

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

ALSO PRESENT: John Finello, Superintendent  
Jeanette Krempler, District Clerk  
Robert Doyle, District Treasurer

The meeting was called to order by Lauren Thayer at 6:25p.m. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. The meeting started late due a bird that flew into the building. Passed 3-0.

Call to Order

A motion was made by Cathy Hatgistavrou to approve the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 2-1 abstained.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the September 2023 Treasurer Report. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Treasurer Report

Checking: \$42,446.75  
Money Market: \$17,973.61  
NYCLASS: \$752,252.53  
Reserves: \$509,903.71

A motion was made by Cathy Hatgistavrou to approve the final June Report for the 2022-2023 school year. Lauren Thayer seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Final June Report

A motion was made by Cathy Hatgistavrou to approve check warrant #2324-004 in the amount of \$206,740.37. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of Check Warrant  
#2324-004

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sagaponack Common School District Board of Trustees authorizes a tax levy on the total taxable assessed value of \$6,129,762,029 without the STAR exemption applied in the amount of \$1,689,491 for school purposes; AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes a tax levy in the amount of \$693,994 to be raised for The Hampton Library; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total amount of taxes for these purposes be \$2,383,485. This levy will result in a tax rate for the 2023-2024 budget in the amount of .2756 per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value.

Approval of the Tax Rate

**A MOTION** was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the tax rate in the amount of .2756 per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

This month, the students took field trips to Madoo Conservancy in Sagaponack and Hank's Pumpkintown in Watermill. Ms. Gena Marino, our Guidance Counselor from Eastern Suffolk BOCES, held her first of three social emotional lessons on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We invited Dr. Rashid and Dr. Groff, parents of a pre-k and 1<sup>st</sup> grade student, to conduct a health lesson on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Davidoff, a kindergarten parent, will be hosting a pumpkin painting craft on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The children had their first visit to the Hampton Library and worked on a squirrel activity with Ms. Shannon, the Children's Librarian. Students were also able to check out 2 books from the library. On Halloween, the teachers and students will participate in the annual "Spooking Sagaponack" event and parade down to the local post office in their costumes and trick-or-treat at two community member houses. In academics, the pre-k and kindergarten students are working on pre-emergent writing skills, learning their 5 senses, and nursery rhymes. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have started their unit reader, Bedtime Tales and in math are working on odd/even numbers. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are creating their Halloween stories and in science, are studying the formation of rocks and soil. The children have been learning Halloween songs and painting pictures, such as the Montauk Lighthouse, in their music and art classes. In technology class, Ms. Kiang, is instructing students to work with Google Apps and other software programs in technology class.

Mr. Finello presented each member of the Board of Trustees with letters of recognition and apple cider donuts for the New York State School Boards Association Recognition Week.

Board of Trustees Recognition

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve amendments made to Board Policy 0100-Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Old Business:  
Approval of Amended Board Policy 0100

A motion was made by Thomas Schultz to approve Board Policy 0110.2-Sexual Harassment in the Workplace with exhibit to replace Board Policy 0110- Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment with exhibit. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

New Business:  
Approval of Board Policy 0110.2

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the winter physical education activities, such as swimming, ice skating, tennis and yoga for the 2023-2024 school year. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of Winter PE Activities

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the speech/language related services for the 2023-2024 school year. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of Speech/Language Related Services

A motion was made by Cathy Hatgistavrou to accept the Thayer's Hardware teak bench donation with brass name plate honoring Mrs. Barbara Albright for her contributions and unwavering support of the Sagaponack School. The total value of the bench and plaque is \$1,175.00. Lauren Thayer seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Acceptance of Thayer's  
Hardware Donation

The results of the Hampton Library vote were acknowledged by the Sagaponack CSD Board of Trustees. The 2024 library budget of \$1,808,524 for total operating expenses passed. Sagaponack had nine (9) yes and (0) no votes.

Acknowledgement of Hampton  
Library Vote

The Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers Public Hearing will take place on November 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the regular Board Meeting to follow.

Date of the Next Meeting

There were no audience questions at this time.

Audience Questions/Comments

With no further business, a motion was made by Thomas Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 7:42p.m. Lauren Thayer seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Adjournment

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Jeanette Krempler, District Clerk  
Sagaponack Common School District