

**TUCKAHOE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes - PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**February 12, 2024**

Sean Hattrick, 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:

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

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

The following individuals were also present:

Brian Paddleford	Mary-Alice Halsey	Jessica Ovanessian
Elizabeth Rodrigues	Rita Berry	

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**New Legislation for Volunteer Fire Fighters/Ambulance Workers**

1. Mr. Skuggevik explained the new legislation regarding volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers reducing the required minimum years of service from five (5) to two (2) years. Adoption of the change must be done by resolution.

**II. 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 8, 2024, and the Budget Work Sessions on January 29, 2024, and February 5, 2024.

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

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**IV. Treasurer's Report**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2023 and January 2024.

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

**V. Correspondence**

1. Correspondence received from ESBOCES – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Executive Briefing & Dinner, February 28, 2024.
2. Correspondence received from ESBOCES – 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Suffolk Region PTA Showcase & Dinner, March 13, 2024.
3. Correspondence received from ESBOCES for Call for Nominations, April 16, 2024.

**VI. Superintendent/Principal Report**

1. **Enrollment Update:**  
PK-18, K-25, Grade 1-31, Grade 2-27, Grade 3-27, Grade 4-24, Grade 5-26, Grade 6-29, Grade 7-24, Grade 8-20 = 251  
Southampton Elementary/Intermediate Schools-4, Southampton H.S.-140, Hampton Bays-0, WHBLC-3, Montessori-0, Our Lady of the Hamptons-33, Raynor Country Day School-2, St. Anthony's-1, St. John Baptist-1, Chaminade-1, Sequoya HS-0, Hayground-1, HB Ward-0, Lower Ross-8, Moriches Interm-1, Alternatives-1, Anderson Center-1, Home Schooled-2= 199  
Total Enrollment: 450 students
2. Mr. Skuggevik informed the Board that Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation to declare Asian Lunar New Year a public-school holiday across New York State. Legislation (A.7768/S.7573) would ensure schools are not in session on Lunar New Year, underscoring Governor Hochul's commitment to supporting and protecting New York's AAPI community. Legislation (A.7768/S.7573) amends the education law to declare Asian Lunar New Year a public-school holiday statewide. The legislation requires that all public schools close for the Lunar New Year holiday. For the school year 2024/2025, school will be closed January 29, 2025, to observe Lunar New Year.

**VII. Business Official's Report**

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

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2. Mrs. Fretto reviewed the Residency Report.
3. Mrs. Fretto reviewed the Monthly Fund Balance Analysis.

**VIII. Assistant Superintendent**

1. Ms. Buckley informed the Board of the successful Field Testing of Grade 4 that took place February 7, 2024, and how impressed the testing instructors were with our school, students, teachers, and staff.

**IX. New Business**

1. Mr. Skuggevik recommended to the Board that Grade 8 Graduation return to an indoor ceremony beginning 2024/2025 school year.

**X. Old Business - None**

**XI. P.T.O. Report - None**

**XII. Public Commentary – None**

**XIII. 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 2 through 13.

**Administrative**

1. WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a was enacted to provide eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers with a real property tax exemption from school taxes on real property owned by the eligible volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker so long as the school district in which the real property is located, after public hearing, adopts a resolution authorizing the exemption subject to the requirements of New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a; and  
WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a provides for the additional benefits conferred by the statute applicable to the exemption from school taxes so long as the School District which has authorized the exemption under Section 466-a adopts a resolution authorizing such additional benefits;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Tuckahoe Common School District hereby authorizes the application of the Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Real Property Tax Exemption as contained in New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a in the amount of ten percent of assessed value; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a(2)(d), the Board of Education establishes a minimum service requirement for each applicant to be two years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a(2)(d), the Board of Education requires that application be made to local agency responsible for assessment to certify the individual as an enrolled member of a volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a(6), the Board of Education designates that application for exemption must be made to the local agency responsible for assessment of real property in the School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tuckahoe Common School District, does hereby continue an exemption granting an otherwise eligible volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker the exemption provided for in this resolution for the remainder of his or her life if the eligible volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tuckahoe Common School District does hereby continue an exemption claimed pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law 466-a to a deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty, subject to the requirements set forth in New York Real Property Tax Law 466-a(4); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tuckahoe Common School District, does hereby continue an exemption claimed pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law 466-a to a deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse, subject to the requirements set forth in New York Real Property Tax Law 466-a(5).

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

**Field Trips**

2. 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 20, 2024, through May 21, 2024, at an approximate cost to the district of \$10,831.36.
3. RESOLVED 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 2023/2024 school year at an approximate cost of \$1,085.
4. 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 1, 2024, through May 3, 2024, at an approximate cost to the district of \$13,301.52.

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5. 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 2023/2024 school year at an approximate cost of \$1,190.
6. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 2 to visit Long Island Aquarium to study animal life cycles and habitats on June 6, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. for a total cost of \$ 1,260.15 at an approximate cost to the district of \$792.15.
7. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 2 to visit Southampton Art Center for an Art history lesson on April 4, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at an approximate cost to the district of \$338.82.
8. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 3 to visit Southampton Art Center for an Art history lesson, gallery tour and Art activity on June 7, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., at an approximate cost to the district of \$648.15.
9. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 5 to visit Longhouse and Jackson Pollack House for an Art history lesson on May 30, 2024, with a rain date of May 31, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:15 at an approximate cost to the district of \$648.15.
10. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of Grade 1 to visit Longhouse Reserve for an Art tour and Art lesson on May 22, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at an approximate cost to the district of \$545.04.
11. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the field trip request of the Art Department to take Grade 6 to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art for an Art History lesson on March 8, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a total cost of \$3,058.00, which includes an approximate cost to the district of \$2,698.00.

**Building Use**

12. RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the building use request of Bonnie Downs to use the cafeteria and three (3) classrooms to host a Literacy Workshop on March 27, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**CSE Recommendations**

13. 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, 2024, January 18, 2024, January 24, 2024, January 25, 2024, January 29, 2024, January 31, 2024, February 1, 2024, and February 5, 2024, for the following students.

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#120480855	#120480728			

**XIV. Adjournment**

At 6:50 p.m., Sean Hattrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Timothy M. Gilmartin, and unanimously carried.

*Signed:*

Lauri Lenahan, District Clerk