

Wainscott Common School

BOT Regular Meeting Agenda - Wednesday, February 12, 2025 5:30p.m.

Present:

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

I. Purpose & Review

- Welcome / Pledge of Allegiance – Board President, David Eagan. -Meeting called to order at 5:32pm
- Public Hearing -Tax Exemption for The East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and Auxiliary Squad -Motion to open at 5:33 ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried***
Hearing adjourned and regular meeting commenced at 5:36pm
- Acceptance of Board Minutes – Wednesday, January 15, 2025 -see below
- Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Deborah Haab - discussed the snow delays and how the communication between districts has been great. She also spoke about how the budget process is going and how most of her colleagues are at or below the tax levy limit and that we are still on target not to have to succeed ours.
- Business Manager Report – Mrs. Wendy Duffy- Wendy shared and reviewed the 2025/2026 Draft Budget and recommended keeping the draft expense that is allowed under the tax levy in the tuition line.
- Teachers Report- from Kelly Yusko- Kelly she spoke about the library visit and the planned activities including swimming and tennis when we return from break. Kelly spoke about the upcoming days, Valentines, Presidents and 100th day and how the students learn about them through books, crafts and read aloud activities. She thanked our class moms who came in for Valentines Day crafts.
- Public Comments – *Agenda Items Only*- None
- Discussion Items - Student Performance Data, 2025-2026 School Calendar

Deborah reviewed the student performance data packet the teachers had presented and discussed how our scores are higher compared to the national level. Deborah will continue to work on obtaining past students' test scores from

our tuition districts. The school calendar draft options were discussed and the board agreed to adopt draft 2 as written with edits.

II. Resolutions

- A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular BOT Meeting held on January 15, 2025. *Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried*
- B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Disbursement Report –January 2025. *Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried*
- C. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, acknowledges receipt of the Audit Trail –January 2025. *Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried*
- D. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the property tax exemptions for The East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and Auxiliary Squad 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 as eligible for a real property tax exemption of up to ten per centum (10%) from various property taxes; provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker's primary residence, but is used for other residential purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by that section.

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2024, the Governor of the State of New York Section enacted Senate Bill 1640-A to authorize taxing municipalities, including school districts, to include, as eligible for the partial tax exemption, enrolled members of the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and Auxiliary Squad; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Wainscott Common School District passed a resolution on April 17, 2024 authorizing 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; and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted the public hearing required by RPTL Section 466-a and elicited public comment on said topic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Wainscott Common School District Board of Trustees authorizes enrolled members of the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and Auxiliary Squad, enrolled for at least two (2) years, to be included as

eligible for a partial exemption up to ten per centum (10%) of the assessed value of the primary residence of the enrolled member as authorized by New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a; provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker's primary residence, but is used for other residential purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided herein beginning with the 2025-2026 tax year. ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried.***

E. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, approves the 2025-2026 School Calendar as written with edits. ***Motioned by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson, Passed and Carried.***

III. Closing

- Public Comments- none
- Executive Session -Personnel- ***Approved by William Babinski, Second by Kelly Anderson***
- Next Meeting- Wednesday, March 19 at 5:30pm
- Open meeting Adjourned-6:18 pm

Respectfully submitted by Norma Bushman , District Clerk