

AMAGANSETT SCHOOL
Amagansett, New York
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
7:30 AM

MINUTES

Board members present: Kristen Peterson, Patrick Bistran III, Hank Muchnic and Dawn Rana-Brophy

Board members absent: Claudia Quintana

Others present: Superintendent Eleanor, Tritt, School Attorney Ed McCarthy, Principal Maria Dorr, Dr. Tom Lamorgese, District Clerk Cheryl Bloecker, Assistant District Clerk Sandy Nuzzi, Treasurer Roxanne Ecker, Judy D'Mello (EH Star) and Mary Eames (Resident)

Call to Order – 7:30 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Accolades to the Faculty/Staff members for a smooth opening to the 2017/2018 school year; and Condolences to Russell Schaefer and his family on their recent loss of their loved one.

Community Comments (Agenda Items Only)

The Amagansett Board of Education welcomes public comments. To maintain an orderly and efficient meeting, the Board has established the following guidelines for those wishing to address the Board:

1. *Each speaker is permitted two minutes for their comments.*
2. *The Board will listen to comments but will not necessarily debate or discuss items; operational and managerial matters will be handled by the Administration.*
3. *The Board is not permitted to address personnel or individual student matters with the public.*

Consent Agenda – Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 4-0, the following were approved/accepted:

- Minutes (August 22, 2017)
- Treasurer reports (July 2017)
- Warrants (August 30, 2017)

Superintendent's Comments – Superintendent Tritt commented on the following:

- Education Topics in the News:
 - Education Week: "Here's Why You Can't Understand Your State's New Plan for Education"
 - Education Week: "Personalized Learning Gets a Fresh Push"
 - Education Week: "Personalized Learning: 'A Cautionary Tale'"
 - NYSSBA: "Regents Plan More Testing Changes"
 - New York Times: "The Secret to a Good Robot Teacher"
 - New York Times: "The Science of Adolescent Sleep"
 - New York Times: "Silicon Valley Courts Brand-Name Teachers, Raising Ethics Issues"
 - KQED News: "How the Google Suite Can Enhance Open-Ended Math Exploration"
 - Niche.com: "About Niche's K-12 Rankings"
 - Niche.com: Niche.com ranks Amagansett Elementary School 2nd in Suffolk County and 47th in NYS
 - 27East: "Three East End School Districts Crack Top 100 On List"

- OnBoard: "Keynote Speaker: Education Should Be Personalized to Each Student"
- Education Week: "Is the SAT Still Valid?"

- Appropriation status report
- Enrollment

Committee reports - none

Old Business – none

New Business

Resolution #21 – Upon motion of Dawn Rana-Brophy, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 4-0,
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt the Amagansett School Board hereby accepts Gary Grille’s letter of resignation from his position of Custodial Worker I and School Bus Driver for the purpose of retirement. This retirement is effective at the end of the work day on Friday, September 29, 2017.

Resolution #22 - Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 4-0,
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby appoints/reappoints the following persons to the previously established substitute list for the 2017/2018 school year:

Jennifer Gibbons C
Gary Grille (Bus driver)
Melissa King (Clerical)

Resolution #23 – Upon motion of Dawn Rana-Brophy, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 4-0,
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby appoints Jennifer Gibbons to the leave replacement position of full-time School Psychologist effective on or about October 12, 2017 through and expiring on or about February 12, 2018. Ms. Gibbons will be paid at the rate of Column D, Step 1 (Masters) of the current teachers’ contract. Ms. Gibbons holds valid New York State certification in the area of:

School Psychologist, Provisional Certificate

Resolution #24 - Upon motion of Patrick Bistran III, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 4-0,
BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby accepts Mr. Thomas O’Leary’s letter of resignation from his position of part-time Spanish Teacher (.8FTE), effective retroactively to August 29, 2017.

Resolution #25 - Upon motion of Patrick Bistran, seconded by Hank Muchnic and carried 4-0,
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Superintendent Eleanor Tritt, the Amagansett School Board hereby approves the request from the Amagansett PTA to hold their annual “Back to School Picnic” on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 contingent on all insurance requirements having been met.

Community Comments (General Comments)

- Mary Eames commented on prior Board of Education actions.

Executive Session – Upon motion of Patrick Bistran, second by Hank Muchnic and carried 4-0, the board went into an executive session at 7:54 AM to discuss the following:

- Contractual item

Return to Public Session – 9:18 AM

Adjournment – Upon motion of Dawn Rana-Brophy, seconded by Patrick Bistran III and carried 4-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

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: September 12, 2017

Cheryl E. Bloecker, District Clerk

Approved, 10/10/2017