

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

Board members present: Victoria Handy, Patrick R. Bistran, Patrick Bistran III, Mary Lownes and Phelan Wolf

Others present: Superintendent Tritt, Principal DiPrimo, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Dorr, Clerk Bloecker, Treasurer Ecker, Sandy Nuzzi and Christopher Walsh

President Handy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**MEETING CALLED
TO ORDER**

Pledge of allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Thank you to the PTA for a delicious pasta lunch; Accolades to Student Council representatives Janine Balnis and Jackie McGovern for organizing the 2015 Annual Student Council Talent Show and to all the students that participated whether on stage or behind the scenes.

**ACCOLADES
TO...**

Condolences to the family of long-time resident and school supporter Helen Sheehy and to the families of former students Erik Payne and Andrew MacNiven; and Congratulations to Jessica Lownes who will be graduating in May and has received her first job offer with the New York City Public School system.

**CONDOLENCES
TO...**

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 5-0, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 10, 2015 were approved, the treasurer reports for February 2015 were accepted, the warrants for February 25, 2015 and March 3, 2015 were approved and the claims audit report for January 2015 was accepted. A corrective action plan was not required.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Superintendent Tritt commented on the following:

SUPT COMMENTS

- Education topics in the News
 - New York Times: "If An Algorithm Wrote This, How Would You Even Know?"
 - Newsday: "Tilles Bashes Cuomo On Schools, Wants Commish 'Who Listens'"
 - New York Times: "Pearson Under Fire For Monitoring Students' Twitter Posts"
- Legal Requirements For The Education of English Language Learners (ELLs)
- Preliminary budget estimates for 2015/2016 school year (**3rd draft**)
- Enrollment update

Superintendent Tritt, Patrick Bistran III and Sandy Nuzzi updated the board about the timeline for the delivery of the original schoolhouse to school property now that the State has approved the foundation.

**ORIGINAL
SCHOOLHOUSE
TIMELINE**

Upon motion of Patrick R. Bistran, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 5-0,
BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby authorizes the Board President to sign a tuition agreement between the Amagansett Union Free School District and the East Hampton Union Free School commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Education Law. This agreement shall amend and replace the agreement previously entered into between the parties for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015.

**RESOLUTION #91
TUITION
AGREEMENT WITH
EHUSFD
APPROVED**

Upon motion of Patrick R. Bistran, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 5-0,
WHEREIN, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Amagansett Union Free School District (the "District") is responsible for the education of ALL children that reside in the district, both elementary and secondary age children, and

**RESOLUTION #92
TUITION
PROPOSITION
AUTHORIZED**

WHEREIN the Amagansett School does not have a secondary program so that 7th through 12th grade students attend East Hampton Middle School and High Schools, and

WHEREIN the Amagansett Union Free School District pays tuition to the East Hampton School District for each of our 7th through 12th students,

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law section 2040, the Board hereby

authorizes placing the following proposition on the annual budget vote ballot for the approval of a multi-year tuition agreement between the Amagansett Union Free School District and the East Hampton Union Free School District:

“Shall the agreement with the East Hampton Union Free School District for the education of the Amagansett District students in grade 7 through 12 for a term of five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2020 be approved and ratified effective July 1, 2015 pursuant to Section 2040 of the New York State Education Law.”

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Patrick R. Bistrrian and carried 5-0,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves the amended legal notice to be published four times in the East Hampton Star and Newsday commencing on or before April 2, 2015 and expiring on or before May 19, 2015:

**RESOLUTION #93
AMENDED ANNUAL
MEETING NOTICE
APPROVED**

**NOTICE OF BUDGET INFORMATIONAL HEARING
AND ANNUAL MEETING**

Amagansett Union Free School District
Town of East Hampton
Suffolk County, New York

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a budget/public hearing of the qualified voters of the Amagansett Union Free School District, Town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, qualified to vote at school district meetings, will be held at the Amagansett School, 320 Main Street, Amagansett, New York, on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM, prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget document.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said vote and election (Annual Meeting) will be on May 19, 2015 between the hours of 2-8:00 PM, prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the Amagansett School, at which time the polls will be open to vote upon the following:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2015/2016 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To vote upon the following proposition with regard to Tuition for students in grades 7-12:
“Shall the agreement with the East Hampton Union Free School District for the education of the Amagansett District students in grade 7 through 12 for a term of five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2020 be approved and ratified effective July 1, 2015 pursuant to Section 2040 of the New York State Education Law.
3. To vote upon the following proposition with regard to the Capital Reserve Fund:
“Shall the Board of Education of the Amagansett UFSD be authorized to establish, pursuant to Education Law section 3651, a Capital Reserve Fund effective May 19, 2015 to be known as the “2015 Renovations and Upgrades Capital Reserve” for the purpose of funding capital improvements to the District’s facilities including, but not limited to, classroom renovations, site work, door and hardware replacement, ADA upgrades, roof replacement, ceiling replacement, floor replacement, HVAC upgrades, fire alarm system replacement, refurbishment/replacement of rooftop exhaust fans, emergency generator replacement, energy performance projects including natural gas and solar energy, masonry repairs, attic insulation, room additions, bus and equipment purchase, and electric upgrades/additions. The ultimate amount of the 2015 Renovations and Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund shall be Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), including interest thereon; the probable term shall be Ten (10) years; the funds are to be transferred from unreserved undesignated fund balance remaining in the general fund including a sum not to exceed \$500,000 from the 2014-2015 budget and thereafter in an annual amount of not more than \$300,000 for each remaining year of the probable term.”

4. Appropriations of necessary funds requested for the Amagansett Free Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor.
5. To elect one (1) board member of the Board of Education for the three year term commencing July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2018.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2015/2016, may be obtained by any resident of the District beginning May 5, 2015, except Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, prevailing time, at the schoolhouse in the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District at the Amagansett School, 320 Main Street, Amagansett, New York, not later than April 20, 2015, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Each vacancy upon the Board of Education will be filled at large. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated. Such petitions must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least (25) qualified voters of the District; must state the name of the residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Education Law §2018-a, absentee ballots are obtainable from the District Clerk. The District Clerk must receive completed applications at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the office of the Clerk of the District not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time on May 19, 2015. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued, will be available in the office of the Clerk of the District on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday, when it will be available for inspection between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon by appointment, and Sunday, and shall be posted at the polling place.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Education La. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) years, he/she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Education Law, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law at the Amagansett Union Free School District, on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, prevailing time, in the Amagansett School to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Amagansett School Union Free School District, 320 Main street, Amagansett, NY and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on May 14, 2015 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, prevailing time, and each day thereafter and prior to the date set for the election, except Saturday when it will be available by appointment, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon and Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote. The Board of Registration shall also meet during the said annual meeting at which time individuals may register to vote in subsequent annual and special meetings.

Those registering must provide any two of the following as proof of residency:

- New York State driver's license with local address
- New York State Department of Motor Vehicles photo I.D. for non-drivers showing a physical address within the district;
- New York State tax return showing district of residence;
- A deed or other indicia of real property ownership;
- A lease or rental agreement;
- A utility bill showing a physical address within the district;
- Suffolk County voter registration card showing a physical address within the district;
- A recent income tax return showing a physical address within the district;

- A current paycheck stub showing your name and physical address within the district; or
- Documentation illustrating that you are receiving public assistance benefits at a physical address within the district.

Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Mary Lownes and carried 5-0,

WHEREAS, the Amagansett School Board did hereby approve the original 2014/2015 school calendar on March 11, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Amagansett School Board did amend the approved 2014/2015 school calendar on February 24, 2015 due to the Amagansett School District being closed on January 27-29, 2015 due to snow and inclement weather, and

WHEREAS, the Amagansett School District was closed again on March 5, 2015 due to snow and inclement weather, and

WHEREAS, the Amagansett Teachers' Association (the "Association") contract includes 181 school days (including two "snow days", two Teacher Conferences and one Professional Development Day) for a total of 184 days,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby amends for the second time the 2014/2015 School Calendar as per attached and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign an agreement between the Association and the Amagansett Union Free School District (the "District") with regard to same.

**RESOLUTION #94
2014/2015
CALENDAR
AMENDED
FOR 2ND TIME
DUE TO
EXCESSIVE
SNOW DAYS**

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 5-0, the board went into executive session at 6:55 PM to discuss a contractual item.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The board returned to public session at 7:44- PM.

**RETURN TO
PUBLIC SESSION**

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**MEETING
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: March 24, 2015

Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

Approved 4-14-2015