<u>Please note</u>: This meeting was video-conferenced to 306 South Compass Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34949. All interested parties were invited to attend meeting at either site.

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

**Board members present:** Victoria Handy (via teleconferencing), Patrick R. Bistrian, Patrick Bistrian III, Mary Lownes and Phelan Wolf

Others present:

Superintendent Tritt, Director of Pupil Personnel Dorr, Clerk Bloecker, Treasurer Bloecker, Principal Clerk Nuzzi, Bill Mott (American Legion), Brian Carabine (VFW), Donna Orr (American Legion Auxiliary), Kathy Solomon, Ashley Blackburn, Liz Paris, Marian Greene, Christopher Walsh (EH Star), Austin Keyes, Jen Miller, Peg Bianchi, Donna Daniels, Randi Ball, Christine Scuilli, Noelle Muchnic, Gary Goldsmith, The Sasso Family, The Hugo Family, The Littman Family, The Kabbaz Family, The Sarrazine/Scopetta Family, The Wolf Family, The Benedict Family and the Burke Family

President Handy called the meeting to order from Florida.

Pledge of allegiance.

President Handy turned the meeting over to Vice-President Bistrian.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

> PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Thanks to all Amagansett parents, families and residents for their show of support on the school budget and other propositions; Congratulations to newly elected School Board Member Steve Graboski; Accolades to Liz Paris and art students for the wonderful Art Gallery display on the day of the budget vote that was admired by everyone; Accolades to Rosalie Luber and all THANKS TO ... students in grades 1-6 that participated in the Shakespeare Festival presentation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" that was enjoyed by students, parents and community members; Thanks to PTA for a delicious turkey chili and grilled cheese lunch that was enjoyed by all and for all the wonderful **ACCOLADES** opportunities they offer our students throughout the year; Accolades to Drummer Jerome Liggon, **TO...** Janine Balnis, Cindy Galvin and students that participated in the Music and Character Ed "Drum Circle" that was featured for the school community's enjoyment; Accolades to Kathy Solomon and Grade 3 students "Heroes in History Time Machine presentation; Officer Kim Notel, Kelly White and Grade 5 **CONGRATS** D.A.R.E. graduates; Accolades to Amagansett faculty, staff and students for conducting a safe and TO... successful "Go Home Early" drill; Congratulations to Kathy Solomon and Grade 3 students for their successful Second Story Bookshop; Accolades to Janine Balnis, Jackie McGovern and all student that showcased their stories/skits/poetry/music and other talents throughout the school year during the "Wake Up Amagansett" programs that everyone looks forward to each month; Cindy Galvin and all of her vocal and instrumental students for all the musical events we have been treated to throughout the school year; Congratulations to faculty and students that participated in the Annual Bonac 5K; Accolades to Jason Hancock and Grade 6 students for successfully launching their rockets.

**CONGRATS** 

A SPECIAL

Congratulations to...East Hampton High School Amagansett Teachers' Association Award recipients:

Jack Bistrian, Tess Ryan Memorial Academic Scholarship

Matt Lownes, Community Service Award

A very special thanks to...Mary Lownes for her 22 years of untiring devotion to the Amagansett

School Community since becoming a parent of a PreK(3) child in 1996 **to** a very active PTA parent **THANKS TO...** (who can forget her wonderful Thanksgiving Feasts) **to** Liaison to the East Hampton Schools **and** Audit Committee Chairperson all while serving as a respected and dedicated member of the Amagansett School

**Congratulations to...**Sixth grade award recipients:

Board for 13 years.

SIXTH GRADE AWARDS

Anna Hugo, Lloyd N. Peak Award Emory Wolf, American Legion Americanism Award Cole Benedict, American Legion Citizenship Award Lucy Sarrazin, American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Award

## Marie Littman, American Legion Auxiliary Citizenship Award Luke Burke, VFW Leadership Award Tucker Kabbaz, VFW Scholarship

Students, faculty members, dignitaries and many parents left the meeting at this time.

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Patrick Bistrian III and carried 5-0, the treasurer reports for March & April 2015 were accepted; the warrants dated March 9, 12, 28, 26 & 31, 2015 and April 15 & 18, 2015 and May 12, 2015 were approved and the IEP's for Students#102030144, 102030117 & 102030183 were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

SUPT COMMENTS

Superintendent Tritt commented on the following:

- Education in News
- New York Times: "MaryEllen Elia Named New York State Education Commissioner"
- Grade 4 & 5 field test held on June 8
- Summer Reading Kickoff (June 11 @ 1:00 PM)
- Drama Club performance "It's A Jungle Out There" (June 12 @ 1:30 PM)
- Concert in the Park (June 17 @ 3:30 PM)
- PreK Graduation (June 24 @ 9:15 AM)
- Field Day (June 24 @ 10:00 AM)
- Kindergarten End-of-Year Culmination (June 25 @ 9:00 AM)
- Beach Day (June 25 @ 10:00 AM)
- Sixth Grade Graduation (June 26 @ 9:00 AM)
- Last Day of School (June 26 @ 11:45 AM)
- Organizational Meeting (July 1 @ 7:30 AM)
- July regular board meeting (July 1, immediately following Organizational Meeting)
- Summer Enrichment Program (tentatively scheduled to begin July 6)
- Enrollment update

Patrick Bistrian III reports that the first schoolhouse is beginning to be braced for movement. Mary Lownes reports that the EHHS Site-based committee is discussing alternatives for 12<sup>th</sup> graders that may not choose to pursue a college degree.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Patrick Bistrian III and carried 4-0, RESOLUTION #106

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 the attached service agreement with the Amagansett Free Library for educationally-related services for the period retroactive to June 8, 2015 through on or before December 31, 2015

FREE LIBRARY CONTRACT

**AMAGANSETT** 

A question was raised regarding the hours that the school playgrounds are available for use by the public. It was explained that grounds may be used by the public when school is not in session.

PLAYGROUND USAGE & PLANS

A question was raised regarding whether there are any current plans to reconfigure classrooms. It was explained that a small space from the art room alcove will be sectioned off for an office.

FOR OFFICE

**APPROVED** 

There was also some discussion with regard to alleged rumors of classroom reconfigurations, etc.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 5-0, the board went into executive session at 8:07 AM to discuss a personnel item and a legal item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mary Lownes left at 9:45 AM

The board returned to public session at 9:50 AM.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

Upon motion of Phelan Wolf, seconded by Patrick Bistrian III and carried 4-0, the meeting was

**MEETING** 

adjourned at 9:52 AM. ADJOURNED

<u>AFFIRMATION:</u> 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 **AFFIRMATION** proceedings.

