

**AMAGANSETT SCHOOL**  
**Amagansett, New York**  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
7:30 AM

**MINUTES**

**Board members present:** Patrick R. Bistran, Patrick Bistran III, Hank Muchnic, Kristen Peterson and Dawn Rana-Brophy

**Others present:** Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, Principal Maria Dorr, Dr. Tom Lamorgese, Clerk Cheryl E. Bloecker, Assistant Clerk Sandy Nuzzi, Treasurer Roxanne Ecker, Attorney Mary Anne Sadowski, Marian Greene, Christine Sculli, Kerry Griffiths, Jackie McGovern, Janine Balnis, Mary Eames, Jackie McGovern, Judy D'Mello

**Call to Order – 7:30 AM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Thanks to...**the East Hampton Middle School for the welcoming “Grade 6 Buddy Day” for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students; **Accolades to...**Kathy Solomon and Grade 3 students on the their “Heroes in History Time Machine” presentation; **Congratulations to...**Officer Kim Notel, Kelly White and Grade 5 students for successfully completing the D.A.R.E. Program; **Accolades to...**Kathy Solomon and Grade 3 students for their successful “Second Story Bookshop”; **Congratulations to...**all faculty and students that participated in the Annual Bonac 5K; **Accolades to...**Cindy Kamp and all students that participated in vocal and/or musical events throughout the year that were enjoyed by all; **Accolades to...**Jackie McGovern and Shawn Mitchell and the entire Student Council for the entertaining “Wake Up Amagansett” programs throughout the school year that showcased students’ stories, skits, poetry, music and other talents; **Accolades to...**Janine Balnis and all the students for cheering on the runners with their signs and American flags and also providing waters for that were participating in the New York State Law Enforcement Torch Run; **Accolades to...**Cindy Kamp, Kelly Hren, Liz Paris and Parents Anna Skrenta and all students that participated in the Aladdin Kids Drama performance that was enjoyed by all; **Accolades to...**Jason Hancock and Grade 6 students that successfully launched their rockets; **Accolades to...**Nancy Parsons and Grade 2 students for their Animal Kingdom presentation.

**Congratulations to...**Sixth Grade Students Award winners:

**Dr. Lloyd N. Peak Award**  
Finian Byrnes

**VFW Scholarship**  
Iona Burke

**VFW Leadership**  
Lua Li

**American Legion Americanism**  
Stephen Skrenta

**American Legion Citizenship**  
Lucas Sowder-Yuson

**American Legion Auxiliary Americanism**  
Aviv Modek

**American Legion Auxiliary Citizenship**

Lyla Sowder-Yuson

**Congratulations to Long House Annual Art Show Winners:**

**First grade (For their paintings on canvas and plaster)**

Clemens Emptage  
Billy Stern  
Wylie Stern  
Willow Muchnic  
Graysen Gregory  
Chloe Cairns  
Johana Morales

**Fourth grade (For their Botanical Illustrations)**

Ava Poblete  
Sienna Hummel  
Stella Peterson  
Natalie Mongan  
Nataly Ordonez Pantosin  
Jocelyn Bennett

**Fifth Grade (For their Sumi-e Painting)**

Nezi Crandall, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Kyle Masi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Kaya Law, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie)  
Connor Rodgers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie)

**Congratulations and thanks to...**Kathy Solomon for her 25 years of dedication and devotion to the Amagansett School students and Amagansett School community

**Congratulations and the best of luck to...** East Hampton High School Scholarship/Award Winners:

**Amagansett Village Improvement Society**

Camille Barrett, Travis Loschen, Abby Quin Nanci-Ross

**Amagansett Teachers' Association**

Tess Ryan Memorial Academic – Travis Loschen  
Community Service Award – Abby Quin Nanci-Ross

**East Hampton Rotary Interact**

Colin Mathews

**East Hampton Teachers' Association Book Scholarships**

Kathleen McGovern,  
Abby Quin Nanci-Ross

**Greater East Hampton Educational Foundation Scholarships**

Dan Hamlin Memorial Scholarship – Kathleen McGovern  
Book Scholarship – Abby Quin Nanci-Ross

**Kiwanis Club of East Hampton**

Memorial Award – Kathleen McGovern

**East Hampton Village Improvement Society Scholarships**

Kathleen McGovern

**Paddlers of Humanity**

Abby Quin Nanci-Ross

**SCOPE Education Service Scholarship**

Travis Loschen

**East Hampton High School Physical Education Department**

Gold – Kurt Matthews

Gold – Kathleen McGovern

Health – Lily Mongan

**East Hampton High School Science Department**

Chemistry (Gold) – Emily Hugo

Advanced Placement Environmental Science (Gold) – Kathleen McGovern

**East Hampton High School Social Studies Department**

Global History and Geography 10 (Gold) – Helen Barranco-Ramirez

Advanced Placement World History (Gold) – Emily Hugo

**World Languages Department**

French II (Gold) – Lily Mongan

Spanish I (Silver) – Shemonique Jellow

Latin I (Gold) – Emily Hugo

Latin II (Silver) – Ravi MacGurn

**(Art)**

Drawing/Painting (Gold) – Emily Hugo

Foundation Studio (Gold) – Maya Poblete

Photography I (Gold) – Lina Bistran

Advanced Placement Studio Art-2D Design (Gold) – Kathleen McGovern

**Business**

Sports Marketing (Gold) – Maya Schultz

**Technology**

MFG Production Technology (Silver) – Colin Mathews

**A very special thanks to...**Patrick R. Bistran for his twelve years of dedicated service to the Amagansett School Community

**Community Comments** - None

**Consent Agenda** – Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Kristen Peterson and carried 5-0, the following were approved/accepted as written:

- Minutes (May 23, 2017)
- Claims audit reports (March & April 2017)
- Corrective action plans (March & April 2017)
- IEP's (Students #102030217, 102030144, 102030117 & 102030033)

**Superintendent's Comments**

- Education Topics in the News:
  - NYSSBA: "Convention Speaker Zhao Sees Need to Develop 'Entrepreneurial' Students"
  - ASBJ: "Full STEAM Ahead"
  - eSchool News: "A New Technology is Fundamentally Changing Learning – Here's How"
  - New York Times: "The Silicon Valley Billionaires Remaking America's Schools"
  - New York Times: "You Still Need Your Brain"
  - Education Week: "The Reading Mind: A Chat with the Author"
  - Education week: "Classroom Collaboration: Seeking the Secret to Success"

- On Board: “Is Your Website Accessible to the Disabled? Federal Law Now Requires It”
- NYSSBA: “Report: Grade 3-8 Tests Don’t Predict College Readiness”
- New York Times: “The Little-Known Statistician Who Taught Us to Measure Teachers”
- ASBJ: “The Era of High-Stakes Testing is Over, But What Comes Next”?
- Multi-Year financial projections
- Fourth graders opinions about chocolate milk
- Lighted crosswalks
- Enrollment

## Committee reports

### Old Business

### New Business

**Resolution #81** – Upon motion of Dawn Rana-Brophy, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby reappoints Jennifer Brussell to a part-time position of Reading Teacher (.9FTE) for the period August 30, 2017 through on or before June 30, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mrs. Brussell will be paid .9 FTE of Column F, Step 6 (Masters + 30) of the current teachers’ contract.

**Resolution #82** – Upon motion of Hank Muchnic, seconded by Kristen Peterson and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby reappoints Suzanne Heffernan, to the part-time position of Speech Teacher (.6FTE) for the period August 30, 2017 through on or before June 30, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mrs. Heffernan will be paid .6FTE of Column H, Step 19 (Masters+60) of the current teachers’ contract.

**Resolution #83** – Upon motion of Kristen Peterson, seconded by Dawn Rana-Brophy and carried 4-0, with Hank Muchnic recusing himself,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby reappoints Cindy Kamp to the part-time position of Music Teacher (.9FTE) for the period August 30, 2017 through on or before June 30, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mrs. Kamp will be paid .9FTE of Column H, Step 11 (Masters+60) of the current teachers’ contract.

**Resolution #84** – Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby reappoints Thomas O’Leary, to the part-time position of Spanish Teacher (.6 FTE) for the period August 30, 2017 through on or before June 30, 2018, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. O’Leary will be paid .6FTE of Column D (Masters), Step 1 of the current teachers’ contract.

**Resolution #85** - Upon motion of Kristen Peterson, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby accepts MARIAN GREENE’S irrevocable and unconditional letter of resignation for purposes of retirement from her position of Special Education Teacher in the tenure area of Special Education in the Amagansett Union Free School District, effective June 30, 2017.

**Resolution #86** - Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Dawn Rana-Brophy and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Amagansett Union Free School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to sign the attached agreement with the Amagansett Teachers’ Association with regard to Employee #147.

**Resolution #87** - Upon motion of Dawn Rana-Brophy, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board does hereby abolish the following position effective June 30, 2017:

# of Positions	Tenure Area/Position
One (1)	Full-time School Social Worker in the tenure area of School Social Worker

**Resolution #88** - Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby creates one full-time probationary Elementary Teacher position in the tenure area of Elementary, effective July 1, 2017.

**Resolution #89** - Upon motion of Dawn Rana-Brophy, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby appoints JANINE BALNIS to the vacant Elementary Teacher position. Ms. Balnis' probationary position of Elementary Teacher, in the tenure area of Elementary, hereby commences July 1, 2017 and will expire on June 30, 2021. Ms. Balnis holds valid New York State certifications in the areas of:

Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, Permanent Certificate  
School Social Worker, Permanent Certificate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the agreement dated June 13, 2017, Ms. Balnis is granted tenure in the tenure area of Elementary, effective July 1, 2017.

**Resolution #90** - Upon motion of Hank Muchnic, seconded by Dawn Rana-Brophy and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby updates the stipend list for the 2016/2017 school year:

Employee	Position	Rate/Stipend
Thomas O'Leary	Afterschool Enrichment substitute retroactive to 5/15/2017	\$54.00/hr.

As per ATA Contract the tutorial rate is \$54.00 per hour and the non-tutorial rate is \$39.00 per hour. All certified personnel listed above are eligible to substitute for any previously approved stipend positions.

**Resolution #91** - Upon motion of Dawn Rana-Brophy, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby adopts the Multi-year projections as developed by Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

**Resolution #92** – Upon motion of Dawn Rana-Brophy, seconded by Kristen Peterson and carried 5-0,  
WHEREIN, under the provisions of the Education Law, Section 912, the School district in which a nonpublic school is located is required to furnish health services for pupils attending those schools, and  
WHEREIN, under the same law, the district whose children attend such schools are required to pay the costs,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board and Superintendent of Schools to sign a contract with the Bridgehampton Union Free School District for health services for six (6) students attending the Hayground School and Ross School (Lower) during the 2016/2017 school year. The cost per student for the 2016/2017 school year is \$1,207.36.

**Resolution #93** - Upon motion of Dawn Rana-Brophy, seconded by Kristen Peterson and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt the Amagansett School Board hereby authorizes the District Clerk to sign a Services Agreement Reinstatement with The Omni Group for the 2017/2018 school year. The cost of this renewal is \$544.00.

**Resolution #94** - Upon motion of Hank Muchnic, seconded by Dawn Rana-Brophy and carried 5-0,  
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board or District Clerk to execute an agreement with Out East Therapy of New York for OT, PT, SLP, RN and Psychology Services, PLLC for physical therapy services on an as-needed basis for the 2017/2018 school year.

**Resolution #95** – Upon motion of Kristen Peterson, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board or District Clerk to execute an agreement with Bartky HealthCare Center, LLC for psychiatric evaluation services on an as-needed basis for the 2017/2018 school year.

**Resolution #96** – Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board or District Clerk to execute a service agreement with Kendra Lesta for speech therapy services on an as-needed basis for the 2017/2018 school year.

**Resolution #97** – Upon motion of Kristen Peterson, seconded by Dawn Rana-Brophy and carried 5-0,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent or District Clerk to execute the attached service agreement with Lori Longo Flynn for occupational therapy services on an as-needed basis for the 2017/2018 school year.

**Resolution #98** – Upon motion of Kristen Peterson, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 5-0,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby appoints the following persons to teach/assist/substitute part-time in the Amagansett Summer Enrichment Program, for the period July 5 – July 28, 2017, (Monday-Friday, 3 hours per day) and/or for the period July 31- August 11, 2017 (Monday-Friday, 2 hours per day) for mandated 12 month services:

Employee	Position	Rate
Moira Hussey	Coordinator (65 Hours)	\$79.67/hr.
Alicia Fasano	Teacher, (4 Weeks, 3hrs/Day)	\$54.00/hr.
Donna Daniels	Teacher, (4 Weeks, 3hrs/Day)	\$54.00/hr.
Elizabeth Paris	Teacher, (4 Weeks, 3hrs/Day)	\$54.00/hr.
Kelly Hren	Teacher, (4 Weeks, 3hrs/Day)	\$54.00/hr.
Marith McMahon	Teacher, (4 Weeks, 3hrs/Day)	\$54.00/hr.

Employee	Position	Rate
Kristen Graham	Teacher, (6 Weeks 2hrs/Day)	\$54.00/hr.
Kristen Graham	Bus Aide (6 Weeks 2hrs/Day)	\$39.00/hr.
Donna Daniels	Bus Aide (4 Weeks, 1hr/Day)	\$39.00/hr.
Mary Jo Bennett	School Nurse, (4 Weeks. 3hrs/day)	\$54.00/hr.
Teresa Pacor	Substitute School Nurse	\$54.00/hr.
Kristen Brady	Substitute School Nurse	\$54.00/hr.
Carol Brady	Substitute School Nurse	\$54.00/hr.
Maria DiScipio	Substitute School Nurse	\$54.00/hr.

**Add-on**

**Resolution #99** - Upon motion of Hank Muchnic, seconded by Dawn Rana-Brophy and carried 5-0,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board, pursuant to Policy #5230 – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the School District, hereby accepts a donation from the Amagansett PTA of a check in the amount of \$12,000 made payable to the Amagansett Union Free School District.

**Community Comments** – A community member commented on the enrollment, tax levy and personnel. A parent commented on the music position.

**Executive Session** – Upon motion of Patrick R. Bistran, seconded by Kristen Peterson and carried 5-0, the board went into executive session at 8:33 AM to discuss the following:

- Contractual item
- Personnel item

**Return to Public – 10:07 AM**

**Adjournment** – Upon motion of Hank Muchnic, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned.

**AFFIRMATION:** I, Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk of the Amagansett Union Free School District, do hereby affirm that the minutes of this meeting are true and accurate statements of the proceedings.

Dated: June 13, 2017

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Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

Approved, 6/27/2017