

The Wainscott Common School

BOT Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Board President, David Eagan, Board member, William Babinski Jr., Business Manager, Wendy Duffy, Superintendent, Deborah Haab, District Clerk, Norma Bushman. Absent Board member, Kelly Anderson.

I. Purpose & Review

- Welcome / Pledge of Allegiance –Board President, David Eagan. -Meeting called to order at 6:33pm
- Acceptance of Board Minutes Regular Meeting – August 19 , 2026 -see below
- Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Deborah Haab - After celebrating Shannon Acquino's Tenure with her parents the board retreated to the conference room where Deborah reviewed the first two weeks of school that everything is settling in. During the Superintendents Day's classroom protocols and a behavior plan was reviewed with all staff and it appears to be an effective tool for all. Deborah shared the big topic from her Superintendents zoom meeting in regards to graduation requirements.
- Lead Teacher Report- Mrs. Kelly Yusko- Kelly reiterated the school year is off to a good start. She mentioned Picture Day coming up and our Library trip and Open House dates. She also spoke about the assessments that are being completed and the programs used to determine the students' levels.
- Business Manager Report – Mrs. Wendy Duffy- Wendy spoke about the summer months being steady. She reviewed the Final Balance sheets with our net income and suggested that we discuss options during the 2027-2028 budget process.
- Public Comments – *Agenda Items Only*- None

- Discussion Items-Transportation, Parking on School Grounds- Parties parking on the school grounds were discussed and contacting East Hampton town and the police department to notify them of our parking policy (to be created) was discussed as well as signage to be placed on school grounds. The transportation issues with East Hampton were discussed and an addendum to the resolutions was presented by the board.

II. Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular BOT Meeting held on August 19, 2026. ***Tabled***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Disbursement Report –August 2026. ***Motion by David Eagan and seconded by William Babinski. Passed and Carried***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, acknowledges receipt of the Audit Trail –August 2026. ***Motion by David Eagan and seconded by William Babinski. Passed and Carried***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Wainscott Common School District Tax Levy for the 2026-2027 school year. The Total Tax levy is \$4,624,752. ***Motion by David Eagan and seconded by William Babinski. Passed and Carried***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, grants Mrs. Shannon Acquino tenure in the Certification areas of General Education, grades 1-6, with Special Education and TESOL, effective 9/16/2026. ***Motion by David Eagan and seconded by William Babinski. Passed and Carried***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve Magda Garcia as a Bi-Lingual “translator” Consultant on an “as needed” basis for the 2026-2027 school year at the rate of \$60.00 per hour. ***Motion by David Eagan and seconded by William Babinski. Passed and Carried***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Wainscott School Full Time Teachers Agreement for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031. ***Motion by David Eagan and seconded by William Babinski. Passed and Carried***

III. Addendum Resolutions

WHEREAS: The Wainscott Common School District (“WCSD”) entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement, dated June 9, 2026, with the East Hampton Union Free School District (“EHUFSD”) Wherein the EHUFSD agreed to provide WCSD with transportation for certain WCSD students on buses owned and operated by EHUFSD (the “Busing Contract”);

WHEREAS: The WCSD began its 2026-2027 school year on September 8, 2026; and commencing on the date and continuing through today the EHUFSD has failed to provide the level of service to the WCSD as represented by the EHUFSD and is required by the terms and conditions of the busing contract;

WHEREAS: Such failures in service include, without limitation, the failure to provide a bus at the Wainscott School’s dismissal time, and breaches of the WCSD’s safety protocols governing the dropping of its students;

WHEREAS: Despite repeated complaints to the EHUFSD by the WCSD and the WCSD’s repeated pleas for a corrective plan to remedy these ongoing deficiencies; the EHUFSD has offered only vague responses and an admission the EHUFSD’s understanding of the WCSD’s busing needs “were not aligned” as the current school year started;

WHEREAS: The ongoing deficiencies have and continue to have an adverse impact on the daily operations of the Wainscott School, our Staff and, most importantly, our youngest students and the families we serve.

THEREFORE: The Board of Trustees of the WCSD hereby resolves as follows:

RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees of the WCSD hereby deems the level of service provided to date under the Busing Contract unacceptable, not as represented to the WCSD during discussions resulting in the Busing Contract between the parties inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the Busing Contract.

RESOLVED: That in light of the failure of the EHUFSD to offer a corrective plan to remedy these ongoing deficiencies, the Board of Trustees of the WCSD calls upon the Board of Education of the EHUFSD to acknowledge the ongoing deficiencies and to work diligently and cooperatively with the Board of Trustees of the WCSD and their respective administrations to resolve them expeditiously.

RESOLVED: That the WCSD’s Superintendent is hereby directed to seek alternative busing services and to consult with legal counsel regarding the WCSD’s rights and remedies under the Busing Contract.

RESOLVED: That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the WCSD is hereby directed to

serve a copy of the Resolutions upon the Board of Education of the EHUFSD forthwith.

These resolutions were adopted at the Board of Trustees September 16th Board of Trustees meeting. *Motion by David Eagan and seconded by William Babinski. Passed and Carried*

IV. Closing

- Public Comments- none
- Executive Session -None
- Next Meeting- Wednesday October 21st at 6:30pm
- Meeting Adjourned-7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted by Norma Bushman , District Clerk