

**Date: February 6, 2018**

**DATE**

**Kind of Meeting:** Executive Session/Regular Meeting

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Call Meeting to Order:** The Meeting of the Board was called to order by James P. Foster, President, at 5:09 p.m. A motion was offered by Mrs. Pucci, and seconded by Ms. Geehreg to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing: (1) Matters leading to the appointment of particular persons; (2) The employment history of particular persons; (3) Matters leading to the dismissal of a particular person; (4) Matters otherwise confidential by State or Federal statute, attorney-client matters; and (5) Matters made confidential by Federal Law under FERPA involving students.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ENTER INTO REGULAR SESSION**

Motion Carried (7-0)

The Board reconvened into public session at 6:35 p.m. motioned by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Mrs. DeSanti, followed by the Pledge.

There was an audience of approximately twenty-four (24) people. One member of the press was present.

**Board Members Present:** James P. Foster, President, Christina DeSanti, Vice President, Richard Wilson, Jacqueline Lowey, Wendy Geehreg, John Ryan, Sr. and Elizabeth Pucci

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Board Members Absent:** None

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**Central Administration Present:** Richard J. Burns, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert Tymann, Assistant Superintendent, and Isabel Madison, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and Jonathan Heidelberger, Esq.

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

**Central Administration Absent:** None

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION ABSENT**

**Administrative Team Members Present:** Robert Hagan and Beth Doyle. Joe Vasile-Cozzo arrived at the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM PRESENT**

**Administrative Team Members absent:** Cindy Allentuck, Adam Fine, Charles Soriano, and Elizabeth Reveiz

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM ABSENT**

**News of the Schools:** N/A

**NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS**

**Public Comments (Agenda Items):** Members of the community were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on Board Agenda items.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Consent Agenda:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was offered by Mrs. DeSanti, and seconded by Ms. Geehreg, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board accept item #1 through item #7 of the Consent Agenda as written and place on file.

1. That the Board accept the Minutes of January 16, 2018 as written and place on file.

**MINUTES: January 16, 2018**

2. That the Board approve the Check Warrants for January 2018 as recommended by the Finance Review Committee and place on file.

**CHECK WARRANTS: January 2018**

3. That the Board accept the November 2017 Treasurer’s Report as written and place on file.
4. That the Board approve a medical leave for Eva Iacono, ENL Teacher, effective January 2, 2018 through on or about March 1, 2018 using thirty-four (34) days of Ms. Iacono’s accrued sick days.
5. That the Board accept Noelle Jack’s request for a paid leave of absence for child rearing purposes effective on or about April 13, 2108 through on or about June 5, 2018 using thirty-seven (37) days of Ms. Jack’s accrued sick days, and a leave without pay from on or about June 6, 2018 through the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, and a leave without pay from September 4, 2018 through November 30, 2018.
6. That the Board approve the Special Education Service Agreement between East Hampton Union Free School District and Metro Therapy, Inc. for the purpose of providing special education services on an as need basis for the 2017-2018 school year.
7. That the Board accept the following Interscholastic Coach resignations as follows:  
  
Claude Beudert, Varsity Boys Tennis Coach effective February 11, 2018, and Scott Abran, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach effective February 1, 2018

**TREASURER’S  
REPORT:  
November 2017**

**MEDICAL LEAVE:  
Eva Iacono, ENL  
Teacher**

**MATERNITY LEAVE:  
Noelle Jack**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
SERVICE  
AGREEMENT: between  
EHUFSD & Metro  
Therapy, Inc.**

**INTERSCHOLASTIC  
COACH  
RESIGNATIONS:  
Claude Beudert  
Scott Abran**

**Superintendent’s Report and Recommendations:**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S  
REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. A motion was offered by Ms. Lowey and seconded by Mrs. Pucci, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption (State Law Basic Maximums) Resolution as follows:

**ALTERNATIVE  
VETERANS’ TAX  
EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, by virtue of the enactment of Chapter 518 of the Laws of 2013, the New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) was amended to authorize school districts to provide an exemption from school district taxation for veterans under RPTL §458-a, and

WHEREAS, the state legislation was intended to provide war time veterans a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of certain real property situated in the School District and owned and used as their primary residence by eligible veterans (the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Hampton Union Free School District (“Board of Education”) wishes to adopt the provisions of §458-a in order to extend partial real property tax exemptions to eligible and qualified property owners for assessment rolls prepared on the basis of the taxable status date occurring on or after March 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 6, 2018 in East Hampton, New York, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

- I. The Board of Education hereby adopts the definitions of “qualified owner,” “qualifying residential real property” and “veteran” as provided in the Real Property Tax Law, section 485-a(1)(c),(d) and (e), respectively; and

- II. Eligible recipients shall be entitled to the exemptions provided in Real Property Tax Law, section 485-a(2)(a), (b) and (c) to a maximum of twelve thousand dollars, eight thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, respectively, and
- III. Tenant-stockholders of eligible cooperative corporations, shall be eligible to receive such exemptions as provided in Real Property Tax Law 485-a(6)\*, and
- IV. Recipients of these exemptions shall be permitted to transfer, on a pro-rata basis, the exemption to another home purchased within the East Hampton Union Free School District as provided in Real Property Tax Law 485-a(8)\*\*.

\* Extends, to residents of cooperatives, this exemption on the same basis as owners of real property.

\*\* Allows recipients of this exemption who sell their home and purchase another home within the district to transfer the exemption on a prorated basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to provide certified copies of this resolution to Suffolk County, the East Hampton Town Assessor’s Office, and any other taxing jurisdiction located within the School District.

Motion Carried (7-0)

- 2. A motion was offered by Mrs. DeSanti, and seconded by Mr. Wilson, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the Gold Star Parent Exemption Resolution as follows:

**GOLD STAR PARENT  
TAX EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has adopted the provisions of §458-a of the Real Property Tax Law which grants a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of certain real property situated in the School District and owned and used as their primary residence by eligible veterans (the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to include “Gold Star Parents” (a parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of war) within the definition of qualified owner for the purpose of receiving the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption as permitted by Real Property Tax Law, section 485-a(7), and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 6, 2018 in East Hampton, New York, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Hampton Union Free School District, hereby approves the inclusion of a Gold Star Parents within the definition of “qualified owner”, and property owned by a Gold Star Parent and used as the primary residence within the definition of “qualifying residential property” for the purpose of receiving the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to provide certified copies of this resolution to Suffolk County, the East Hampton Town Assessor’s Office, and any other taxing jurisdiction located within the School District.

Motion Carried (7-0)

3. A motion was offered by Mrs. DeSanti, and seconded by Ms. Geehreg, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the Cold War Veterans' Property Tax Exemption Resolution as follows:

**COLD WAR  
VETERANS'  
PROPERTY TAX  
EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, by virtue of the enactment of Chapter 253 of the Laws of 2016, the New York State Real Property Tax law ("RPTL") was amended to authorize school districts to provide a real property tax exemption from school district taxation for Cold War veterans under RPTL§458-b; and

WHEREAS, the state legislation was intended to provide Cold War veterans with real property tax exemptions similar to tax exemptions given to other war time veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Hampton Union Free School District ("Board of Education") desires by this resolution to extend similar real property tax exemptions to Cold War veterans who are eligible and qualified property owners pursuant to RPTL §458-b; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 6, 2018 in East Hampton, New York; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

- I. The Board of Education hereby adopts the definitions of "qualified owner," "qualified residential real property" and "Cold War veteran" as provided in the RPTL§458-b(1); and
- II. Eligible recipients shall be entitled to the exemption provided under RPTL§458-b(2)(a) to a maximum of ten percent of the assessed value of such property; provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed the product of eight thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less; and
- III. Eligible recipients shall be entitled to the exemption provided under RPTL§458-b(2)(b) to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by fifty percent of the Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed the product of forty thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less; and
- IV. Tenant-stockholders of eligible cooperative corporations, shall be eligible to receive such exemptions as provided in RPTL§458-b(7), and
- V. If a Cold War veteran receives an exemption under section 458 or 458-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, the Cold War veteran shall not be eligible to receive the exemption provided by this resolution; and
- VI. The exemption provided under paragraph II of this resolution shall be granted for a period of ten (10) years, the commencement, measurement and expiration of which shall be governed pursuant to RPTL§458-b(2)(c)(iii).
- VII. Application for the exemption shall be made by the owner, or all of the

owners, of the qualified residential real property on a form prescribed by the state.

- VIII. This resolution may be repealed by the Board of Education. Any such repeal shall occur at least ninety (90) days prior to the taxable status date of the County of Suffolk.

Motion Carried (7-0)

4. A motion was offered by Mrs. Pucci, and seconded by Ms. Geehreg, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following appointments for the 2017-2018 school year:

**APPOINTMENTS**

Substitute Teachers

Lilian Munguia @ certified substitute daily rate of \$150.00

Robert Rivera @ certified substitute daily rate of \$150.00

Trefny Dix @ uncertified substitute daily rate of \$125.00

JMMES Lunch Monitors @ \$17.94 per hour

Shannon Trelease

Margaret Bennett

Middle School Science Olympiad Program

Nicholas Finazzo- \$8,006.30, pro-rated (Saturdays) - amendment due to movement on salary

Guide

HS Musical Set Design – effective February 7, 2018

Dennis Sisco, Factor 7, \$2,704.00

Interscholastic Coaches

Amanda Van Nostrand – substitute MS Girls Basketball Coach, Level IV (Grade 8), \$1,043.60 – effective January 26, 2018

Lisa Farbar – Girls Varsity Assistant Lacrosse Coach, Level III, 0 years, \$6,212.00

Henry Meyer – Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, Level III, 4 years, \$6,523.00

Weight Room Supervisor Substitute

Donnelly McGovern – at the hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a maximum of two hours per day, five days per week, on an as need basis for the Spring 2018 Lacrosse season.

Motion Carried (7-0)

5. A motion was offered by Mrs. DeSanti, and seconded by Mr. Wilson, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board accept the letter of resignation from George Warren, School Bus Driver, effective January 25, 2018.

**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL  
RESIGNATION;  
George Warren**

Motion Carried (7-0)

6. A motion was offered by Ms. Lowey, and seconded by Ms. Geehreg, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the first reading of the amended District Wellness Policy (#5661).

**FIRST READING:  
District Wellness Policy  
(#5661)**

Motion Carried (7-0)

7. A motion was offered by Mrs. DeSanti, and seconded by Ms. Geehreg, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board approve the first reading of the East Hampton Union Free

**FIRST READING:  
EHUFSD 2018-2019**

Motion Carried (7-0)

8. A motion was offered by Ms. Lowey, and seconded by Mrs. Pucci, to wit:  
RESOLVED, that the Board approve the amended Consultant Agreement between East Hampton Union Free School District and East End Young Arts Initiative for the purpose of providing costume/prop rentals, software and digital service, a digital backdrop system, and paint supplies in the amount of \$10,890.00 for the 2017-2018 school year.

**AMENDED  
CONSULTANT  
AGREEMENT between  
EHUFSD & East End  
Young Arts Initiative**

Motion Carried (7-0)

9. A motion was offered by Mrs. DeSanti, and seconded by Ms. Geehreg, to wit:  
RESOLVED, that the Board approve the Consultant Agreement between East Hampton Union Free School District and Quantum Sound Systems for the purpose of providing the sound system for the East Hampton High School's spring musical in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the 2017-2018 school year.

**CONSULTANT  
AGREEMENT between  
EHUFSD & Quantum  
Sound Systems**

Motion Carried (7-0)

10. A motion was offered by Mrs. DeSanti, and seconded by Mr. Ryan, Sr., to wit:  
RESOLVED, that the Board approve the Consultant Agreement between East Hampton Union Free School District and Stamford Tent, dba Stamford Tent and Event Services, for the purpose of providing event services for the High School's June 2018 Commencement Ceremony in the amount of \$22,128.00.

**CONSULTANT  
AGREEMENT between  
EHUFSD & Stamford  
Tent dba Stamford Tent  
and Event Services**

Motion Carried (7-0)

11. A motion was offered by Ms. Geehreg, and seconded by Mr. Wilson, to wit:  
RESOLVED, that the Board approve the following Budget Transfers:

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

- a) Art Instr. Sal., 9/12, \$53,986.91 / From A2115.1300-12 to A2112.1300-12 (Art teacher in the HS department)
- b) Foreign Lang. Instr. Sal., 9/12, \$21,555.75 / From A2121.1300-12 to 2116.1300-12 (Foreign Language teacher in HS department)
- c) Music Instr., 4-6, \$38,214.20 / From A2122.1200-11 to A2122.1210-11 (position miscoded)
- d) Science Instr. Sal., 7-8, \$55,311.70 / From A2122.1300-12 to A2123.1300-13 (position reassignment)
- e) Soc. Studies Instr. Sal., 7/8, \$40,300.00 / From A2132.1210-11 to A2125.1300-13 (position reassignment)
- f) Spec. Ed. Instr. Sal., K-6, \$40,000.00 / From A2122.1200-11 to A2250.1500-11  
Spec. Ed. Instr. Sal., K-6, \$38,015.14 / From A2122.1300-12 to A2250.1500-11 (position reassignment)
- g) Spec. Ed. Non-Instr. Sal., 7/8, \$36,625.05 / From A2810.1500-12 to A2250.1600-13 (position reassignment)

**New Business**

A motion was offered by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by John Ryan, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Motion Carried (7-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kerri S. Stevens, District Clerk