

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

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

Board members absent: Mary Lownes

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

President Handy called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

**MEETING CALLED
TO ORDER**

Pledge of allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Accolades to the Amagansett PTA for the fun Family Movie Night that was enjoyed by all.

Upon motion of Patrick R. Bistran, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 4-0, the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 24, 2015 were approved, the treasurer reports for January 2015 were accepted, the claims audit report for December 2015 was accepted and the corrective action plan for December 2015 was approved.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED**

Superintendent Tritt congratulated support staff on the fine job they are doing with regard to the claim audit report findings.

**ACCOLADES
TO...**

Superintendent Tritt commented on the following:

SUPT COMMENTS

- Education topics in the News
 - Harvard Education Publishing Group: "Turning Conventional Wisdom On Its Head: Public Schools Outperform Private Schools"
 - The Washington Post: "What's The Purpose Of Education In The 21st Century"
 - East Hampton Star: "Bad Grade For Gov's Education Agenda"
 - Newsday: "Most LI District's Teacher Evaluations Skewed Toward 'Effective' Ratings, Analysis Shows"
 - Newsday: "Cuomo Asks For State Review Of LI Teacher Evaluations After Newsday Analysis"
 - AuburnPub.com: "Cuomo Administration To NY Education Department Investigate Teacher Evaluations Results"
 - EdWeek.org: "Did The Common-Core Math Writers Accidentally Drop a Standard?"
 - NYSSBA: "Legal And Practical Concerns With New Regulations On Residency"
 - Newsday: "Financial Dramas Of School Districts Reflected In Comptroller's Stress Lists"
 - Newsday: "Evaluating Educators"
- Talent show (3/19/2015 @ 5:00 PM)
- Preliminary budget estimates for 2015/2016 school year (**2nd draft**)
- Enrollment update

Upon motion of Phelan Wolf, seconded by Patrick R. Bistran and carried 4-0,
WHEREIN, the Amagansett Union Free School District and the Amagansett Teachers' Association are both desirous to add a third emergency or snow day to the proposed 2015/2016 calendar,

**RESOLUTION #85
THIRD SNOW DAY
ADDED TO
2015/2016**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves the attached agreement.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon motion of Patrick R. Bistran, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 4-0,
BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves the proposed 2015/2016 school calendar as per attached.

**RESOLUTION #86
2015/2016 SCHOOL
CALENDAR
APPROVED**

Upon motion of Patrick R. Bistran, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 3-0, with Victoria Handy abstaining,

**RESOLUTION #87
ELECTION
INSPECTORS
APPOINTED**

BE IT RESOLVED that the upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt the Amagansett School Board hereby appoints the following persons to serve as Inspectors for

the Amagansett Voter Registration Drive held on May 13, 2015 and/or Budget/Election Vote held on May 19, 2015. Inspectors will be paid at the rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Lucy Bennett
Dawn Brophy
Kristen Graboski
Jacqueline Smudzinski
Shirley Wornstaff (Certified by Suffolk County Board of Elections)

Upon motion of Phelan Wolf, seconded by Patrick R. Bistran and carried 4-0,

WHEREIN, the practice of planning ahead and systemically saving for contingencies is considered prudent management, the Amagansett Union Free School District Board of Education has established reserve funds to provide resources for intended future use, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves the Reserve Funds Plan, as per attached.

**RESOLUTION #88
RESERVE FUNDS
PLAN AND
POLICY
APPROVED**

Upon motion of Patrick R. Bistran, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 4-0,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Amagansett Union Free School District (the "District") and the Superintendent of Schools have been discussing alternatives for the funding of certain capital projects which in their judgment are likely to become necessary or desirable; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Superintendent recognize the desirability of establishing, subject to voter approval, a Capital Reserve Fund of limited duration to fund some or all of the costs of such projects; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and gradual funding of a Capital Reserve Fund will benefit the District by (i) minimizing or avoiding interest costs associated with the funding of such projects through the issuance by the District of bonded indebtedness and (ii) minimizing the possibility of significant increases in the operating budget, and consequent increases in the tax levy, in the years in which such projects are to be undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of funds from the Capital Reserve Fund will require both approval by majority vote of the Board in regard to a specific capital project and the approval by majority vote of the voters in the District;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law section 3651, the Board hereby authorizes placing the following proposition on the annual budget vote ballot for the establishment and funding of a capital reserve fund:

**RESOLUTION #89
"2015
RENOVATIONS
AND UPGRADES
CAPITAL
RESERVE FUND"
PROPOSITION
APPROVED**

"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."

Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 4-0,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves the following legal notice to be published four times in the East Hampton Star, East Hampton Independent and East Hampton Press commencing

**RESOLUTION #90
NOTICE OF ANNUAL
MEETING
APPROVED**

on or before April 2, 2015 and expiring on or before May 19, 2015:

**FOR
PUBLICATION**

**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 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.”

3. Appropriations of necessary funds requested for the Amagansett Free Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor.
4. 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 R. Bistran, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 4-0, the board went into executive session at 7:49 AM to discuss a contractual item, student item and personnel item.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The board returned to public session at 8:23 AM.

**RETURN TO
PUBLIC**

Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Phelan Wolf and carried 4-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 AM.

**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 10, 2015

Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

Approved, 3/24/2015