

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

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

**There were no audience members in attendance.**

The budget work session was called to order by Lauren Thayer at 6:13pm and concluded at 6:21pm. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Final Budget Work Session

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to enter into the regular Board Meeting at 6:22pm. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Call to Order-Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the March Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of the March Treasurer Report

Checking Acct: \$9,989.20  
Money Market: \$974.50  
Money Market NYCLASS: \$1,425,262.92  
Reserve Account: \$523,281.93

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve check warrant #2324-010 in the amount of \$85,747.81. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of Check Warrant #2324-010

A motion was made by Cathy Hatgistavrou to adopt the 2024-2025 proposed school budget expenditures in the amount of \$2,038,393.00 in preparation for the May 21, 2024 Annual Meeting/Vote. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0-.

Adoption of Proposed 2024-2025 School Budget

Mr. Finello gave an overview of activities and events that took place at the school: Congratulations from the Board was announced for Katherine Lombardo's completion the Wilson Reading Program. The Parent Graduation Book Committee began the layout for the photobooks that will be presented to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade graduates in June. On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> the students were dismissed at 1:45pm due to the solar eclipse.

Superintendent's Report

The annual Budding Author's Reception will take place at the Hampton Library on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Our students' books of affirmations and limericks will be on display through May at the library. The New York State 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade English Language Arts Assessment will begin this week. During the testing time, our pre-k students will attend story time at the Hampton Library. The pre-k students are continuing their writing skills and letter sounds while the kindergarteners are focusing on letter blending. In math, they are working on addition and subtraction and in science class, they just began an insect unit. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are completing their nonfiction unit reader, Kids Excel. In math, the children are learning how to tell time at the hour and half-hour marks. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are learning basic equivalent fractions. All students learned about the solar eclipse and what happens to the sun and moon during this scientific phenomenon. Clemence Buffard, one of our pre-k parents, came to the school earlier in the month to host a planting activity. Next week, we will welcome Glen and Ameer Allsop, pre-k parents, to the school to conduct a photography lesson. After we return from spring recess, the teachers and students will take a field trip to Corwith's Farm in Watermill. In music, the children are starting to prepare for the spring concert in June. In art, Ms. Baer will begin working with the students on a Mother's Day project. We will have one more session of yoga outdoors next month, with Kristin Davey owner of Peaceful Planet Yoga. Lastly, we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo on May 2<sup>nd</sup> during Mrs. Velasquez's Spanish language class with food items from Sabrosa Restaurant.

The Board discussed the projected enrollment for the upcoming school year. Non-resident contracts and deposits were submitted to the school last month. A visitation day will take place in May for all 2024-2025 incoming students.

Enrollment Discussion

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the official ballot pending the addition of the School Board candidate(s) names in preparation for the May 21, 2024 Annual Meeting/Vote at 7:30pm. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

New Business:  
Approval of the Annual Vote  
Ballot

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Shared Service Contract for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$67,846.01. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the ESBOCES  
Shared Service Contract

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to appoint John J. Finello, Superintendent/Principal for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2024, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the written Agreement between the parties, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of  
Superintendent/Principal Three-  
Year Contract Agreement

A motion was made by Cathy Hatgistavrou to appoint Robert Doyle, School Business Official/District Treasurer for a term of one (1) year, commencing July 1, 2024, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the written Agreement between the parties, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board. Lauren Thayer seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of School Business Official/District Treasurer One-Year Contract Agreement

A motion was made by Thomas Schultz to appoint Jeanette Krempler, Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2024, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the written Agreement between the parties, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board. Lauren Thayer seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of Secretary to the Superintendent/District Clerk Three-Year Contract Agreement

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the Exterior Camera Conversion and Service/Support Contract with NCD Communications in the amount of \$225.00 and the \$10.00 per month remote support fee. Thomas Schultz seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the Exterior Camera Conversion and Support NCD Communications Contract

A motion was made by Thomas Schultz to approve the graduation book fund in the amount of \$200.00/book for the two 3<sup>rd</sup> grade graduating students. Lauren Thayer seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the Graduate Photobook Fund

A motion was made by Lauren Thayer to approve the Broadview Gardens quote for the replacement viburnum snowball bush in the playground area in the amount of \$80.00. Cathy Hatgistavrou seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the Broadview Gardens Quote

The date of the next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2024 at 6:00p.m. The Budget Hearing will take place first followed by the regular meeting.

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 Cathy Hatgistavrou to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Lauren Thayer seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Adjournment

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Jeanette Krempler, District Clerk  
Sagaponack Common School District