Sagaponack Common School District
Board of Trustees Meeting

September 15, 2026

PRESENT: Brian Villante, President
Elizabeth Barton, Vice President
Alexandra Lopez, Member

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

Audience Members: None

The meeting was called to order by Brian Villante at 6:02 p.m. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Call to Order

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve the July 14, 2026 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the July Reorganizational Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Brian Villante to approve the July 14, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Brian Villante to approve the July 2026 Treasurer Report. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the July Treasurer Report

Checking Acct: $26,997.41
Money Market: $974.66
Money Market NYCLASS: $1,893,990.88
Reserve Account: $577,523.78

A motion was made by Brian Villante to approve the August 2026 Treasurer Report. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the August Treasurer Report

Checking Acct: $104,676.51
Money Market: $974.66
Money Market NYCLASS: $1,499,372.59
Reserve Account: $579,281.54

A motion was made by Brian Villante to approve the Year End Budget Transfers for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of $80,736.00. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of Year End Budget Transfers

A motion was made by Alexandra Lopez to approve the Year End Report for the 2025-2026 school year. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of Year End Report

Approval of Check Warrant #202627-001

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve check warrant #202627-01 in the amount of $411,976.10. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

New Business:
Approval of the Playground Equipment Upgrade Quote

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve the playground equipment upgrade quote from American Recreational Products in the amount of $19,485.85. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the Small Rural School Achievement Grant

A motion was made by Alexandra Lopez to accept the Small Rural School Achievement Grant in the amount of $26,001.00 for the 2027-2028 school year. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Superintendent Report:

Mr. Finello gave an overview of the summer building maintenance projects. The west side of the building was re-shingled and painted at the end of June. In July, the hardwood floors were screened. In August, the porch areas were re-painted, interior touch ups were done throughout the building and windows/screens were cleaned. We also had a new garbage bin built and installed before the start of the school year. Superintendent Conference Days were conducted on August 20th, 27th and September 2nd. On the first conference day, the teachers worked with Dr. Peggie Staib, Educational Consultant. Dr. Staib is providing the District with resources to upgrade the math curriculum. On the second conference day, the faculty completed the annual NY State mandatory GCN (Global Compliance Network) training session and set up their classrooms. On September 2nd, the Emergency Response Safety Team reviewed the building-level plan for the 2026-2027 school year. The teachers are in the process of conducting the fall Aimsweb Plus and Fountas/Pinnell academic assessments. The Hampton Library hosted a story time and craft activity at the school, earlier today. Picture day will be held on September 22nd and the Back to School Parent Meeting on September 28th. A field trip is scheduled for October 8th to Corwith's Farm in Watermill.

Approval of Summer Garden Care Hourly Rate

A motion was made by Brian Villante to approve the summer hourly school garden care rate of $20.00 to Mrs. Yvonne Velasquez for July and August. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the Hampton Library Legal Vote Notice

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve the Hampton Library legal notice for the upcoming vote on September 22, 2026 from 12:00pm-8:00pm. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the Special Education Services Agreement with Wainscott CSD

A motion was made by Brian Villante to approve the Special Education Services Agreement between the Sagaponack CSD and the Wainscott CSD for the 2026-2027 school year. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the Discontinuation of Participation in the School Bus Stop Arm Camera Program

A motion was made by Brian Villante on September 15, 2026, to discontinue participation in the annual automatic renewal of the Grant Funding Program Agreement between the Suffolk County Traffic and Parking Violations Agency and the Sagaponack Common School District, effective beginning with the 2026–2027 school year and continuing thereafter. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed, 3–0.

Approval of the Speech Language Services

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve the building level speech-language therapy services for students #131, #135, #146 & #151 for the 2026-2027 school year. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the IEP

A motion was made Brian Villante to approve the Individualized Education Program Plan (IEP) recommended by the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) for student #154 effective September 28, 2026 including the special education programs, related services, placement and other supports specified therein; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, is authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to implement the CPSE recommendations and IEP in accordance with applicable federal and NYS laws and regulations. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Adoption of Procedures to Implement Education Law 3201-b

A motion was made by Alexandra Lopez to adopt the Procedures to Implement Education Law 3201-b. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Amendment to Board Policy 2120-2

A motion was made by Brian Villante to approve the amendments to Board Policy 2120.2- Voting Procedures. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Amendment to Board Policy Regulation 5420-R

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve the amendments to Board Policy Regulation 5420-R- Student Health Services. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Date of the Next Board Meeting

The date of the next Board Meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2026 at 6:00p.m.

Audience Questions/Comments

There were no audience questions at this time.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Brian Villante to enter into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss Emergency and Safety Procedures. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Exit out of Executive Session

A motion was made by Brian Villante to exit out of Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. Alexandra Lopez seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

Approval of the Building-Level Emergency Response Plan

A motion was made by Elizabeth Barton to approve the Building Level School Emergency Response Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year. Brian Villante seconded the motion. Passed 2-0

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made by Brian Villante to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Elizabeth Barton seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

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Jeanette Krempler, District Clerk
Sagaponack Common School District