

**AMAGANSETT SCHOOL**  
**Amagansett, New York**  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
6:30 PM

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Community Input**

**4. Thanks to... the Amagansett PTA for delicious hot lunch; Congratulations to... Science Fair Winners:**

**Grade 4**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Logan Rodgers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Claire McGovern
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Seth Webb

**Grade 5**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Dante Sasso
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Emma Hren
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Zola Crandall

**Grade 6**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Luc Campbell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Charlie Goldsmith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Matt McGovern

**5. Consent Agenda**

- Minutes (January 13, 2015)
- Treasurer reports (December 2014)
- Warrants (January 6, 2015 & February 3, 2015)

**6. Superintendent's 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 (1<sup>st</sup> draft)
- Physical Education Program curriculum – Presentation by Brigit DiPrimo
- Enrollment update

## 7. Committee Reports

## 8. Old Business

### 9. New Business

**Resolution #76** – Recommended: 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.

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**Resolution #78** – Recommended: 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 #79** – Recommended: 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.

## 10. Community Input

### 11. Executive Session

- Contractual items
- Personnel item

## 12. Return to Public Session

## 13. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2015**

**Board members present:** Mary Lownes, Phelan Wolf and Patrick Bistran III

**Board members absent:** Victoria Handy and Patrick R. Bistran

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

Mary Lownes called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

**MEETING CALLED  
TO ORDER**

Pledge of allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Thanks to the Amagansett PTA for the wonderful Holiday Store and delicious hot lunch; Accolades to Miss Cindy Galvin and all students that participated and performed in the holiday concerts and shows that brightened up everybody's holidays.

**THANKS TO...**

Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 3-0, the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2014 were approved, the treasurer reports for November 2014 were accepted, the claims audit report for November 2014 was accepted, the corrective action plan for November 2014 was approved and the warrant for December 15, 2014 was approved.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED**

Superintendent Tritt commented on the following:

**SUPT COMMENTS**

- Education topics in the News
  - ProPublica: "When Charter Schools Are Nonprofit in Name Only"
  - Newsday: "Amid School Wars, How Much Does John King's Leaving Matter?"
  - New York Times: "Cuomo Signals Changes for Education Next Year"
  - Newsday: "Long Island, NYS High School Graduation Rates Rise in 2014"
  - Washington Post: "Computers in the Classroom are a No-Brainer, Right? Not so fast."
  - Councilgram: "To War?"
  - EdWeek.org: "Kids Who Take Vacations in the Middle of the School Year"
  - Education Week: "The Promise and Peril of Turning Student Learning Into a Number"
  - Letter to Chancellor Tisch and Commissioner King on Governor Cuomo's behalf
  - NY.Chalkbeat: "Here are all of the Policy Changes Proposed in Tisch and Berlin's Response to Cuomo"
  - New York Times: "The Central Crisis in New York Education"
  - Lohud.com: "View: Math Teachers Need More Time, Training"
- Four year financial plan projections (1<sup>st</sup> draft)
- Enrollment update

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
LEARNERS  
GUIDELINES**

New English Language Learners regulations were presented by Brigit DiPrimo and Maria Dorr.

Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 3-0,  
WHEREIN, Dr. and Mrs. Huntington Sheldon have enjoyed the original Amagansett Schoolhouse as an integral part of their property for eight decades, and  
WHEREIN, the Sheldon's would like to share this historic piece of Amagansett history with the future generations of Amagansett students and residents,

**RESOLUTION #69  
DONATION OF  
ORIGINAL  
SCHOOLHOUSE  
ACCEPTED**

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 Dr. and Mrs. Huntington Sheldon of the original Amagansett Schoolhouse, to be situated on Main Street for all to enjoy in perpetuity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk is hereby directed to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Sheldon Family, and the District Treasurer is directed to add the aforementioned donation to the current inventory listing, if applicable.

Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 3-0,  
WHEREAS, mandatory New York State assessment tests in ELA and math are given to New York students in grades 3 through 8 during April of each school year which is the beginning of the fourth quarter of the school year. The Amagansett Union Free School District Board of Education ("Board of Education") believes this timing is dictated by the needs of the State Education Department teachers' and principals' accountability system, known as APPR;

**RESOLUTION #70  
MANDATORY  
STATE  
TESTING**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes the quality of instruction of all students in grades 3-8 grade is lowered by mandatory testing practices of the State Education Department resulting in the reduction of students' learning opportunities;

WHEREAS, these mandatory tests are developed, in part, through the administration of additional "field tests" used by testing companies to develop appropriate questions for future tests;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes the testing companies realize a commercial profit by using children and taxpayer resources to advance their business plans;

WHEREAS, in the past, a district's participation in these "field tests" was on a voluntary basis;

WHEREAS, the State Education Department has proposed amending certain Regulations of the Commissioner of Education such that New York school districts would be required to administer the "field tests". The Board of Education believes this will result in the use of more instructional time for the purpose of advancing a mandatory testing system organized and based, in part, on APPR, not on the basis of what is best for children;

WHEREAS, the Regents are considering the proposal of the State Education Department to make the administration of these "field tests" mandatory;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes additional mandatory testing will force children and districts to, in effect, subsidize the profit-making work of testing companies thus using public resources and private families for the purpose of advancing a private business plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education disagrees strongly with any additional mandatory testing and urges the Regents to reject the State Education Department's proposal to make "field tests" mandatory and to reconsider its approach to assessing student learning and teacher and/or principal effectiveness. The Board of Education believes that a decision to increase mandatory testing would hurt children and abuse the public trust by subsidizing private enterprise without public discussion.

Upon motion of Phelan Wolf, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 3-0,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby establishes the mileage rate for the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at the IRS prescribed rate of \$.575/mile. All reimbursements requests in excess of 50 miles round trip must have web-based mileage verification (i.e. Mapquest, Google, Yahoo, etc.)

**RESOLUTION # 71  
MILEAGE  
REIMBURSEMENT  
RATE  
ESTABLISHED  
FOR 1/1/2015-6/30/2015**

Upon motion of Phelan Wolf, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 3-0,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby appoints/reinstates the following persons to the previously established substitute list for the 2014/2015 school year:

Victoria Hoffman C (Reinstated)  
Amy Tanner C

**RESOLUTION #72  
SUBSTITUTE LIST  
UPDATED**

Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 3-0,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby authorizes payment of \$500.00 to East End Entertainment Corp. for disc jockey services to be provided at the East Hampton Middle School "Mad Heart Ball" on February 6, 2015 to which Amagansett students have been invited and are attending.

**RESOLUTION #73  
MAD HEART BALL  
ENTERTAINMENT  
REQUEST  
APPROVED**

Upon motion of Phelan Wolf, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 3-0,

WHEREIN, after careful consideration of the Amagansett UFSB Special Education program, it has been determined that there is a need for a part-time School Psychologist, and

WHEREIN, a part-time School Psychologist would be able to provide the following:

- provide psychological emotional support as needed for student emergencies,
- provide tri-annuals and re-evaluations as needed with adequate and appropriate student observations,
- complete Functional Behavior Analysis and Behavior Intervention Plans as needed,

**RESOLUTION #74  
K. MEERMAN  
APPT. PART-TIME  
SCHOOL  
PSYCHOLOGIST**

- provide consistent psychological services for mandated students,
- provide Special Education evaluations,
- be an active member of the CSE/CPSE and RtI Teams
- reduce the need for outside contracts

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board does hereby create the position of part-time School Psychologist (.4), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby appoints KAITLIN ROESSLE MEERMAN to the position of part-time School Psychologist (.4) effective January 16, 2015 through on or before June 30, 2015. MS. MEERMAN will be paid at the rate of .4 of Column E, Step 1 (Master's+15) of the current teachers' contract. MS. MEERMAN holds valid New York State certification in the area of:

**School Psychologist, Permanent**

Upon motion Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 3-0,

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 amended contract between the Amagansett Union Free School District and The Great Neck Math Enrichment Center, d/b/a The Center for Research, Curriculum and Instruction as per attached agreement.

**RESOLUTION #75  
CENTER FOR  
RESEARCH,  
CURRICULUM &  
INSTRUCTION  
CONTRACT AMENDED**

Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 3-0, the board went into executive session at 8:05 AM to discuss contractual items and a personnel item.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

The board returned to public session at 8:45 AM.

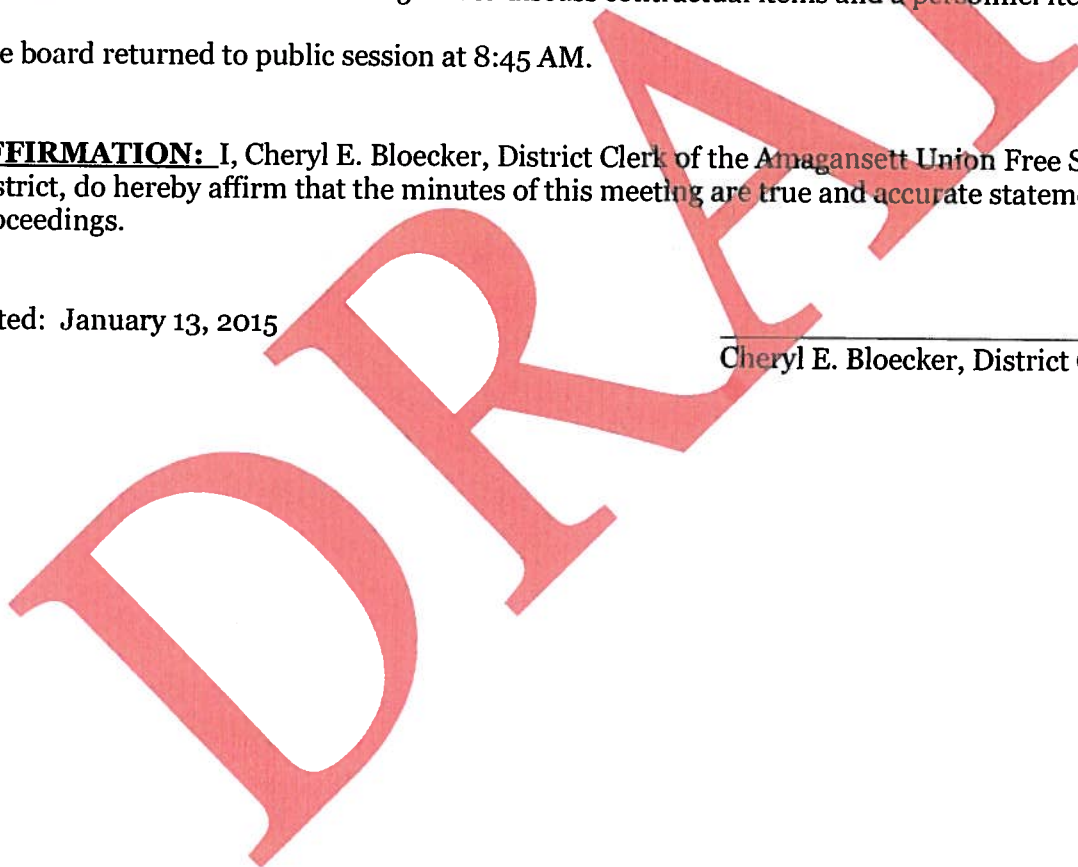
**RETURN TO  
PUBLIC SESSION**

**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.

**AFFIRMATION**

Dated: January 13, 2015

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk



**RESOLUTION #76  
2014/2015 School Year**

February 10, 2015

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and carried \_\_\_\_\_,

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.

Dated: February 10, 2015

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Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

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# Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

Office of the New York State Comptroller  
New York State and Local Retirement System  
Employees' Retirement System  
Police and Fire Retirement System  
110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001

**RS 2417-A**  
(Rev. 3/14)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the AMAGANSETT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT / 74783 hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and (Name of Employer) (Location Code)

will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities:

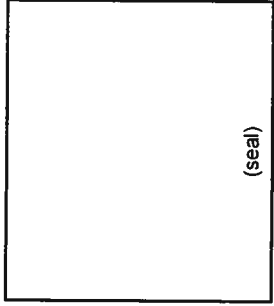
Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max. 8 hrs	Name (First and Last)	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates (mm/dd/yy-mm/dd/yy)	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Yes/No-if Yes, do not complete the last two columns)	Record of Activities Result*	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)
<b>Elected Officials</b>									
					<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>
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					<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Appointed Officials</b>									
DISTRICT CLERK	7.5 HRS.	CHERYL E. BLOECKER	5788		<input type="checkbox"/>	07/01/14-06/30/16	YES		<input type="checkbox"/>
DISTRICT TREASURER	6.5 HRS.	ROXANNE ECKER	6982		<input type="checkbox"/>	07/01/14-06/30/16	YES		<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE**

I, CHERYL E. BLOECKER, secretary/clerk of the governing board of the AMAGANSETT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, of the State of New York, (Name of secretary or clerk) (Circle one) (Name of Employer)

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 10<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2015 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the AMAGANSETT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT on this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2015 (Signature of the secretary or clerk) (Name of Employer)



**Affidavit of Posting:** I, CHERYL E. BLOECKER, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the (Name of secretary or clerk)

Resolution began on 2/10/15 and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the (Date)

Employer's website at WWW.AUFSD.ORG

Official sign board at \_\_\_\_\_

Main entrance secretary or clerk's office at DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM #101

**RESOLUTION #77  
2013/2014 School Year**

February 10, 2015

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and carried \_\_\_\_\_,

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.

Dated: February 10, 2015

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

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Office of the New York State Comptroller  
 New York State and Local Retirement System  
 Employees' Retirement System  
 Police and Fire Retirement System  
 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001

# Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees\*

**RS 2418**  
 (Rev. 7/11)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amagansett UFSD, Location code 74783, hereby establishes the following as 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:

Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)
<u>School</u>	
<u>Bus Driver (Full-time)</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Custodial Worker I + III</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Principal Clerk</u>	<u>7.5</u>
<u>Switchboard Operator</u>	<u>7.5</u>
<u>Secretary</u>	<u>7.5</u>
<u>Registered Nurse</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Network &amp; Systems Administrator</u>	<u>7.5</u>
<u>School Bus Driver (Part-time)</u>	<u>4-5</u>

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

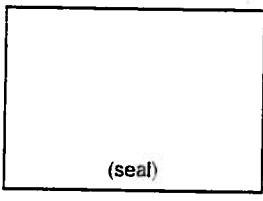
\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of clerk) Date enacted: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Cheryl E. Bloecker, clerk of the governing board of the Amagansett  
 (Name of Employer)

of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

I further certify that the full board, consists of 5 members, and that \_\_\_\_\_ of such members were present at such meeting and that \_\_\_\_\_ of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
 Set my hand and the seal of the  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name of Employer)



\*To be used for all employees. Please list Elected and Appointed Officials on the form (RS2417-A) Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials.

**See Instructions for Completing Form on Back**

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2014/2015 School Year**

February 10, 2015

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Alex deHavenon C

Dated: February 10, 2015

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Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

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2014/2015 School Year**

February 10, 2015

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BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board  
adopts the attached Guidance Plan, as per attached.

Dated: February 10, 2015

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Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

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**AMAGANSETT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Amagansett School**  
**Elementary Guidance Plan**

**Mission Statement**

The Amagansett School is dedicated to providing the highest quality educational experience for all its children. Our task is twofold: to encourage students to work diligently because there is value in what they are asked to do and in how they are asked to do it and to maintain an up-to-date educational and safe environment in which to learn. We create an atmosphere and physical facility conducive to hard work and high achievement in all areas of a student's life.

We do this by:

- Establishing expectations for tolerance, acceptance, respect, honesty and kindness by all students and members of the school community
- Identifying each student's academic, social emotional, aesthetic and physical needs
- Encouraging communication between and among, students, teachers, parents, administrators and community members

**School Wide Initiatives**

- Code of Conduct
- Cultural Arts
- PTA Family Programs
- PTA Monthly Lunch
- PTA Family Fun Nights
- Shakespeare School Wide Performances
- Peer Mediation
- Shared Decision Making Team
- Coffee and Conversation
- Wake-Up Amagansett
- Character Education
  - Bullying
  - Teamwork
  - Problem Solving
  - Diversity
  - Sportsmanship
- Project Adventure
- After School Enrichment
- Curriculum Based Field Trips
- PTA Thanksgiving Feast
- PTA Fall Festival
- PTA Summer Reading Kick OFF

### **Individual/Group Counseling**

Groups/individual counseling is subject to change based on the specific needs of students.

- Crisis Intervention
- Conflict Resolution
- Social Skills
- Stress Management
- Bereavement
- Divorce/Separation
- Anger Management
- Mandated & Non-Mandated Counseling
- Mediation
- Communication
- Self-Esteem

### **Parent & Orientation Programs**

- Back to School Picnic
- Back to School Night
- Coffee and Conversation
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Middle School Visits
- Parent Workshops

### **Community Outreach**

- Consultation with Outside Therapists and Agencies
- Visitation to Community Resources
- Amagansett Union Free School District Website
- Then and Now Community Awareness
- Partnerships with the Public Library
- Community Halloween Parade
- Fire Prevention with Local Fire Department
- Food Pantry
- Visits with Local Senior Center
- Musical Performances for Local Seniors
- Artists in Residence Displays: Guild Hall, Library, Etc.
- District Newsletter
- Community Based Athletic Programs
- Artists In Residence
- Music In The Park

### **Parent Resources**

- Referrals to outside agencies
- Mental Health Programs