

PRESENT: Lauren Thayer, President
Thomas Schultz, Vice President
Cathy Hatgistavrou, Member

ALSO PRESENT: John Finello, Superintendent
Jeanette Krempler, District Clerk
Eileen Tuohy, District Treasurer

There were no audience members in attendance.

The second of three budget work sessions took place at 6:05pm and concluded at 6:29pm.

Budget Work Session

The regular meeting was called to order by Lauren Thayer at 6:30pm. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Call to Order

A motion was made by Thomas Schultz to approve the February 8, 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Lauren Thayer seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the February Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the February Treasurer Report. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the February Treasurer Report

Checking Acct: \$170,043.06
Money Market: \$17,970.46
Money Market NYCLASS: \$732,983.98
Reserve Account: \$495,459.18

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve check warrant #2223-008 in the amount of \$116,064.86. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of Check Warrant #2223-008

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sagaponack Common School District Board of Trustees hereby adopts the following income limits and exemption percentages for persons 65 years of age or over owning qualifying property within said District. This resolution amends prior income limits and percentages:

Approval of Senior Citizen & Disabled Persons Tax Exemption

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed
Valuation Exemption from taxation	
Up to \$50,000	50%
\$50,001 up to \$51,000	45%
\$51,001 up to \$52,000	40%
\$52,001 up to \$53,000	35%
\$53,001 up to \$53,900	30%

\$53,901 up to \$54,800	25%
\$54,801 up to \$55,700	20%
\$55,701 up to \$56,600	15%
\$56,601 up to \$57,500	10%
\$57,501 up to \$58,400	5%

Continuation: Approval of Senior Citizen & Disabled Persons Tax Exemption

MOTION & VOTING:

A motion was made by Thomas Schultz to adopt the senior citizen and disabled persons tax exemption. Lauren Thayer seconded the motion. Passed 3-0

Mr. Finello gave an overview of activities and events that took place at the school: This month, we welcomed the Long Island Science Center to the school to host a hover craft lesson. The children had a great time developing their own hover crafts utilizing compact disks and balloons.

Superintendent’s Report

In the K/1 classes, students are continuing to work with diagraphs and reading stories about Native Americans. In math, they are learning about 2 and 3 dimensional shapes. The 2nd graders are studying Greek Mythology in social studies and finishing a unit on weather forecasting in science class. All of the students have been busy working on their Budding Author Tall Tale stories in preparation for the Budding Authors reception next month at the Hampton Library. A field trip to the Parrish Art Museum will take place next week to view the student art exhibition.

In music, the children have been listening and dancing to music related to the upcoming St. Patrick’s Day holiday. In physical education class, Ms. Kristin Davey, from Peaceful Planet Yoga, is working on team building activities with our students. Ms. Kiang, our Technology Teacher, continues to work with the children’s robotic Lego kits and teaching them how to program simple machines that will be able to draw. Our students are also learning to string 3-word phrases in Spanish language class, with Mrs. Velasquez.

The Board discussed the enrollment for the upcoming school year. School tours and screenings are underway for interested families that reside in and out of district for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Finello and Mrs. Krempler met with representatives at both the Hampton Library in Bridgehampton and John Jermain Library in Sag Harbor to discuss the open enrollment possibilities for children entering preschool through 3rd grade.

Enrollment Discussion

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sagaponack Common School District Board of Trustees hereby amends the resolution adopted at the February 8, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting that established a non-resident tuition rate for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

For the 2023-2024 school year, the non-resident tuition rate for grades Kindergarten through Third Grade shall be charged in accordance with the following schedule:

Parents/Legal Guardians enrolling a child as a non-resident: \$9,200.00 per child

MOTION & VOTING:

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the Board of Trustee Resolution to establish the non-resident tuition rate for the 2023-2024 school year. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Thomas Schultz to approve the Professional Learning Plan for two consecutive school years (2023-2025). Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Cathy Hatgistavrou to approve the Shared Decision Making Committee Plan for two consecutive school years (2023-2025). seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Shared Service Contract for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$65,932.06. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Thomas Schultz to approve the annual election legal notice in preparation for the May 16, 2023 school vote. The legal notice will be published in two designated newspapers for four consecutive weeks beginning March 30, 2023 in both English and Spanish. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Cathy Hatgistavrou to appoint Fred Wilford, community member, as the Chairperson for the May 16, 2023 annual school election/budget vote. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Cathy Hatgistavrou to appoint John Finello, Superintendent and Elizabeth Barton, Shared Decision-Making Committee member, as the Election Inspectors for the May 16, 2023 annual school election/budget vote. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Old Business:
Amendment to the
Kindergarten-3rd Grade Non-
Resident Student Tuition Rate
for the 2023-24 School Year

New Business:
Approval of Professional
Learning Plan 2023-2025

Approval of Shared Decision
Making Committee Plan 2023-
2025

Approval of the 2023-2024
ESBOCES Shared Service
Contract

Approval of the Annual Election
Legal Notice for the May 16,
2023 Vote

Approval of the Chairperson for
the Annual Election/Budget
Vote

Approval of the Election
Inspectors for the Annual
Election/Budget Vote

A motion was made by Thomas Schultz to approve the North Fork Seal Coating proposal in the amount of \$1,050.00. The driveway will be completed during the current school year. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the North Fork Seal Coating Proposal

A motion was made by Thomas Schultz to approve the 2023 Hampton Irrigation Contract in the amount of \$484.00. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the Hampton Irrigation Contract

The Eastern Suffolk BOCES nominating candidate packet was presented to the Board for the upcoming April 19, 2023 vote.

ESBOCES Candidate Information

The date of the next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 6:00p.m. with the third and final budget work session. The regular meeting will immediately follow.

Date of the Next Board Meeting

There were no audience questions at this time.

Audience Questions/Comments

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to enter in Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to exit out of Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Exit Out of Executive Session

With no further business, a motion was made by Lauren Thayer to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Adjournment

Jeanette Krempler, District Clerk
Sagaponack Common School District