

PRESENT: Thomas Schultz, President-Not in Attendance
Brian Villante, Vice President
Elizabeth Barton, Member

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

Audience Members: 3

The meeting was called to order by Brian Villante at 6:12 p.m. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 2-0. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Call to Order

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve the December 9, 2025 Board Meeting minutes. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

Approval of the December Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Brian Villante to approve the December 2025 Treasurer Report. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

Approval of the December Treasurer Report

Checking Acct: \$21,996.55
Money Market: \$974.66
Money Market NYCLASS: \$927,147.05
Reserve Account: \$565,761.77

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve check warrant #2526-05 in the amount of \$88,817.82. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

Approval of Check Warrant #2526-05

This past month, the students completed the winter AIMSweb Plus and Fountas & Pinnell reading and mathematics assessments. Teachers also held Parent-Teacher Conferences over two days to discuss each student's growth, achievements, and areas for continued development. The winter concert took place on December 10th, where they performed enthusiastically and showcased their growing confidence and musical talents. In addition, students enjoyed birthday celebrations and a holiday gift exchange, highlighting the kindness and gratitude, shared among classmates. Moving forward in January, the students will begin ice skating at Buckskill. Pre-K students will enjoy art and music activities with Lori Hubbard and Liz Joyce from "Goat on a Boat Puppet Theater". The Group of the East End came to the school on January 12th for a science lesson about invertebrates. Gena Marino, a representative of ESBOCES will visit at the end of the month and will conduct a Social Emotional lesson for all

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students. Students continue to work on fine motor skills through art activities. The kindergarten students are continuing segmenting, blending and writing using inventive spelling. The children read The Mitten and completed various activities based on the story. In Math, students began learning how to represent numbers 5-10. In science, the students are learning about seasons and weather and will even do an experiment on precipitation. In Math, the older students are almost finished with their unit on subtraction using number sentences.

In Technology, Mrs. Angela Kiang is working on a program called "Book Creator" to make virtual books with the 1st - 3rd graders. The Pre-K and Kindergarten class will be completing STEM and engineering challenges based on the main characters and the challenges they face. In Spanish, Mrs. Yvonne Velasquez has been teaching the students about different animals including Iguana and Penguin. In Art, Mrs. Ginger Baer will be preparing for the Parrish Art Museum Student Art show which takes place in March.

Building tours are scheduled for the end of this month into the first week of February for families on the non-resident wait list that are interested in the 2026-2027 school year.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve the 2026-2027 school district calendar. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Brian Villante to establish the 2026-2027 school year non-resident student tuition rate at \$10,000 per child in pre-k through 3rd grade. The tuition rate will remain the same as the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve revised schedule C, Substitute list for the current school year. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

A motion was made by Brian Villante to approve the new mileage reimbursement rates set forth by the Internal Revenue Service beginning January 1, 2026. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2026 at 6:00pm. The first budget work session will take place with the regular meeting immediately following.

An audience member asked what the projected enrollment looks like for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Finello indicated that the number of students on the list are approximately the same as the current school year.

Superintendent Report
Continued:

Enrollment Discussion

Old Business:
Approval of the School District
Calendar

New Business:
Approval of the Non-Resident
Student Tuition Rate

Approval of Schedule C-
Substitute List

Approval of the New IRS
Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Date of the Next Board
Meeting

Audience Questions/Comments

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to enter into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Brian Villante to exit out of Executive Session and to re-enter into the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

Exit out of Executive Session

With no further business, a motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 2-0.

Adjournment

Jeanette Krempler, District Clerk
Sagaponack Common School District