

# EAST QUOGUE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *BOARD of EDUCATION*

Patricia Tuzzolo, President  
Cynthia McNamara, Vice-President

Dianna Gobler, Member  
Christopher Hudson, Member  
Jessica Stalters, Member

Robert J. Long, Jr., Superintendent of Schools/Principal

Lenore Rezza, District Clerk

### **Minutes**

**DATE** February 28, 2017

**KIND** Regular Meeting

**PLACE** Cafetorium

**CALL TO ORDER** Mrs. Tuzzolo  
**TIME** 6:50 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Dianna Gobler  
Cynthia McNamara  
Christopher Hudson  
Jessica Stalters

**OTHERS PRESENT** Robert J. Long, Superintendent of Schools/Principal, Lenore Rezza, District Clerk, and  
40 audience members.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
*The pledge was conducted.*

*At this time a motion was made for the Board to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations and the  
employment of a particular individual..*

*Mrs. McNamara moved, Mr. Hudson seconded*

*Motion Carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

**CALL TO ORDER** Mrs. Tuzzolo  
**TIME** 7:15 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Dianna Gobler  
Cynthia McNamara  
Christopher Hudson  
Jessica Stalters

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT** None

**OTHERS PRESENT** Robert J. Long, Superintendent of Schools/Principal, Lenore Rezza, District Clerk, and  
40 audience members.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
*The pledge was conducted.*

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

	<i>Student</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Grade</i>
<i>Art Student/ February</i>	Sarah Sganga	Mrs. Janice McLachlan	6
<i>Principal's Choice Award February</i>	Adrian Vuik	Mrs. Susan Masera	2
	Nicole Fink and Grace Smith	Mrs. Kim Palumbo	2
	Luismanuel De La Cruz and		
	Heidy Chicas	Mrs. Marrisa Thompson	2

<i>All Star Students</i>		<i>February (Integrity)</i>
<i>Grade</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Classroom Award</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	Mrs. Susan Bellucci	Eliana Fratello
	Mrs. Tina Braithwaite	Darryn Green and Sean Rhatigan
	Ms. Joanna Russo	Giancarlo Chacon
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Mrs. Linda O'Brien	Gavin Aldrich and Olivia Elliott
	Mrs. Eileen Variale	Matthew Moran
	Mrs. Stacey York	Drew Calloway
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Mrs. Patricia Koltzan	Hailey Dunkirk
	Ms. Jacqueline Martin	Noah Hebbard
	Mr. George Purkis	Janelle Franks

***All Star February Special Area (Physical Education) Awards***

<b>Grade K</b>	Mrs. Danielle Davin	Giovanna Alamia, Logen King, Jonathan Lopez, Gracie Meyer
<b>Grade 3</b>		Cooper Daniels, Caeden Dorn
<b>Grades K</b>	Mr. Matthew Maloney	Tyler Cagno, Kendall Riley
<b>Grade 3</b>		Mia Dermody, Dylan Fink, Ari Firestine, Natalie Stewart

***All Star February Special Area (Music) Award***

<b>Grade 5</b>	Mrs. Kim Clemensen	Edgar Arguello III, Amelie Vuik
<b>Grade 5</b>	Ms. Penni Russo	Isabella Jimenez and Gabriel Presutti

*All Committee Reports are limited to 5 minutes*

**BOARD REPORTS**

1. President's Report

*Mrs. Tuzzolo mentioned that she, together with Rob Long and Cynthia McNamara, attended a Network Council Meeting at WHB. She highlighted some of the issues discussed.*

2. Sub-Committee Reports:

*There were no sub-committee reports this month.*

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT(S)**

*Mr. Long spoke about the items on the agenda. He also spoke about the Glee Club, administrative structure, the School Report Card, the upcoming budget and the Tax Cap.*

**SCHOOL REPORTS**

1. Attendance reports for the month of January, 2017.

2. District Enrollment Data for *January, 2017*

<b>East Quogue figures:</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>December</b>
Elementary	417	413
Private/Parochial	13	12
Home Instruction	4	4
Out of District Special Ed	3	3
BOCES Special Ed	5	5
<b>Westhampton Beach figures:</b>		
Middle School	123	123
High School: full time	256	256
half time	22	22
Home Tutored	5	5
<b>District Total</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>840</b>

**REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

E. Quogue P.T.A.

*Mrs. Dalian mentioned some PTA sponsored current and upcoming events.*

Civic Association

*No items this month*

*Mr. Kandell mentioned that the Summer in the Park Concert Series list will be available shortly.*

## **COMMUNITY INPUT**

*There was no community input.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Girl Scout Troop 1637 Bronze Award Buddy Bench.

*Mr. Long explained the Buddy Bench idea. A short discussion followed. The Board indicated that they were in support of the project.*

Cornell Cooperative Extension Community Garden Project.

*Mr. Long explained that the District, with the help of a parent, was applying for a grant from Cornell Cooperative Extension to establish a community garden. A lengthy discussion followed. The Board agreed to further discussion if the grant was approved.*

## **Action Items**

### **A.1 Minutes**

**MOTION** to accept the Minutes of the January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting and the January 24 and February 8 Special Meetings.

*Mrs. McNamara moved, Mrs. Stalters seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

### **A.2 Business Office**

(a) **MOTION** to approve Payrolls 14, 15 and 16 and Warrants & Budget Control Reports for the month of January, 2017.

*Mrs. Gbler moved, Mrs. Stalters seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

(b) **MOTION** to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2017.

*Mrs. Gbler moved, Mrs. Stalters seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

(c) **MOTION** to approve the Budget Transfer Report, for all transfers as listed below, for the period ending February 16, 2017.

*Mrs. McNamara moved, Mr. Hudson seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

Code	Amount	Code	Amount
A1240.151	\$6,500	A1310.4	\$6,500
A2110.14	5,500	A1325.16	5,500
A2110.14	2,000	A1420.41	2,000
A1620.49	300	A1430.49	300
A1910.4	2,500	A1981.49	2,500
A2110.14	500	A2110.125	500
A2610.46	500	A2610.49	500
A2630.49	5,000	A2630.45	5,000
A2110.14	100	A2815.45	100
A2820.15	20,000	A2820.150	20,000
A9030.8	5,500	A9760.7	5,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,400</b>		<b>\$48,400</b>

### **A.3 Special Education**

**MOTION** for the Board of Education to accept the recommendations of the CSE, CPSE and 504 Committees held on the following dates:

*Mrs. Gbler moved, Mrs. Stalters seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

October 27, 2016,  
December 16, 2016  
January 23, 2017,  
February 13, 2017,

November 3, 2016,  
January 9, 2017  
January 26, 2017,

November 10, 2016,  
January 12, 2017  
January 26, 2017,

December 14, 2016,  
January 19, 2017,  
February 2, 2017,

**A.4 Personnel**

**MOTION** for the Board of Education to accept the recommendations of the Superintendent as follows:

*Mrs. Gbler moved, Mrs. McNamara seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

**Certificated**

To appoint Kim Clemensen as HMEA/SCMEA Club Assistant, for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

To appoint Grisel Baltazar as Chaperone for the Winter Concert on December 14, 2016.

To appoint Jennifer Luckingham as Assistant for the Coding Club, for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

To appoint Tami MacKay as Substitute Classroom Teacher, effective February 28, 2017.

To appoint Bonnie Chieffo as HMEA/SCMEA Club Assistant on March 11, 2017.

**A.5 Conferences**

(a) *None this month.*

**A.6 Bid Awards**

(a) *None this month.*

**B.1 Board of Education**

**Approval of the 2017 – 2018 School Calendar**

*The attached proposed School Calendar for the coming year contains 185 days, is closely aligned with Westhampton Beach. One day is built in for school closing emergencies.*

*Mrs. Gbler moved, Mrs. McNamara seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

(a) **MOTION** to adopt the East Quogue School District's proposed **2017-2018 school calendar**.

*Mr. Hudson moved, Mrs. McNamara seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

(b) **MOTION** to approve an MOA dated February 13, 2017 **between the East Quogue Union Free School District and the East Quogue Teachers' Association.**

*Mr. Hudson moved, Mrs. McNamara seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

(c) **MOTION** to approve the Agreement between **SCOPE Education Services and the East Quogue UFSD to provide After School Enrichment Programs** to the students of the East Quogue UFSD for the 2016 – 2017 school year, and authorizing the Board of Education President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

*Mrs. Gbler moved, Mrs. Stalters seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

(d) **MOTION** to **establish an after school Computer Coding Club**, as part of the after school enrichment offerings to grades K through 6.

(e) **Whereas**, On June 20, 2011 Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Property Tax Cap Legislation into law;

**Whereas**, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 established a tax levy limit (generally referred to as the tax cap) that affects all local governments (including counties, cities, towns, villages and fire districts) and school districts in New York State;

**Whereas**, the 2017-2018 budget cycle will mark the sixth year of the tax cap;

**Whereas**, this law was initially publicized as a 2% tax levy cap;

**Whereas**, under this law, the property taxes levied by affected local governments and school districts generally cannot increase by more than 2 percent, or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower;

**Whereas**, for the first two years under this law the rate of inflation was greater than 2%;

**Whereas**, for the last three years under the law, the rate of inflation has been less than 2%;

**Whereas**, for the 2016-2017 school year, the tax cap was set at 0.12%, or essentially zero;

**Whereas**, for the 2017-2018 budget cycle, the New York State Comptroller has announced that the rate of inflation is 1.26%, thus resulting in the fourth consecutive year below 2%;

**Whereas**, a fluctuating tax cap has made long-range fiscal planning and budgeting all but impossible;

**Whereas**, the East End Health Plan announced an approximate 7% increase in healthcare for 2017, which will result in a percentage increase which exceeds East Quogue's allowable levy percentage increase under the cap;

**Whereas**, factoring out our secondary school tuition expenses, approximately 76% of our budget is comprised of salary and benefits for employees who support services and programs for students;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the East Quogue UFSD Board of Education calls upon Governor Cuomo and our State Legislators to remove the connection between the tax cap and the rate of inflation, thus resulting in a 2% levy cap.

*A motion was made to accept the resolution, as written.*

*Mrs. Gobler moved, Mrs. Stalters seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

- (f) **MOTION** to approve the Agreement between Zycron Industries and the East Quogue UFSD to provide assistance with compliance with Medicaid funding obligations for the 2016 – 2017 school year, and authorizing the Board of Education President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

*Mrs. Gobler moved, Mr. Hudson seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

## **C.1 Policies**

- (a) **MOTION** to conduct a second reading and to adopt the policies listed below:

*Mrs. Gobler moved, Mr. Hudson seconded*

*Motion carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

<b>Policy #</b>	<b>Replacing Policies</b>	<b>Reason for Policy</b>
4112	4100.1	Update policy to reflect notice concerning school day
4200	4200	Update policy to reflect notice concerning curriculum policies
4325	4325	Update policy to reflect current law
4326	4326	Adopt policy to align with current law
4327	New Policy	Adopt policy to align with current law
4510 4511.1 4513	4510	Adopt policy to align with current law
4526 4526E 4526R	4526	Adopt policy to reflect current law
4526.1 4526.1-R	New Policy	Adopt policy to reflect current law
4710	New Policy	Adopt Policy to reflect current law

(b) **MOTION** to adopt the policies listed below:

*Mrs. Gobler moved, Mr. Hudson seconded*

*Motion carrier Yes – 5 No – 0*

Policy #	Replacing Policies	Reason for Policy
6700	6710 6710R 6720 6730 6731 6700-E(1) 6700-E(2)	Adopt revised policy to align with current law
6700-R	New Policy	Adopt policy as required by law

### **EAST QUOGUE UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **DATE**

3/1-3/17	Kindergarten Screening/Registration	Library	
3/3/17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Trip To WHB PAC		
3/7/17	Kindergarten & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades Graduation Pictures	Cafetorium	9:00 am
3/7/17	PTA Meeting	Cafetorium	9:15 am
3/9/17	Star Lab Field Trip – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Gymnasium	
3/10/17	Child's Play	Cafetorium	9:15 am & 2:00 pm
3/12/17	Daylight Savings Time Begins		
3/14/17	Math-A-Thon Kickoff	Cafetorium	2:00 pm
3/17/17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends		
3/21/17	BOE Meeting	Cafetorium	7:15 pm

### **WESTHAMPTON BEACH UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **DATE**

3/2/17	MS PTO Meeting	MS Library	7:00 pm
3/3/17	MS PTO Meeting	MS Library	7:00 pm
3/3/17	HS/MS Five Week Marking Period Ends		
3/4/17	PTO Ski Trip		
3/6/17	Board of Education Meeting	HS Library	7:00 pm
3/11/17	SAT Exam	MS Library	7:00 pm
3/14/17	HS PTO Meeting	HS Library	7:00 pm
3/17/17	Sophomore Career Café	HS Gym	8:15 – 11:15 am
3/20/17	Board of Education Meeting	HS Library	7:00 pm

### **Items for information only**

**D.1** Minutes from the Westhampton Beach January 9 and January 23, 2017 Board of Education meetings.

**D.2** Letter from Girl Scout Troop 1637 requesting approval of a Buddy Bench.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Special Education Program Review.

*Mr. Long spoke about the audit and the meeting with the State Ed representative, Michael Schmidt, who indicated that the audit went very well with a minimum number of non-compliance issues. A full written report will be available shortly.*

Meeting with Senator LaValle and Assemblyman Thiele.

*Mr. Long spoke about the meeting he had with the Senator and Assemblyman, also attended by Mrs. Stalters and Mrs. Gobler.*

*He mentioned that they were very receptive to funding a Pre-Kindergarten application and program at East Quogue. Mrs. Gobler and Mrs. Stalters also spoke very positively of the meeting.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

March 21, 2017

Regular Meeting

6:45 pm Cafetorium

**Executive Session if necessary**

*At this time a motion was made for the Board to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations and the employment of a particular individual..*

*Mrs. McNamara moved, Mr. Hudson seconded*

*Motion Carried Yes – 5 No – 0*

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the public session was adjourned by Mrs. Tuzzolo at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Lenore Rezza  
District Clerk