

TUCKAHOE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes - REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2025

Timothy M. Gilmartin, Chairman, called the Tuckahoe School Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following Board members and District officials were present:

Timothy M. Gilmartin, Chairman
Robert E. Grisnik, Vice Chairman
Sean Hattrick, Trustee

Len Skuggevik, Superintendent/Principal
Doreen Buckley, Assistant Superintendent
Lauri Lenahan, District Clerk
Fernando Osorio, Business Official
Marie Sellers, District Treasurer

The following individuals were also present:

Elizabeth Rodrigues	Katie Dunn	Brian Paddleford	Jasmin Diaz-Leal
Danielle Sandolo	Steven Sandolo	Lorraine Duryea	Kerry Terry
Jenn Finocchiaro	Yuko Suzuki	Jamie Pajan	Jeff Hanhausen
Vicki Tureski			

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 9, 2024.

Approve: Motion made by Timothy M. Gilmartin, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried.

III. Approval of Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the Treasurer's Report for the months of November 2024 and December 2024.

Approve: Motion made by Timothy M. Gilmartin, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried.

IV. Correspondence - None

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V. Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment Update:

PK-26, K-15, Grade 1-29, Grade 2-29, Grade 3-26, Grade 4-26, Grade 5-20, Grade 6-31,
Grade 7-22, Grade 8-25 = 249

Southampton Elementary/Intermediate Schools-2, Southampton H.S.-125, WHBLC-3, Our Lady
of the Hamptons-29, Raynor Country Day School-2, Montessori-0, Jefferson Academy-1, St.
Anthony's-1, Chaminade-1, St. John Baptist-1, Hayground-1,

Lower Ross-9, Upper Ross-2, Stonybrook HS Program-3, It Takes a Village-0, HB Ward-0,
Moriches HS-1, Anderson Center-1, Alternatives-2, Home Schooled-2 = 186

Total Enrollment: 435 students

2. Mr. Skuggevik reviewed the preliminary 2025/2026 Budget.

3. Mr. Skuggevik reviewed the ELA and Math test scores for Tuckahoe CSD and the neighboring
districts.

4. Mr. Skuggevik informed the Board that the Tuckahoe Wounded Warrior Committee has
expressed interest in participating in the VetDogs Puppy Raiser Program and asked the Board for
a resolution which would approve Committee members to participate in the program.

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the Tuckahoe Wounded Warrior Committee to
participate in the VetDogs Puppy Raiser Program, which includes the puppy in training to be present
in the building of Tuckahoe Common School.

Approve: Motion made by Sean Hattrick, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried.

5. Mr. Skuggevik informed the Board of the upcoming performance of Lizzie Sider scheduled for
January 27, 2025, and January 28, 2025.

VI. Business Official's Report

1. Brian Paddleford reviewed his "News & Notes" he prepared regarding work that has been
completed to date.

2. Mr. Osorio reviewed the Residency Report.

VII. Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. Ms. Buckley updated the Board regarding 504 meetings with Southampton UFSD for the
2025/2026 freshman.

VIII. New Business – None

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IX. Old Business

Mr. Hattrick shared a recent email received from the Southampton Board of Education and Southampton Merger Committee stating they are open to advancing potential merger discussions, but with three conditions such as annexation, set aside exploring other high school options and if other high school options are pursued then Tuckahoe CSD would be responsible for the cost of the merger study. Mr. Hattrick stated these terms are unacceptable.

X. P.T.O. Report – None

XI. Public Commentary

Members of the audience were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

XII. Resolutions

Approve: Motion made by Timothy M. Gilmartin, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik and unanimously carried, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Trustees hereby approves the following resolutions numbered 1 through 6 and 11 through 14.

Finance

1. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept a donation from Southampton Lions Club in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty dollars (\$750) for the National Junior Art Honor Society Art Olympics.
2. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the 2024/2025 Special Education Services Contract Agreement between William Floyd Union Free School District and Tuckahoe Common School District for William Floyd students in attendance and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the agreement.
3. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the Engagement Letter for external auditing services from Cullen & Danowski for the 2024/2025 school year at a contract fee of \$32,900.
4. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve Aspire Financial Services, LLC (Aspire) as a retirement plan 403(b) option for Tuckahoe Common School employees.
5. WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Tuckahoe Common School District adopted a Policy to Dispose of Surplus items, and; WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has designated the School Business Official as the person responsible to properly dispose of said obsolete items, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following outdated item: Kitchen refrigerator which is outdated and inoperable (Asset Tag #000022), which has been requested by the Assistant Plant Facilities Administrator and reviewed by the Board of Trustees be declared obsolete and disposed of at the discretion of the School Business Official.

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Administrative

6. RESOLVED that pursuant to Education Law Section 2034, the Board of Trustees authorizes the District Clerk to destroy all the ballots spoiled and unused in the May 21, 2024, Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Trustees Election.

Personnel

7. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Danielle Sandolo, who holds a valid New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 2), to a four year probationary position as an Special Education Teacher for the period from January 6, 2025 through January 5, 2029; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Sandolo must receive three (3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) years preceding her tenure date and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual salary of this appointment is to be paid at Step F1 (\$67,856) with applicable fringe benefits as per the TTA Contract.

Approve: Motion made by Timothy M. Gilmartin, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried.

Appointment

8. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of Linda Greene to the position of Teacher Assistant effective January 6, 2025, until no longer needed; rate of pay to be at Step 1 (\$34,017), prorated and the district to provide health and dental insurance coverage as per the TTA Contract.

Approve: Motion made by Timothy M. Gilmartin, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried.

9. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the probationary appointment of Katelyn Aquino to the position of Teacher Assistant effective January 13, 2025, until no longer needed; rate of pay to be at Step 1 (\$34,017), prorated and the district to provide health and dental insurance coverage as per the TTA Contract.

Approve: Motion made by Timothy M. Gilmartin, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried.

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10. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Yuko Suzuki as Teacher Aide for the 2024/2025 school year effective January 6, 2025, through June 30, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$21.33.

Approve: Motion made by Timothy M. Gilmartin, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried.

Building Use

11. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the building use request of Christina Collins and Shyane Reese to hold the Tuckahoe Talent Show in the cafetorium on March 13, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and tryouts and rehearsal in the gymnasium and cafetorium on February 26, 2025, February 27, 2025, March 11, 2025, and March 12, 2025, between 2:40 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Field Trip

12. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of the Music Department to attend HMEA (Hampton's Music Educators Association) to practice and perform on January 11, 2025, from 7:45 a.m. to 2:50 p.m., on January 17, 2025, from 11:45 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. and on January 18, 2025, from 7:45 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. at an approximate cost to the district of \$2,047.56.

13. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of the Music Department to attend SCMEA (Suffolk County Music Educators Association) to practice and perform on March 1, 2025, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., March 7, 2025, from 2:30 p.m. to 8:40 p.m. and March 8, 2025, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. at an approximate cost to the district of \$2,202.21.

CSE Recommendations

14. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education from the meetings held on December 6, 2024, December 12, 2024, December 16, 2024, and December 19, 2024, for the following students.

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XIII. Executive Session

At 7:36 p.m., Timothy M. Gilmartin made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik and unanimously carried.

At 8:21 p.m., the Board came out of Executive Session and passed the following resolutions.

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15. **WHEREAS**, the Tuckahoe Common School District recognizes the importance of supporting its teachers in balancing professional and personal responsibilities; and
WHEREAS, Christina Orioles has submitted a formal request to extend her current child care leave until February 28, 2025; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education values the dedication and contributions of its faculty and is committed to adhering to the provisions set forth in the Agreement between the Tuckahoe Teachers Association and the Tuckahoe Common School District;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Tuckahoe Common School District hereby approves a one-time, short-term extension of Christina Orioles' child care leave until February 28, 2025; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any further requests for extensions must be submitted in writing no later than February 7, 2025, and must comply with the terms outlined in the Agreement between the Tuckahoe Teachers Association and the Tuckahoe Common School District; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is intended to apply solely to the current request for extension and shall not set precedent for future leave requests.

Approve: Motion made by Timothy M. Gilmartin, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried

16. **WHEREAS**, the Tuckahoe Common School District Board of Trustees recognizes the need to provide adequate administrative support to ensure the continued success and efficiency of the district's operations and educational programs; and
WHEREAS, the addition of an Assistant Principal will enhance the district's ability to meet the needs of students, staff, and families while supporting the goals and priorities of the district;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Tuckahoe Common School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to:
Advertise, interview, and hire a qualified candidate for the position of Assistant Principal;
Negotiate terms of employment in accordance with the benefits outlined in other district administrative agreements; and
Establish a starting salary of \$120,000 per annum, prorated for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent shall outline and define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Principal to align with the district's mission and objectives.

Approve: Motion made by Timothy M. Gilmartin, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried

At 8:22 p.m., Timothy M. Gilmartin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried.

Lauri Lenahan, District Clerk
Tuckahoe Common School District