

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” December 10, 2013

President’s Report...

Highlights of BOE president Janice Elkin’s report included the following:

Thank you for coming this evening to what will be our last board meeting in 2013. Many activities have taken place since we last met. I would like to mention but a few which highlight the diversity of interest and talent in our district, as well as the high degree of achievement and community involvement.

First, Mr. Simon, Dr. Wilansky, and Dr. Dawkins attended ceremonies in Washington D.C. as West Side School was honored as a Blue Ribbon School and later that same week Regent Tilles visited West Side to celebrate with the staff and students. The Senior High production of Oz took place to rave reviews. The Robotics Team placed in the finals at HHH. All twelve of our Fall Varsity teams were named New York State Scholar Athlete Teams with GPAs between 90.24 and 95.2. These teams include: Girls Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Girls Swimming and Diving, Boys Soccer, Boys Cross Country, Girls Field Hockey Girls Crew, Girls Soccer, Boys Crew, Boys Golf, Girls Volleyball and Football. Congratulations to our students and advisors/coaches/directors.

As a district, and as individuals, we strive to instill in even our youngest students the desire to be thoughtful, compassionate and giving members of society. At school this is reinforced by teaching through example and modeling what it means to display respect and dignity for all. Each year our students astound us by the ways in which they give back to the community whether it is local or global in nature. Some examples include food, book, toy, and coat drives. Also this year over 20 students continued the tradition of Locks of Love by donating their hair so that wigs can be made for those in need. This literally is an example of giving of oneself.

In a similar spirit of service tonight we are very pleased to have appointed a community member to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Joseph Morante. We appreciate the time and commitment that being on the board requires and we thank Mr. Mark McAteer for his enthusiasm and readiness to take on this most important role.

As the holiday season is upon us it is fitting that we take the time to sit back, reflect on what is important in our lives and reach out to do what we can for others. We wish you peace and health in the year to come.

Appointment of Board of Education Member...

The Board of Education appointed Mark McAteer to serve as a member of the Board of Education to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Joseph Morante, effective immediately upon qualification to serve until the next annual school district election. He was sworn in officially by the School District attorney, Mr. Jack Feldman.

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

The Holiday Music High School Chamber Singers: Andrea Galeno Instrumental Group: Brent Chiarrello. *Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the musical performance has been postponed until the January BOE meeting.*

Audit Report: Presentation of Audit Report by Nawrocki & Smith, LLP, Certified Public Accountants: *Mr. Michael Nawrocki CPA, Partner and Mr. Ted Campbell CPA, Manager.*

Board Actions...

Resignation: The resignation for the purpose of retirement of *Rosalind Shaffer*, West Side Principal's Secretary, be accepted with deep appreciation for her many years of service to the District, effective November 30, 2013.

Appointments:

Megan Nelsen – Leave Replacement Teacher LOTE (HS)

Leanne Loizides – Leave Replacement English Teacher (HS)

Kristine O'Malley-Levy approved as advisor to Hawk Talk Morning News Show (HS) for the 2013-2014 school year.

Joanne Katz – Leave Replacement Elementary Special Education Teacher (GHP)

Donations:

The BOE accepted the generous donation of **Fitness Equipment from Island Sports Therapy:**

1. Nautilus Nitro Leg Press
2. Nautilus Nitro Hamstring curl
3. Nautilus Nitro Knee Extension
4. Cybex Abdominal plate loaded
5. Hoist Lat Pull
6. Nautilus Skate Machine

Disposal of Equipment:

The Board of Education approved of disposal of athletic sweatpants and sweat shirts that have not been used in many years. The sweatpants and sweat shirts will be donated to the Helping Hands Rescue Mission in Huntington.

Field Trips:

7th Grade Band: The Board of Education approved a field trip for the 7th grade band to participate in the Trills and Thrills Music Festival on Friday, May 30, 2014. Performances will take place in Neptune, NJ and students will then be transported to Six Flags Great Adventure for the afternoon.

French Field Trip: The Board of Education approved a trip to Montreal for French from March 27, 2014 to Sunday, March 30, 2014.

Letter Authorization to Governor Cuomo & Commissioner King:

The Board of Education authorized the Board of Education President, on the behalf of the school district, to communicate by letter to Governor Cuomo and Commissioner King requesting a judicious examination of the implementation of the New York State Assessments for the purpose of bringing about change that will strengthen instructional programs and engender support for the implementation of Common Core Learning Standards.

Turf Field Naming:

The Board of Education hereby named the Cold Spring Harbor High School field...

"The Lessing and Bouchard Field, Home of the Seahawks."

In 2003, the Lessing and Bouchard families generously offered to completely finance the construction of a state of the art turf field for Cold Spring Harbor High School. The new field was one of the first turf fields installed on the property of a public high school on Long Island. The Lessing and Bouchard families donated the cost of the 2013 replacement of the turf field and in the past 10 years, thousands of students have enjoyed the thrill of playing and competing on the field and it is anticipated that future generations will continue to enjoy the benefits of playing on the turf field. The Board of Education wishes to express its gratitude to the Lessing and Bouchard families for their generous and thoughtful gift.

Budget Transfers approved....

Claims Auditor's Reports approved....

Budget Calendar 2014-2015 approved...

Response to Intervention Plan approved....

Special Education Reports approved for contracts between the District and Dr. Barry McNamara Tutoring Service of Long Island....

Upcoming Meetings...

January 14th - Board of Education Meeting – 8pm
(no Board of Work Sessions will be held in December)

January 28th – Board of Education Community Budget Forum, District Office, 7:30pm
Most meetings are held at the Francis Roberts Community Center (District Office)
75 Goose Hill Rd., Cold Spring Harbor
(To confirm location check District web site – www.csh.k12.ny.us)

For the full Board of Education Agenda, please log onto our website.