

Wainscott Common School

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

Present:

Board President, David Eagan, Board members, William Babinski Jr. and Kelly Anderson, Superintendent Deborah Haab, Business Manager, Christine Schnell, District Clerk, Norma Bushman and two members of the public.

- I. Welcome / Pledge of Allegiance – Board President, David Eagan. Meeting called to order at 5:35pm
- II. Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2023- Motion by William Babinski and seconded by Kelly Anderson. **Passed and Carried.**
- III. Financial Report, Bank Statements, Warrant – Mrs. Christine Schnell Business Manager- Financial reports were reviewed and approved.
- IV. Teacher’s Report –Lead Teacher Mrs. Kelly Yusko- Absent due to injury, prepared notes-read by Superintendent. Groundhog Day. Students made predictions on the weather to see if Punxsutawney Phil would see his shadow or not. We used the data to make graphs. We watched the video and found out that there will be 6 more weeks of winter. Westhampton Beach Theater- They saw a modern dance interpretation called “The Boy Who Grew a Flower”. We visited the EH Library. Students were able to borrow books and listen to a story. 100th Day of School. K-1 students created a family project using 100 items. We did many fun activities using the number 100. For Valentines Day we celebrated with stories and activities. The students were little cupids spreading kindness and joy to others with treats. Thank you to moms, MJ Babinski, Sally Sunshine and Nikki Osborn for providing a cookie decorating station for the students. We will also be studying about Presidents through stories, videos and activities before our Winter Break next week.
- V. Superintendent's Report - Deborah discussed options to help with bus loop congestion. She also spoke about her idea of a raised cast plaque for Mary McCaffrey, to honor her memory as “the face of The Wainscott School”. Deborah also shared that we have been researching and interviewing for a new cleaning company.
- VI. Public Comments- none
- VII. Discussion Item- Budget - Extraordinary circumstances. The increased number of tuition students and special education expenditures have impacted our current and future budget in an unprecedented way. The first draft of the 2023-2024 budget was reviewed , as well as a breakdown of our tuition and classified student expenditures. The Levy increase was discussed.

Resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of its Regular Meeting held on January 26, 2023. Motion to approve by William Babinski and seconded by Kelly Anderson. **Passed and Carried**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Check Warrants – January, 2023. Motion to approve by William Babinski and seconded by Kelly Anderson. **Passed and Carried**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, acknowledges receipt of the Audit Trail – January 2023. Motion to approve by William Babinski and seconded by Kelly Anderson. **Passed and Carried**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, approves the 2023-2024 School Calendar for the school year. **Tabled**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, hereby authorizes the increases to the income limits to such eligible property owners, as contained in New York Real Property Tax Law sections 459c and 467, as amended, and such exemption shall be applicable to school taxes in such manner as equal to the limitations set forth by the Town of East Hampton under the terms of Local Law 26 of 2022, as adopted by the Town Board on October 20, 2022. Motion to approve by William Babinski and seconded by Kelly Anderson. **Passed and Carried**

Closing:

- VIII. Public Comments- questions regarding State Aid requirements.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 for Executive Session
- X. Executive Session - contract negotiations
- XI. Next Meeting date -Wednesday, March 15th @ 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Norma Bushman , District Clerk