding and majority vote of the members present, at each Annual Meeting.
- Sec. 3. All nominations for officers shall be made from the floor, and must be seconded.
- Sec. 4. Special Meetings shall be called by the President when the Board of Directors deems it advisable, or upon written request received by the Corresponding Secretary from, and signed by, twenty members. Any Special Meeting must be called within ten days of the request, and only to consider subjects specified in the request.
- Sec. 5. All meeting notices must be mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least three, but not more than thirty days before the time set for the meeting, and must show the date, place, time and purpose of the meeting.
- Sec. 6. Twelve (12) members present at any meeting, with at least one from each of four of the six Sachem sections, except for the Board of Directors meetings, shall constitute a quorum for that meeting. Each member present shall be entitled to one vote. All questions for which the manner of deciding is not otherwise prescribed, shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting, and the chairman shall vote only in the case of a tie.
- Sec. 7. The order-of-business at all regular meetings of this association shall be:
1. Proof that notice of the meeting was properly mailed.
 2. Calling of the members of the Board of Directors.
 3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and communications.
 4. Elections of new members.
 5. Reports of Board of Directors members, and of all committees.
 6. Other unfinished business.
 7. Elections of Board of Directors members (only at Annual Meetings)
 8. New business.
 9. Adjournment.

Any question concerning priority of business shall be decided by the chair.

ARTICLE IV -- Officers and Section Chairman:

- Sec. 1. The officers shall be; President, Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, two Publicity Directors and six Section Chairmen. These fourteen (14) shall constitute the Board of Directors. Past Presidents as such shall be ex-officio Directors, with no vote in the Board of Directors meetings.
- Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected separately by ballot, in the foregoing order, but the six section chairmen must be elected by a caucus of their sections, using election procedures of these By-Laws. The candidate for each office who receives the most votes, shall be elected.
- Sec. 3. All officers elected shall serve for one year, and, except for the President and the Vice-President, may succeed themselves ad infinitum. The President and the Vice-President shall not be eligible to serve in the same office for more than two consecutive years.
- Sec. 4. The duties of the officers shall be:
1. The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of this Association, and the Board of Directors, exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities, and serve as a member ex-officio, with the right to vote, on all committees, except for the nominating committee.
 2. The VICE-PRESIDENT shall perform the duties of the PRESIDENT in the case of the PRESIDENT'S inability to do so.
 3. The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY shall act under the general supervision of the PRESIDENT, in instituting and expediting association activities.
 4. The RECORDING SECRETARY shall keep the minutes of all association meetings, which shall be the official record of all business transacted, and he shall be in custody of all association records.
 5. The CORRESPONDING SECRETARY shall give notices of all meetings of this association, conduct all association correspondence not in the province of the President or the Executive Secretary, keep a list of all association members with their addresses, and notify members of their election to office, or appointment to committees.
 6. The LIBRARIAN, within practical limits, shall keep copies of all literatures pertinent to this committee's activities, and keep a log of technical and other useful references which evolve from meetings and research, and make both library and log generally available for the use of committee members in their work.
 7. The two PUBLICITY DIRECTORS shall develop public relations releases for the President's approval concerning committee activities, and supply copies to all committee-approved news channels, as promptly as each news channel requires.

ARTICLE V -- Board of Directors:

- Sec. 1. The property, affairs, business and concerns of this association shall be vested in the Board of Directors, subject to the By-Laws and the Constitution. All members of the Board of Directors shall, upon election to office, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties, and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected, unless removed under ARTICLE V Section 5, or by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors.

(BY-LAWS, ARTICLE V CONTINUED)

- Sec. 2. The Board of Directors shall have the power to circulate documents, publish articles, carry on correspondence and communicate with other similar associations, employ agents, and to devise and carry into execution such other measures as it may deem proper and expedient to promote the objectives of this association, and to best protect the interests and welfare of the members. Any interpretation of the By-Laws may be referred to the Board of Directors, and their decision shall be final, after a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, with a minimum of five approving votes.
- Sec. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors whenever the President deems it necessary and so instructs, or upon written request received by the Corresponding Secretary from, and signed by, any three of the fourteen (14) elected directors.
- Sec. 4. Six (6) of the fourteen (14) elected directors present at any Board of Directors meeting shall constitute a quorum, and at least four (4) of Sachem's six (6) sections must be represented.
- Sec. 5. Any one or more of the fourteen (14) elected directors may be removed from office, with just cause, at any time, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of this association present at any special meeting of this association called for that purpose.
- Sec. 6. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors, it shall be filled by a majority vote in a ballot of the remaining members of the Board of Directors, at a meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose, and all remaining board members shall be advised of the purpose of the meeting when notified. Such election shall be held within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs, and the person so chosen shall serve only until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI -- Committees:

- Sec. 1. The President may, at any time, appoint committees on any subject for which he deems the need exists. Committees may also be elected from the floor.
- Sec. 2. A majority of any committee shall constitute a quorum, unless any committee shall, by a majority vote, decide otherwise.

ARTICLE VII -- Rules Other Than These By-Laws:

- Sec. 1. The rules contained in "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern in all cases where they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws and the Constitution of this association.
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(Amendments Follow)