

Wainscott Common School

BOT Meeting Minutes- Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Board President, David Eagan, Board members, William Babinski Jr. and Kelly Anderson, Superintendent, Deborah Haab, Business Manager, Wendy Duffy, Lead Teacher, Mrs. Kelly Yusko, District Clerk, Norma Bushman and one member of the public.

I. Purpose & Review

- Welcome / Pledge of Allegiance – David Eagan, President -Meeting called to order at 5:36pm
- Public Hearing -Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers as per the amended terms and conditions of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, Section 466-a.

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a was amended to permit volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers with two years of qualifying service be eligible for a real property tax exemption from various property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Wainscott School District, having held a public hearing on this matter wishes to expand the tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers as per the revisions to New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a; now, therefore be it

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Wainscott School District hereby authorizes the exemptions outlined in the revisions to New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a, and such exemptions shall be applicable to school taxes in such manner as equal to the provisions set forth by the Town of East Hampton under the terms of Resolution 2023-878, as adopted by the Town Board on June 15, 2023. - Called for approval -Adopt as Written- ***Motioned by Kelly Anderson, Second by David Eagan, William Babinski Abstained, Passed and Carried***

Hearing adjourned and regular meeting commenced at 5:37pm

- Acceptance of Board Minutes – Regular Meeting March 20 , 2024-approved below
- Teacher’s Report – Mrs. Kelly Yusko, Lead Teacher-Kelly discussed Superintendent’s Day discussions and work sessions including scheduling and

curriculum, they also reviewed end of year plans, field trips and graduation, which is planned for June 20th. Kelly reviewed that the ELA tests were completed with a good attendance. Swimming has started and is going great- we are doing a 3 part visiting artist series with The Long House and also did a Spring visit to Guild Hall. Students are excited for Spring Break.

- Business Manager Report – Mrs. Wendy Duffy- Wendy reported that everything is up to date. Special Education billing for Ross students will be invoiced 2 times per year instead of one. With a few more districts sending payments for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Superintendent’s Report – Mrs. Deborah Haab -.Deborah is preparing for the end of the school year. She is discussing with the staff their plans of replacing the Amplify curriculum, and working with ESBoCES on Social Worker visits and programs for next year and possibly the remainder of this year. Deborah also heard from Matt Maolne who invited our students to the Book Fair at Sag Harbor this Spring.
- Public Comments – *Agenda Items Only- David was thanked for speaking at the Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee meeting about the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget Vote.*
- Discussion Items -
2024-2025 School Year Plans - Will distribute letter to parents and put the news on the website
2024-2025 School Budget- Codes were adjusted and the proposed budget includes a 0.57% increase and a 2.58% Tax Levy Increase.

II. Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular BOT Meeting held on March 20, 2024. ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by David Eagan, Passed and Carried***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Disbursement Report –March, 2024. ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, acknowledges receipt of the Audit Trail – March, 2024. ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried***

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Disbursement

Report –March, 2024. *Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried*

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the full day Pre Kindergarten Program for the 2024-2025 school year. *Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the retention of the fourth grade for the 2024-2025 school year. *Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the budget for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$ 4,873,608.00 . *Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees appoint Norma Bushman as the chairperson and poll clerk and Kelly Yusko, Abigail Fleming, Nancy McCaffrey, Mae Bushman and Magda Garcia as inspectors at a rate to be determined by the Superintendent Magda Garcia will serve as translator of the District's Board of Trustees Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 21, 2024 from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Magda will be paid at a rate per hour to be determined by the Superintendent. *Pass as Written by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried*

III. Closing

- Public Comments- None
- Executive Session - None
- Adjournment- 6:05 pm
- Next Meeting -Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm Original Schoolhouse

Respectfully submitted by Norma Bushman , District Clerk