

TUCKAHOE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes - Annual Budget Hearing & Regular Board Meeting
May 8, 2023

Robert E. Grisnik, Chairman, called the Tuckahoe School Board of Trustees Annual Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:31 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:

Katy Bernichon	Chris Bernichon	Mary-Alice Halsey	Alison Goldberg
Andrea Dozier-Nartey	Sandra Dozier	Martha Stotzky	Wendy Gottlieb
Mitch Sobczyk	Eric Miah	Perla Miah	Summer Miah
Stephen Miah	Ian Miah	Jessica Clark	Chrisa Jo Jamotta
Kelly McClinchy	Brian Paddleford		

1. Pledge of Allegiance

II. District Clerk reads Notice of Meeting & Qualifications of Voters

District Clerk Lauri Lenahan reads the Notice of Meeting & Qualifications of Voters.

III. Presentation of the proposed 2023/2024 School Budget

Katelyn Fretto, School Business Official presented the 2023/2024 proposed Tuckahoe Common School Budget.

IV. Introduction of Andrea Dozier, Executive Director of the Southampton Youth Association

Andrea Dozier of the Southampton Youth Association presented and reviewed programs regarding the Southampton Youth Association proposition.

V. Introduction of Martha Stotzky, Deputy Director of the Parrish Art Museum

Martha Stotzky of the Parrish Art Museum presented and reviewed programs regarding the Parrish Art Museum proposition.

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VI. Review qualifications of voters and remind voters that voting will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the School Library.

District Clerk Lauri Lenahan reviewed the qualifications of voters and the date, time and place of the Budget Vote and Trustee Election.

VII. Motion at 7:08 p.m. to adjourn the Annual Budget Hearing and convene the Regular Board Meeting.

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

VIII. Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 3, 2023, and the Special Board Meetings on April 19, 2023, and April 28, 2023.

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

IX. Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

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

X. Correspondence

1. Correspondence was received by East End Health Plan Election Committee regarding the Trustee Election & Nominations.

XI. Superintendent/Principal Report

1. Enrollment Update:

PK-23, K-26, Grade 1-24, Grade 2-28, Grade 3-24, Grade 4-28, Grade 5-30, Grade 6-26, Grade 7-21, Grade 8-26 = 256

Southampton Elementary/Intermediate Schools-4, Southampton H.S.-138, Hampton Bays Elementary/Middle-1, WHBLC-3, Sequoya-1, Our Lady of the Hamptons-33, Raynor Country Day School-2, St. John's Baptist-2, St. Anthony's-2, Moriches Interm-1, Hayground-1, Lower Ross-5, It Takes a Village-1, Anderson Center-1, Home Schooled-4 = 199

Total Enrollment: students 455

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2. Mr. Skuggevik informed the Board that Tuckahoe Common School Grade 7 student Kiana Bonifacio won honorable mention for the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association Thirty-Seventh Annual Student Poetry Contest 2023, for her poem “Crochet”.
3. Mr. Skuggevik informed the Board of the upcoming school events which include the Grade 6 graduation from the D.A.R.E. program, Police Day, Spring concerts, P.T.O. Mothers’ Day Plant Sale, Scholastic Book Fair, and the school calendar’s unused snow days, which will be used May 25, May 26, and May 30, 2023.
4. Mr. Skuggevik updated the Board of the date change for Field Day to June 21, 2023.
5. Mr. Skuggevik reminded the Board of the upcoming Budget Vote & Trustee Election on May 16, 2023.

XII. Business Official’s Report

1. Mitch Sobczyk reviewed the “News & Notes” he prepared regarding work that has been completed to date.
2. Katelyn Fretto reviewed the Residency Report.
3. Katelyn Fretto reviewed the Monthly Fund Balance Analysis.
4. Katelyn Fretto informed the Board that Tuckahoe CSD has met the requirements and is eligible for the Community Eligibility Provision program. The Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the application process.

XIII. Assistant Superintendent

1. Doreen Buckley reviewed the completed New York State ELA & MATH Assessment testing for grades 3-8 and informed the Board of the upcoming NYSESLAT, and NYS Grade 8 Science tests.
2. Ms. Buckley updated the Board regarding the parent interest for PreK students to be included in the Summer School program.

XIV. New Business

1. Mr. Skuggevik informed the Board of the progress regarding busing for our PreK and private school students. He also mentioned there is an increase of Tuckahoe high school students interested in attending the B.O.C.E.S program for the 2023/2024 school year.

XV. Old Business

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1. Mr. Skuggevik informed the Board that the County Road 39 road work will be delayed until 2027.

XVI. P.T.O. Report - None

XVII. Tuckahoe Educational Foundation Report - None

XVIII. Public Commentary - None

XIX. 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 5 and 6 through 27.

Personnel

1. 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 Jessica Clark, who holds a valid New York State certificate permitting her to teach subjects in Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 6) and Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 6), to a four-year probationary position as an Special Education Teacher and Childhood Education teacher for the period from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2027; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Clark 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 9J (\$100,920) with applicable fringe benefits as per the TTA Contract.
2. 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 Perla Miah, who holds a valid New York State certificate permitting her to teach subjects in Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 6), to a four year probationary position as a Childhood Education Teacher for the period from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2027; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Miah 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 9L (\$105,802) with applicable fringe benefits as per the TTA Contract.

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3. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve Christopher Bernichon as Substitute Teacher as needed for the 2022/2023 school year effective April 17, 2023, at a rate of pay of \$185 per diem.
4. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept with regret the resignation of Lydia Bonner from the position of school monitor.
5. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accept with regret the resignation of LuLu Romano from the position of school monitor.

Finance

6. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the Engagement Letter for external auditing services from Cullen & Danowski for the 2022/2023 school year at a contract fee of \$31,700.
7. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve payment to Fowler's Garden Center for the purchase of mulch during the 2022/2023 school year not to exceed \$4,300.
8. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve payment to Bridgehampton UFSD to provide Health services to the Tuckahoe Common School District for the 2022/2023 school year for students who attend the Ross School.
9. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve payment to Melrose Pizza for the purchase of products and food for the annual budget vote and election on May 16, 2023.
10. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve Stop and Shop as a vendor for the 2022/2023 school year.

Appointments

11. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Rouslan Roudyshyn to the full-time position of Custodial Worker I effective May 8, 2023, at a base salary plus step one index of \$43,322.50 to be prorated for the 2022/2023 school year and the district to provide health and dental insurance coverage as per the CSEA contract.
12. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees appoint Lauri Lenahan, District Clerk, as the Chief Election Official for the Budget Vote and Trustee Election on May 16, 2023.
13. RESOLVED, in accordance with Education Law Section 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Tuckahoe Common School District hereby appoint Katelyn Fretto as Assistant District Clerk for the May 16, 2023, Budget Vote and Trustee Election.
14. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees appoint Mary-Alice Halsey, a school district resident, as the Election Chairperson for the Budget Vote and Trustee Election on May 16, 2023, at a rate of pay of \$18.00 per hour.

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15. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees appoint the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the Budget Vote and Trustee Election on May 16, 2023, at a rate of pay of \$17.00 per hour.

Fredricka Hughs
Alicia Farnam

Jenny Filingeri
Grace Kearns

Leith McLoughlin

16. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees appoint the following individuals as Election Inspectors for the Budget Vote and Trustee Election on May 16, 2023.

Katelyn Fretto

Marie Sellers

17. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees appoint Elizabeth Rodrigues as a Spanish language translator at the May 16, 2023, annual budget vote and election in accordance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; payment for services from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at contractual hourly rate.

Field Trips

18. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request and payment to the Pocono Environmental Education Center for the Grade 8 outdoor environmental education trip from October 18, 2023, to October 20, 2023, at an approximate cost to the district of \$8,591.75.
19. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request and payment to the Pocono Environmental Education Center for the Grade 7 outdoor environmental education trip from September 26, 2023, to September 29, 2023, at an approximate cost to the district of \$11,278.25.
20. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 4 to visit the Morton Wildlife Refuge for the purpose of Plant Science on May 24, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at an approximate cost to the district of \$425.56.
21. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 4 to visit the Southampton History Museum for the purpose of Social Studies NY Colonial Times on June 2, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at an approximate cost to the district of \$425.56.
22. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 4 to visit Old Bethpage Village Restoration for the purpose of Social Studies Colonial America on June 16, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a total cost of \$953.96, at an approximate cost to the district of \$645.96.
23. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of the Guidance Department and Grade 8 to visit Southampton High School for Southampton High School orientation on May 24, 2023, from 12:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at an approximate cost to the district of \$327.36.

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Building Use

24. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the building use request for the Student Council sponsored event of Dodge Ball for grade 4 and grade 5 in the gymnasium on May 23, 2023, from 2:50 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.
25. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the building use request of Bonnie Downs and Christina Collins to hold the Tuckahoe Talent Show in the cafetorium on June 16, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and tryouts and rehearsal in the gymnasium on May 22, 2023, May 23, 2023, and June 15, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CSE Recommendations

26. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre School Special Education from the meetings held on March 20, 2023, April 5, 2023, April 19, 2023, April 26, 2023, and May 3, 2023, for the following students.

#120480794	#120480572	#120480631	#120480682
#120480557	#120480715	#120480807	#120480805
#120480203	#120480163	#120480579	#120480635
#120480781			

Finance

27. **TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF TUCKAHOE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 8, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**
- RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TUCKAHOE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**
- Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called “Notes”) of Tuckahoe Common School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called “District”), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$2,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called “Law”).
- Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:
- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
 - (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
 - (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
 - (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this

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resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute tax certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

XX. Executive Session

At 7:32 p.m. Sean Hattrick made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, seconded by Timothy M. Gilmartin, and unanimously carried.

At 8:39 p.m., the Board came out of Executive Session.

At 8:39 p.m., Sean Hattrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Timothy M. Gilmartin, and unanimously carried.

Signed:
Lauri Lenahan, District Clerk