

**TUCKAHOE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes - PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**February 13, 2023**

Robert E. Grisnik, Chairman, called the Tuckahoe School Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following Board members and District officials were present:

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

Leonard Skuggevik, Superintendent/Principal  
Lauri Lenahan, District Clerk  
Doreen Buckley, Assistant Superintendent  
Katelyn Fretto, Business Official  
Marie Sellers, District Treasurer

The following individuals were also present:

Mitch Sobczyk                      Mary-Alice Halsey                      Mary Schneider

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Increased Income Eligibility for Property Tax Relief for Disabled and Senior Citizens.**

1. Mrs. Fretto reviewed the Increased Income Eligibility for Property Tax Relief for Disabled and Senior Citizens legislation that was recently signed by Governor Hochul increasing the Senior Citizen & Disabled Persons with Limited Income exemptions base income amounts from \$29,000 to \$50,000. The last update to the income limits was done in 2009. It is the intention of the Southampton Town Board to adopt these changes at their earliest convenience in order to take effect on the 2023 assessment roll. Adoption of the change in income must be done by resolution.

**Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and convene the Regular Board Meeting.**

At 6:33 p.m., Sean Hattrick made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and convene the Regular Board meeting, seconded by Timothy M. Gilmartin, and unanimously carried.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 9, 2023, and the Budget Work Sessions on January 23, 2023, January 30, 2023, and February 6, 2023.

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

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2023.

Approve: Motion made by Sean Hattrick, seconded by Timothy M. Gilmartin, and unanimously carried.

**V. Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received regarding SCOPE's Annual Awards Dinner with a Save the Date Monday, May 22, 2023.
2. Correspondence received from Eastern Suffolk BOCES regarding the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Executive Briefing & Dinner, February 15, 2023.
3. Correspondence received from Eastern Suffolk BOCES regarding the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Suffolk Region PTA Showcase & Dinner, March 15, 2023.
4. Correspondence received from Eastern Suffolk BOCES regarding the Call for Nominations for the April 19, 2023, election.

**VI. Superintendent/Principal Report**

1. **Enrollment Update:**  
PK-22, K-26, Grade 1-24, Grade 2-28, Grade 3-24, Grade 4-27, Grade 5-29, Grade 6-25, Grade 7-22, Grade 8-25 = 252  
Southampton Elementary/Intermediate Schools-4, Southampton H.S.-136, Hampton Bays Elementary/Middle-1, WHBLC-3, Sequoya-1, Our Lady of the Hamptons-35, Raynor Country Day School-2, St. John's Baptist-2, St. Anthony's-2, Hayground-1, Lower Ross-7, Moriches Interm-1, Anderson Center-1, Home Schooled-4 = 200  
Total Enrollment: 452 students
2. Mr. Skuggevik updated the Board with the progress of the SYA After School Program.

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**VII. Business Official's Report**

1. Mitch Sobczyk reviewed the "News & Notes" he prepared regarding work that has been completed to date.
2. Mrs. Fretto reviewed the Residency Report.
3. Mrs. Fretto reviewed the Monthly Fund Balance Analysis.

**VIII. Assistant Superintendent**

1. Ms. Buckley updated the Board about the success of Family Dinner Project which took place on February 9, 2023, hosted by Cornell Cooperative. Students and Parents were given cooking demonstrations and informative information about the impact of healthy eating.

**IX. New Business – Nothing to Report**

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**XI. P.T.O. Report**

1. Mr. Skuggevik informed the Board that the P.T.O has started the planning for Taste of Tuckahoe.

**XII. Tuckahoe Educational Foundation Report – Nothing to Report**

**XIII. Public Commentary**

1. Mary Schneider commented that technology has replaced conversation.

**XIV. Resolutions**

Approve: Motion made by Sean Hattrick, seconded by Timothy M. Gilmartin, and unanimously carried;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Trustees hereby approves the following resolutions numbered 1 through 21.

**Finance**

1. WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §467 provides for a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying senior citizens; and  
WHEREAS, the Tuckahoe Common School District has previously, by resolution, provided for the partial exemption from real property taxation for its senior citizens pursuant to RPTL §467; and

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WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended RPTL §467(3) to increase the maximum income eligibility for senior citizen partial exemptions; and  
 WHEREAS, a school district may opt-in to the new income maximum by resolution after a public hearing; and  
 WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing on the proposed amendment to increase the income maximum; and  
 WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt the new income maximum consistent with RPTL §467,  
 now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the annual income of the owners or combined income of the owners for the calendar year set by RPTL §467(3) shall determine the percentage exemption granted to senior citizens of the Tuckahoe Common School District commencing with the 2023-2024 tax year; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners for the calendar year prior to the date that the application is filed, shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation in accordance with the attached schedule; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the partial exemption shall be made in accordance with the chart contained in the attachment to this resolution.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
Up to and including \$50,000	50 per centum
More than \$50,000 but less than \$51,000	45 per centum
At least \$51,000 but less than \$52,000	40 per centum
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2. RE WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) §459-c provides for a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying persons with disabilities; and  
 WHEREAS, the Tuckahoe Common School District has, by resolution, provided for the partial exemption from real property taxation for its qualifying persons with disabilities pursuant to RPTL §459-c; and  
 WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended RPTL §459-c(5) to increase the maximum income eligibility for persons with disabilities’ partial exemptions; and  
 WHEREAS, a school district may opt-in to the new income maximum by resolution after a public hearing; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing with regard to the proposed amendment to increase the income maximum; and  
 WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt the new income maximum consistent with RPTL §459-c,  
 now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the annual income of the owners or combined income of the owners for the calendar year set by RPTL §459-c(5) shall determine the percentage exemption granted to persons with disabilities of the Tuckahoe Common School District commencing with the 2023-2024 tax year; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners for the calendar year prior to the date that the application is filed, shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation in accordance with the attached schedule; and  
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3. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve South Shore Tree, Inc. to provide cutting, trimming and tree removal at an estimated cost of \$3,900.
  
4. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Tuckahoe Common School District has a lease agreement under New York State Negotiated Contract with Xerox Corporation AKA Carr Business Car, Xerox; to lease copier and printer machines at an established monthly rate which includes service and supplies and,  
 WHEREAS, said lease agreement expired December 31, 2022; and,  
 WHEREAS Xerox Corporation has provided a new 60-month lease agreement from February 17, 2023 – February 17, 2028; which includes the replacement of current equipment with new equipment and a continuation of service and supplies to be provided as part of the agreement as outlined therein under Eastern Suffolk BOCES Contract #2020-044-0502: Networked Copiers;  
 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the lease agreement with Xerox Corporation from February 17, 2023 – February 17, 2028.

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**Administrative**

5. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the Tuckahoe Common School District calendar for school year 2023/2024.
6. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the Tuckahoe Common School District Board of Trustees meeting calendar for 2023/2024.

**Appointments**

7. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Thomas Siver as substitute custodian as needed for the 2022/2023 school year effective February 13, 2023, through June 30, 2023, at a rate of \$21.72 per hour.

**Field Trips**

8. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the partial and full day field trip requests of Grades 5, 7 and 8 to visit the Parrish Art Museum for lessons in Art history for the 2022/2023 school year. The approximate cost to the district will be \$327.36 for the first 3 hours and \$98.20 for each hour after, with all costs reimbursable to the district through the Parrish Art Museum Grant.
9. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 5 to visit Quinipet Camp and Retreat Center for Outdoor Education from May 15, 2023, through May 16, 2023, at an approximate cost to the district of \$10,515.00.
10. RESOLVED that the that the Board of Trustees approve payment to Kayak Shelter Island Tours to provide kayaks and tours for the Grade 5 Outdoor Education trip scheduled for the 2022/2023 school year at an approximate cost of \$1,020.
11. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 6 to visit Quinipet Camp and Retreat Center for Outdoor Education from May 31, 2023, through June 2, 2023, at an approximate cost to the district of \$14,574.72.
12. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve payment to Kayak Shelter Island Tours to provide kayaks and tours for the Grade 6 Outdoor Education trip scheduled for the 2022/2023 school year at an approximate cost of \$900.
13. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 2 to visit Morton Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Walk to study animals and their habitats on June 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at an approximate cost to the district of \$327.36.
14. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 3 to visit the Montauk Lighthouse for a STEAM lesson on June 2, 2023, rain date of June 8, 2023, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at an approximate cost to the district of \$800.16.

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15. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 1 to visit the Southampton History Museum for the purpose of Social Studies curriculum on June 6, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at an approximate cost to the district of \$327.36.
16. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 1 to visit the Quogue Wildlife Refuge for the purpose of Social Studies Animals in Winter on March 30, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at an approximate cost to the district of \$327.36.
17. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the visit of Cornell Cooperative Extension Suffolk County Farm and Education Center for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten to experience Meet the Farm Animals supporting Science Standards on June 6, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at an appropriate cost to the district of \$500.00.
18. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the visit of Long Island Science Center for pre-kindergarten to experience The World of Insects on April 18, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at an approximate cost to the district of \$275.00.

**Building Use**

19. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the building use request of the Southampton Fresh Air Home to use the parking areas of the district on June 3, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on June 4, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
20. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the building use request of Grade 8 to use the cafeteria for a Family Popcorn & Movie Night Fundraiser on March 6, 2023, with an alternative date of March 20, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**CSE Recommendations**

21. 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 January 4, 2023, January 10, 2023, January 11, 2023, February 1, 2023, February 8, 2023, for the following students.

#120480008	#120480557	#120480564	#120480781	#120480130
#120480122	#120480087	#120480113	#120480110	#120480191
#120480798	#120480794	#120480097	#120480604	

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**XV. Executive Session**

At 7:00 p.m. Sean Hattrick made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, seconded by Robert E. Grisnik, and unanimously carried.

At 7:27 p.m., the Board came out of Executive Session.

At 7:28 p.m., Sean Hattrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Timothy M. Gilmartin, and unanimously carried.

*Signed:*  
Lauri Lenahan, District Clerk