

AMAGANSETT SCHOOL
Amagansett, New York
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
6:30 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Community Input

4. Consent Agenda

- Minutes (February 10, 2015)
- IEP's (Students #102030155 & 102030183)

5. Superintendent's Comments

- Education topics in the News
 - New York Times: "How Elementary School Teachers' Biases Can Discourage Girls From Math And Science"
 - New York Times: "Uncovering Security Flaws In Digital Education Products For Schoolchildren"
 - eSchool News: "Why School Libraries Are Transforming Into Learning Commons"
 - Education Week: "Dump Management 'Science,' and Change Learning Attitudes"
 - Digital Directions: "President Obama Proposes Student-Data-Privacy Upgrade"
 - Newsday: "I Feel Guilty For Pushing My Students to Read"
 - edweek.org: "Why It Matters If the Common Core Is Less And Less 'Common'"
 - New York Times: "Silicon Valley Turns Its Eye To Education"
 - Edweek.org: "Isn't It Time We Take Back Education Reform?"
 - New York Times: "Is Your First Grader Ready For College?"
- Preliminary budget estimates for 2015/2016 school year (**2nd discussion**)
- Proposed 2015/2016 school calendar (**1st reading**)
- Enrollment update

6. Committee Reports

7. Old Business

Resolution #80 –Recommended: WHEREAS, the Amagansett School Board did hereby approve the 2014/2015 school calendar on March 11, 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Amagansett School District was closed on January 27-29, 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,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby amends the 2014/2015 School Calendar as per attached.

8. New Business

Resolution #81 – Recommended: BE IT RESOLVED that the Amagansett Union Free School District Board of Education hereby authorizes Superintendent Eleanor Tritt to sign the attached agreement with the Amagansett Teachers' Association with regard to teachers obtaining ESL certification.

Resolution #82 – Recommended: BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves Mrs. Muthig's request for paid child-care leave to commence on or about April 13, 2015 through on or about June 15, 2015. The entire leave will be listed under FMLA.

Resolution #83 – Recommended: **BE IT RESOLVED** that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves the emergency purchase of the following truck off of the New York State Office of General Services Contract from Webster Ford Inc. d/b/a Henderson Ford, 810 Ridge Road, Webster, NY 14590:

2015 Ford F-250, 4X4 SD Regular Cab 8' Box 177" WB Single Rear SL (F2B)
State contract #PC66390 MBE/SB

Resolution #84 – Recommended: BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby deems the following vehicle as "junk" as it is no longer safe to operate and can only be used for parts or scrap:

1999 Dodge Ram 2500 Pickup Truck, VIN#3B7KF2661XM554346

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Griffiths is authorized to dispose of this "junk" vehicle in a manner most advantageous to the District.

9. Community Input

10. Executive Session

- Contractual items
- Personnel item
- Student item

11. Return to Public Session

12. Adjournment

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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

Board members absent: Patrick Bistrrian III

Others present: Superintendent Tritt, Principal DiPrimo and Director of Pupil Personnel Services Dorr

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

**MEETING CALLED
TO ORDER**

Pledge of allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 4-0, Maria Dorr was appointed District Clerk Pro-Tem in Clerk Bloecker's absence.

**DISTRICT CLERK
PRO-TEM
APPOINTED**

Thanks to the Amagansett PTA for delicious hot lunch; Congratulations to Science Fair winners:

Grade 4

- 1st place – Logan Rodgers
- 2nd place – Claire McGovern
- 3rd place – Seth Webb

Grade 5

- 1st place – Dante Sasso
- 2nd place – Emma Hren
- 3rd place – Zola Crandall

Grade 6

- 1st place – Luc Campbell
- 2nd place – Charlie Goldsmith
- 3rd place – Matt McGovern

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 4-0, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 13, 2015 were approved, the treasurer reports for December 2014 were accepted and the warrants for January 6, 2015 and February 3, 2015 were approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED**

Superintendent Tritt commented on the following:

SUPT. COMMENTS

- Education topics in the News
 - Newsday: "4 LI School Districts Struggling, Comptroller's Report Concludes"
 - Newsday: "Gov. Andrew Cuomo Calls for Hiking Aid to Schools Nearly 5 Percent, More Emphasis on Standardized Tests on Teacher Evaluations"
 - Newsday: "Andrew Cuomo's Creative Plan Can Help Hold Line on Taxes"
 - The Council of Superintendents: "Governor Cuomo Announces Property Tax Credit Plan"
 - Lohud.com: "Letter: Group Seeks Profit From Education"
 - Schoolzone/ Buffalo: "When is Weather Enough to Reschedule Regents Exams? The Answer, Schools Finally Learn, is a Downstate Snow Storm"
 - New York Times: "Cuomo Cites School Crisis in New York; Data Suggest Otherwise"
 - NWEA.org: "The Phantom Collapse of Student Achievement in New York"
 - NYS Local Government: "Corrected: Fiscal Stress Monitoring System Status Notification"
- Proposed 2015/2016 school calendar drafts
- Capital Reserve Plan
- New Capital Reserve Fund proposal
- Capital Fund proposition for annual budget vote
- Preliminary budget estimates for 2015/2016 school year (1st draft)
- Physical Education Program curriculum – Presentation by Brigit DiPrimo

• Enrollment update

Upon motion of Patrick R. Bistran, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 4-0,
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt,
the Amagansett School Board hereby establishes the standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body, as per attached NYSERS Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution Form #RS 2417-A.

**RESOLUTION #76
NYSERS STANDARD
WORK DAY
REPORTING
FOR
APPOINTEES**

Upon motion of Patrick R. Bistran, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 4-0,
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt,
the Amagansett School Board hereby establishes the standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body, as per attached Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees Form #RS2418.

**RESOLUTION #77
NYSERS STANDARD
WORKDAY
REPORTING
FOR
SUPPORT STAFF**

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 4-0,
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt,
the Amagansett School Board hereby appoints/reinstates the following person to the previously established substitute list for the 2014/2015 school year: Alex deHavenon C

**RESOLUTION #78
SUBSTITUTE LIST
UPDATED**

Upon motion of Phelan Wolf, seconded by Mary Lownes and carried 4-0,
WHEREIN, the New York State Education Department has mandated that all New York State public schools develop a District Guidance Plan that is to be reviewed annually and revised as necessary, and
WHEREIN, this Plan is to be posted on the District website by March 1, 2015,
BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board adopts the attached Guidance Plan, as per attached.

**RESOLUTION #79
GUIDANCE PLAN
ADOPTED**

Upon motion of Mary Lownes, seconded by Patrick R. Bistran and carried 4-0 the board went into executive session at _____ PM to discuss contractual items and a personnel item.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The board returned to public session at _____ PM.

**RETURN TO
PUBLIC SESSION**

Upon motion of Phelan Wolf, seconded by Mary Lownes and carried 4-0, the meeting was adjourned at _____ PM.

**MEETING
ADJOURNED**

AFFIRMATION: I, Maria Dorr, District Clerk Pro-Tem for the regularly scheduled meeting held on February 10, 2015, do hereby affirm that the minutes of this meeting are true and accurate statements of the proceedings.

AFFIRMATION

Dated: February 10, 2015

Maria Dorr, District Clerk Pro-Tem

**RESOLUTION #80
2014/2015 School Year**

February 24, 2015

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____ and carried ___.

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

WHEREAS, the Amagansett School District was closed on January 27-29, 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,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby amends the 2014/2015 School Calendar as per attached.

Dated: February 24, 2015

Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

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AMAGANSETT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL 2014/2015 CALENDAR (Approved 3/11/14/Amended 2/24/15)

July 2014				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	(*4)
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

4 - Independence Day Observance

August 2014				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	{28}	29

28 - Professional Development Day

September 2014				
M	T	W	T	F
	(*1)	{2}	3	4
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	(*25)	(*26)
29	30			

(18 + 1)

1 - Labor Day

2 - Conference Day

3 - First Day for Students

25 & 26 - Rosh Hashanah

October 2014				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
6	7	8	9	10
(*13)	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

(22)

13 - Columbus Day

November 2014				
M	T	W	T	F
3	{4}	5	6	7
10	(*11)	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	(26)	(*27)	(*28)

(15 + 1)

4 - Conference Day

11 - Veterans Day

26-28 - Thanksgiving Recess

December 2014				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
(22)	(23)	(*24)	(*25)	(*26)
(29)	(30)	(*31)		

(15)

22-31 - Winter Recess

January 2015				
M	T	W	T	F
				(2)
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
(*19)	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

(16)

1 - 2 - Winter Recess

19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 2015				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	(*13)
(*16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)
23	24	25	26	27

(14)

13-21 - Mid-Winter Recess

16 - President's Day

March 2015				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

(22)

May 2015				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
(*25)	26	27	28	29

(20)

25 - Memorial Day

June 2015				
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1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

(20)

26 - Last Day of School

181 (Incl. 2 Snow Days) + 2 Teachers' Conference + 1 Professional Development = 184 () School Closed () Conference Day () Support Staff Calendar

■ = School Closed (Instructional Staff)

■ = School & District Closed

■ = Snow days used

In the event of a natural disaster or the like, Spring Recess has been earmarked to make-up instruction days: 1st make-up day (4/10/2015), 2nd make-up (4/9/2015), 3rd make-up day (4/8/2015) - etc.

AMAGANSETT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Calendar
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 13 - Columbus Day

APPROVED
 3/11/2014

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 22-31 - Winter Recess

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April 2015				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	(*3)
(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
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(16)
 3 - Good Friday
 3-10 Spring Recess

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BACKUP

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**RESOLUTION #81
2014/2015 School Year**

February 24, 2015

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____ and carried _____,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Amagansett Union Free School District Board of Education hereby authorizes Superintendent Eleanor Tritt to sign the attached agreement with the Amagansett Teachers' Association with regard to teachers obtaining ESL certification from hereinafter.

Dated: February 24, 2015

Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

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**RESOLUTION #82
2014/2015 School Year**

February 24, 2015

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves Mrs. Muthig's request for paid child-care leave to commence on or about April 13, 2015 through on or about June 15, 2015. The entire leave will be listed under FMLA.

Date: February 24, 2015

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**RESOLUTION #83
2014/2015 School Year**

February 24, 2015

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BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves the emergency purchase of the following truck off of the New York State Office of General Services Contract from Webster Ford Inc. d/b/a Henderson Ford, 810 Ridge Road, Webster, NY 14590:

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State contract #PC66390 MBE/SB

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**RESOLUTION #84
2014/2015 School Year**

February 24, 2015

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____ and carried _____,

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1999 Dodge Ram 2500 Pickup Truck, VIN#3B7KF2661XM554346

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mr. Griffiths is authorized to dispose of this "junk" vehicle in a manner most advantageous to the District.

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