

Wainscott Common School

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Present:

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

- I. Welcome / Pledge of Allegiance – Board President, David Eagan. Meeting called to order at 6:38pm
- II. Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes – May 25, 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. Christine explained errors on the bank charges and is working on reversals.
- IV. Teacher's Report –Mark Carlson provided a written review on all the events that happened as the plans for the Moving -up Ceremony on Thursday June 22nd. He thanked all the class parent helpers and board for their support. David thanked the school staff for an extraordinary job and is very grateful for all our efforts.
- V. Superintendent's Report - Deborah has been in contact with our legal team and Assemblyman Thiele about our budget not passing. She is working with Christine and our legal team to go over our contingency budget numbers and what we can and cannot cut by law with an austerity budget. She discussed her meeting with East Hampton Superintendent Adam Fine.
- VI. Public Comments- One member of the public thanked the board for all the efforts and wants to support the school however possible. Was hoping another vote would happen to get the budget passed. One member of the public offered to lead a consolidation study to see what parents want. The member of the Press asked questions in regard to cuts, budget lines and tax figures.
- VII. Discussion Item- Revote results/impact- Many options were discussed about how we move forward including worst case scenarios. Challenging the Tax Cap, reaching out to NYSED, Renegotiating district agreements, Reaching out to the state and or BOCES for assistance, redistricting, retaining 3rd grade students, eliminating Pre-K and possibly Kindergarten, cutting RTI services. unless classified, to name a few. With our contractual obligations at 78% of our budget we need to know our legal contingent number and look within to seek help if

needed. Painful changes under the most extraordinary circumstances the district has ever dealt with.

Resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular BOT Meeting held on May 25, 2023. Motion by William Babinski and seconded by Kelly Anderson. **Passed and Carried.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the date of the July Reorganization meeting and Regular BOT Meeting for ~~Wednesday July 12~~, Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 6:30pm. Motion to approve as written by William Babinski and seconded by Kelly Anderson. **Passed and Carried.**

Closing:

- VIII. Public Comments- none.
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:25
- X. Executive Session - Yes Personnel
- XI. Next Meeting date -Meeting Wednesday June 28 at 6:30pm, Regular and Re-Organizational meeting Tuesday July 11th at 6:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted by **Norma Bushman** , District Clerk*