

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” February 11, 2014

President’s Report...

BOE president Dr. Janice Elkin’s report included the following:

Welcome. We held our Community Budget Forum on Tuesday, January 28th at which time Dr. Bernhard gave a very comprehensive and understandable presentation on the various elements of our budget, mandated expenses, state aid, this year’s tax cap, and the impact of these factors when crafting this year’s budget and planning for the future in the context of unpredictable parameters. Dr. Wilansky and Ms. Bellino followed with a second comprehensive presentation of the scope of our academic and extracurricular programs as well as a discussion of class size and a look at class size among cohorts in other Long Island school districts. Their presentation made it apparent that we continue to provide our children with a very rich overall academic experience. Community members were offered the opportunity to share comments and suggestions with the board. We will now continue the budget process by conducting meetings with building administrators and program directors in which the board will have an opportunity to review and prioritize budget requests. These meetings are open to the public.

In addition Dr. Wilansky, Mrs. Helen Daly and I attended a Western Suffolk Legislative Meeting in which many of our legislators spoke about issues related to the governor’s proposed education budget and aid to Long Island Schools, as well as concerns about the manner in which the Common Core, primarily its testing, have been implemented in New York. It was a meaningful exchange, and I believe that our local representatives have listened and comprehend the concerns of parents and educators that relate to the implementation timeline.

Mrs. Daly our Central Parents Council president invited Senator Carl Marcellino to last Thursday’s CPC meeting. Senator Marcellino explained some of the mechanics of creating the state education budget and gave some history about state aid and funding in NY. He also spoke about issues related to pre-k funding and responded to parent’s concerns about the implementation timeline of common core based regents testing. I would like to thank Senator Marcellino, Mrs. Daly and all of the parents who attended for a very informative discussion.

We are very excited to hear from our virtual enterprise students this evening. Our students continue to demonstrate their talents in many arenas. Many of our athletes and teams have earned personal and team honors as they move into playoff and championship rounds. These include, but are not limited to: girls track, varsity boys basketball, varsity girls basketball, varsity wrestling, and varsity boys swimming and Diving. Our students continue to gain acceptance to a myriad of diverse colleges which match their individual interests and career goals. And there are even some reports of sightings of students shoveling snow around their houses—so things are as they should be.

Superintendent's Report...

Dr. Judith A. Wilansky's report included the following:

Good evening....

It is such a pleasure to welcome our Virtual Enterprise class to our Focus on Teaching and Learning segment of the meeting. Our audience will gain insight as to how the use of technology has completely changed the classroom landscape and how a teacher skillfully learns a new role as "guide on the side."

I am proud of the entrepreneurial spirit and sense of responsibility that this class has taken to ensure their learning. As the inaugural class in this venture, you have set a high bar for the classes that will follow. Congratulations to you and to Mrs. Connolly on your accomplishment. I also welcome our Seahawk Booster Club to our meeting this evening and I thank you for your generous vision as to what might be possible for our High School students. When I meet committed parents such as you, I feel reassured by the thought that the Cold Spring Harbor parent community will always try to find a way to meet the challenges of a new fiscal reality. The proposal that you will be making to the Board of Education is particularly commendable, in light of the fact that public education has undergone a real and permanent paradigm shift with the implementation of the "tax cap".

And, as for the weather, it seems that it is that is all we talk about these days. If Thursday brings the reality of a snowstorm that forces the closing of school, then teachers will be returning for a Superintendent Conference Day on June 27th. I have already promised to serve ice cream. Enjoy the February recess – and may we all return to unseasonably warm days for the remainder of the winter season.

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

1. Virtual Enterprise Business Plan Presentation

Class Overview:

Gerry Brogan, VP Administration

Business Plan Presenters:

Jordan Walter, CEO

Jaclyn Albers, COO

Sienna Toscano, CFO

David Wicks, VP Marketing

Alex Goldman, VP Research and Sales

Website Presenters:

Kai Galli, VP IT and Graphics

Riley Spehler, VP IT and Graphics

2. Proposal to Fundraise for Construction of High School Fitness Center

Seahawks Booster Club

Mike Bongino, Director of Athletics and Physical Education

Board Actions...

Resignations:

1. **Barbara Field:** for the purpose of retirement (Elementary Teacher Lloyd Harbor). The Board accepted her retirement with deep appreciation for her many years of service to the District. Effective June 30th.
2. **Peter Gregorchuk:** for the purpose of retirement (Special Education Teacher HS). The Board accepted his retirement with deep appreciation for his many years of service to the District. Effective June 30th
3. **Helen Hoffman:** part time Clerk Typist West Side, effective February 14th.

Appointments:

Helen Murdock-Prep appointed Adult Education Instructor for the spring 2014 for a course entitled, Acting Workshop.

Spring 2014 Coaching

The following spring 2014 coaching assignments at CSHHS were approved:

JV Tennis (B) Jennifer Erickson
Varsity Lacrosse (B) Dennis Bonn
Varsity Lacrosse Asst. (B) Christian Lynch
JV Lacrosse (B) John Foley
JV Lacrosse Asst (B) Rory Malone
Varsity Baseball (B) Rich Greeney
Varsity Baseball Asst. (B) Martin Glynn
JV Baseball (B) Mike Wolf
Varsity Spring Track Nick Aurigemma
Varsity Spring Track Gary Franklin
V. Spring Track Asst. Erica Fraiberg
Varsity Softball (G) Steve Cacioppo
Varsity Softball Asst. (G) Alicia Defino
Varsity Lacrosse (G) Danielle Skakandi
V Lacrosse Asst. (G) Lauren Lopez
JV Lacrosse (G) Elizabeth Christiansen
JV Lacrosse Asst. (G) Cynthia Scudieri
V Crew Jon Mendreski
V Crew Asst. Melissa Meinel
V Crew Asst. Vincent Natale
V Crew Asst. Lauren Schulz
V Golf (G) Peter Gregorchuk

Disposal of Equipment:

The Board of Education approved the disposal of a outdated Lap Top Computer. (ASUS EEE pc 1000) currently maintained in the Special Education Department.

Contracts - Capital Reserve:

The Board of Education approved contracts with the following Vendors for the 2012 Capital Reserve Projects - **Phase 2** for the Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr High School (SED No. 58-04-02-06-0-007-043), the Goosehill Primary School (SED No. 58-04-02-06-0-003-029), the West Side Elementary School (SED No. 58-04-02-06-0-006-025), and the Lloyd Harbor School (SED No. 58-04-02-06-0-002-027), on the basis of low bids meeting specifications as per the recommendation of the school architect.

Contract No. 2: Roof Replacement at the Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School
GTS Construction, Hicksville, NY - \$333,000

Contract No. 3: General Construction at Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School
Valco, Inc., East Williston, NY - \$36,800

Ceiling Replacement and Boiler room Ceiling Installation at Goosehill Primary
Valco, Inc., East Williston, NY - \$200,500

Boiler room Ceiling Installation at Lloyd Harbor School
Valco, Inc., East Williston, NY - \$24,400

Contract No. 4: HVAC Reconstruction at the Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School
XTRAIRE, Inc., Hicksville, NY - \$83,500

Contract No. 5: Electrical Reconstruction at Goosehill Primary - \$43,000

Total All Schools - \$88,450

Other Matters:

Washington DC - 8th Grade Trip

The Board of Education approved the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. scheduled for May 16, 2014 to May 19, 2014.

Varsity Girls Track Field Trip

The Board of Education approved the Varsity Girls Track team trip to Williamsburg, VA scheduled for April 10, 2014 to April 14, 2014 to attend the Panther PR Track and Field Festival.

Upcoming Meetings...

March 11th – Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

February 25th – Board of Education Work Session 7:30pm District Office
***PUBLIC HEARING – Veterans Property Tax Exemption
-Gold Star Parent Property Tax Exemption***

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.