

SPRINGS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
48 SCHOOL STREET
EAST HAMPTON, NEW YORK 11937

MISSION STATEMENT

“Springs School is dedicated to providing a foundation for personal and social growth in order to develop students of exemplary character who become responsible, productive and caring citizens.”

**Springs School Board of Education
MINUTES
May 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Board President, Elizabeth Mendelman, and the Pledge was recited.

The following people were in attendance: Elizabeth Mendelman, President; John Grant, Vice President; Timothy Frazier, Adam Wilson and Jeffrey Miller trustees of the Board. John Finello, Superintendent; Eric Casale, Principal, Thomas Primiano, Treasurer; and Frances Silipo, District Clerk. Mr. Richard Burns and Dr. Robert Tymann from East Hampton School District joined the Board at the table.

A motion was made by John Grant, seconded by Timothy Frazier and the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

Approval of Minutes – Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes from the monthly meeting held on April 10, 2014 and May 1, 2014.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

(A) Information Items

A-1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the law firm Hamburger, Maxson, Yaffe, Knalier & McKnally, LLP, special counsel to the Springs School District in the pending appeal before the Commissioner of Education entitled Board of Education, Springs Union Free School District v. Board of Education, East Hampton Union Free School District, et al., Appeal No. 19780, is directed to withdraw the appeal without prejudice to any future proceedings.

A motion was made by Timothy Frazier, seconded by Jeffrey Miller and the Board adopted resolution A-1 by consent.

Mr. Finello introduced Larry Farrell to in addition to Richard Burns and Dr. Tymann to share a presentation on the Accelerated Middle School Math Proposal. East

Hampton District hired Mr. Farrell to work on this proposal and they invited Springs Math department to join in. Everyone spoke very highly of the efforts involved and the changes to be made. The program supports the expectations and continuity of the K-12 Common Core Standards, while meeting the academic needs of student who are ready to move at a more accelerated pace Mr. Farrell was joined by Ms. Amiccucci, Ms. Cleary and Ms. Mullarkey from the Springs Math department.

Mr. Casale reported on the current enrollment with a total of 1,044 district wide.

Mr. Primiano gave a final overview for the official Budget Hearing for the Budget Vote to be held on May 20, 2014.

PERSONNEL-

A motion was made by John Grant, seconded by Adam Wilson and the following resolutions P-1 through P-3 were unanimously approved by the Board of Education:

P – 1 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves a leave of absence for Amanda Rivera from a Teaching Assistant position, effective May 13, 2014 and ending June 26, 2014.

P – 2 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves Amanda Rivera as the substitute leave replacement Special Education teacher for Rachel Cook, effective May 13, 2014 and ending June 26, 2014.

P -3 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Jaqlyn Rossi, as a Teaching Assistant leave position effective May 21, 2014 and ending June 26, 2014.

A motion was made by Timothy Frazier, seconded by John Grant and the following resolutions F-1 through F-6 were unanimously approved by the Board of Education:

F – 1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Claims Audit reports for April in the sum of \$1,215,202.69 as submitted and kept on file in the office of the District Clerk.

F – 2 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Budget Transfer #10, as submitted and kept on file in the office of the District Clerk.

F – 3 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts funds in the amount of \$1175.00 from the PTA for the sole use of bus transportation on February 24, 2014, for the students who participated in the True Blue 52 Opera Company.

F – 4 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation in the amount of \$5000 from the Hampton’s Marathon.

F – 5 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the purchase of a 66 passenger propane fueled school bus from the NYS cooperative bid list (contract #PC65656) from Bird Bus Sales and Service, Port Washington, NY for a cost of \$107,746.82, payable over four years, funded from the district budget.

F – 6 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Administrative Budget of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for 2014-15, as filed in the Office of the District Clerk, effective April 23, 2014.

F – 7 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints William Ferris, Esq. of the law firm Bracken, Margolin Besunder, LLP as Special Counsel for the purpose of investigating a personnel matter at the rate of \$245 per hour.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

May 20, 2014 – Budget Vote 1-9

June 9, 2014

A motion was made by Jeffrey Miller, seconded by Timothy Frazier and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

**Frances E. Silipo
District Clerk**