

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  
October 20, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by President, Elizabeth Mendelman and the Pledge of allegiance was recited. Mrs. Mendelman introduced Ms. Bertaglia from the audit firm of RS Abrams & Co. LLP.

Ms. Bertaglia gave the update on the annual finance report. She reported a smooth audit although having a fund balance of over the 4% limit. There was some questions from the board members about our current financial system, verses a newer version such as Finance Manager.

Mr Casale introduced Kate Rabinowitz, in memory of her daughter, Ms. Rabinowitz has formed the Anna Lytton Foundation. The foundation will be a wellness program including yoga, nutrition, cooking and the arts. These were all of Anna's favorite things. The program is titled "Mindfulness" and starting November 4<sup>th</sup>. Five classes will be offered per grade in grades K-4, which will include yoga, nutrition and cooking classes. Art and poetry will be combined with field trips. Other ideas are a website about the foundation and implementing yoga as part of group sports as well as poetry slams.

The Board President gave her report for the month including the announcement of a 554k grant through NYS Department of Transportation. Improvements will be made to the intersection of School Street and Springs Fireplace Road. It will assist with the flooding and safety. The EH Town Board approved a resolution on October 16<sup>th</sup> selecting a great firm that are very experienced with a great reputation and many projects under their belt.

Mrs. Mendelman announced that the Board would be posting their committee meeting minutes on the website for each of the Board's committees. It would be informative for the community and parents.

The Comptroller's report was received on October 4, 2014 as they complete audits every five years. They audited the District's financial condition as well as the accruals for 2011-12 and 2012-13. Carl Fraser was introduced as a consultant that has been working on the findings and response. Mr. Fraser reported that the fund balance was 14% and has actually been lowered to 8 and 1/2 % and will be in compliance with the next budget cycles.

Mr. Fraser reported that the accruals were tested through AESOP and Info staff sampling 10 random staff members. He explained that there could be manual errors or system errors due to the yearly roll over system. The response letter will be available to send to the state in December.

President, Elizabeth Mendelman reported that the school has received a waiver as a part time superintendent for Mr. Finello. Mr. Finello will be working on a full time basis for three years beginning in January.

**A motion was made by John Grant, seconded by Tim Frazier and the following resolution was approved:**

**Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes from the monthly meeting held on October 20, 2014.**

**A motion was made by John Grant, seconded by Jeffrey Miller and P-1 through P- 4 were unanimously approved.**

**P -1 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the following stipended appointments for the winter sports schedule:**

<b>Ana Jacobs</b>	<b>Girls Volleyball</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>\$4804</b>
<b>Scott Abran</b>	<b>Boys Basketball</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>\$4564</b>

**P – 2 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves Principal Eric Casale and Assistant Principal Cleopatra Panagiosoulis as Lead Evaluators as per their recertification for 2014-15 school year.**

**P - 3 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves Director of Pupil Services, Keri Delalio as a Lead Evaluator for the 2014-15 school year.**

**P -4 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of agreement dated July 11, 2011 through June 30, 2016 between Springs UFSD and The Springs Custodial Unit.**

**A motion was made by Timothy Frazier, seconded by John Grant and F-1 through F-7 were unanimously approved:**

**F -1 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the assessed valuation of \$24,283,562, as received from the Office of the Town Assessor, to establish the tax levy for the 2014-2015 school year and**

**Be it further resolved that the tax levy for school purposes for the 2014-15 year will be established at \$23,931,016 \$24,073,824 (includes STAR estimate of \$584,838) less a total overpayment of \$142,808 by East Hampton town, which includes \$44,358 for 2013-14, \$50,142 for 2012-13, and \$48,308 from 2011-12), and**

**Be it further resolved that the Town of East Hampton will set the New York State School Tax Relief (STAR) reimbursement amount with the remaining balance to be collected by the Town of East Hampton Tax Collector.**

**F – 2 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following reports filed in the Office of the District Clerk which have been submitted by the District’s External Auditors, R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP,**

1. Financial Statements and Supplementary Schedules, dated June 30, 2014, with the Independent Auditors' Reports, dated October 10, 2014;
2. Extra-classroom Activity Funds Financial Statement, dated June 30, 2014, with the Independent Auditors' Report, dated October 10, 2014;
3. Statement on Auditing Standards letter, dated October 10, 2014; and
4. Management letter dated October 10, 2014

**F- 3** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the District's response to the Management Letter, dated October 10, 2014, filed in the Office of the District Clerk

**F – 4** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Tax Anticipation Note Resolution as attached and kept on file in the office of the District Clerk. (See attachment)

**F – 5** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the monetary grants from Mitchell and Robin Modell of \$1,000 for special education, including possible playground upgrades.

**F-6** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the superintendent to execute an agreement with McCoy Bus Company, as filed in the office of the District Clerk, for the purpose of securing transportation services in the event of a staffing or vehicle shortage for the 2014-15 school year.

**F – 7** Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the claims audit reports in the following sums:

**Warrant # 6 - \$80,800.68**

**Warrant # 7 - \$523,341.58**

**Warrant # 8 - \$877.44**

**Warrant # 9 - \$499,141.81**

A motion was made by John Grant, seconded by Jeffrey Miller and the following was unanimously approved:

**SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre School Special Education:

**CPSE: Case numbers 1 and 2**

**CSE: Case numbers 1 through 7 as submitted and kept on file in the office of the District Clerk. A motion was made by Jeffrey Miller, seconded by John Grant and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.**