

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

June 10, 2014

President’s Report...

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

Welcome to this evening’s meeting. It is wonderful to see so many people. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the community for their strong support of the 2014-2015 school budget and capital reserve proposition. A tremendous amount of thought and person hours went into the creation of the operating budget; including the input of building staff, building and district office administrators, individual community members, parent groups, and board members. Thank you to all and a special thank you to Drs. Bernhard and Wilansky for their traveling budget presentation.

As the 2013-2014 school year draws to a close, we celebrate many individuals and their accomplishments. Those on the agenda this evening represent but a sample of the commitment, interest and talent that make our district strong. Many others have or will be recognized at senior awards assemblies, school end of the year assemblies and by families and students, who while not receiving a named award, will celebrate their commitment to overcoming obstacles and striving to achieve their personal best.

Tonight we have honored Mrs. Marianne Sganga as the recipient of this year’s Exemplary Service Award and we have recognized the Boys Varsity Lacrosse team as the New York State #1 Scholar athlete team. Throughout the year we have celebrated many other academic, athletic and artistic accomplishments. Tonight we will also honor a number of our juniors whose academic performance has led to their being named recipients of the junior book awards. The Board is also pleased to officially welcome our newly elected board member Mr. Mark McAteer, who has proven to be a valuable asset to the board since he was appointed earlier this year. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Mark Freidberg at the July meeting and I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the board for three more years.

Lastly, it with great sadness and appreciation that we say good bye to veteran board member, Lori Homer. Lori has been on the board since 2002. I remember meeting Lori when she was CPC president and one of the founders of FOCUS. She has served on countless committees, certainly too many to attempt to name. Lori is intelligent, thoughtful, generous and a person of great integrity. She is organized, has an uncanny memory and is an incredible communicator, both orally and in writing. Those who know Lori admire her for her commitment to her principles and willingness to stand up for what she believes in, regardless of the heat. Watching Lori when she was President of the Board was honestly inspiring. But personally, Lori’s aforementioned generosity is what has impacted me the most. She is generous with her time and knowledge, but most of all she is generous with her praise. Lori always took the time to email or call to tell you that you did a good job, or to let you know that she realized that a situation had been difficult and that your efforts were appreciated. She is someone who affirms the efforts of others. For this, among other things, I will be forever grateful and will miss your presence on this board.

Superintendent's Report...

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

Good evening and welcome to the most celebratory Board meeting of the year. Tonight, we take the time to recognize those students, who have excelled academically, the athletes who have demonstrated teamwork and perseverance in competition and those employees who have demonstrated the standard of excellence – to teaching and learning as well as a profound sensitivity to the role that they play in students' lives.

The Board will also present the Exemplary Service Award, as they do on an annual basis, to that employee who contributes in significant ways to building a strong school community. And of course, no commitment to community or to public service could be more pronounced than the willingness that an individual exhibits by becoming a member of the Board of Education. Congratulations to Dr. Elkin, Mr. McAteer and Mr. Freidberg on their re-election and election to the Board of Education. As Dr. Elkin knows from her many years of experience, and Mr. McAteer is beginning to realize - a short trip to the grocery store will never be the same again.

Our best wishes to Mrs. Lori Homer, who after 12 years of service on the Board of Education, is retiring from her seat. I recall a conversation with her where she mentioned that upon moving to the community, there were some aspects of the school system that she felt could use some improvement. So rather than assume the role of critic, Mrs. Homer has used her energies over all of these years to work toward building a better school system. Lori, do not fear, we will continue to invest our energies into continual improvement. We also know that although you will not be sitting at the CSH Board table, you will continue to use your strong commitment to public service to continue your work on the Board for "Save the Children."

Personally, it has been a privilege to work with you. You have always kept children at the core of your decision making and we will miss the diligence that you brought to every issue as well as a sense of respect for those whose opinions differed from yours. Thank you for your service. May I take this opportunity to wish the entire school community a summer that is replete with time with family and friends, a good read (preferably on a beach chair or in a hammock) and a sense of renewal. Inevitably, September will be just around the corner.

Recognitions...

- 1. Administration of Oath of Office to newly elected Board Member-Mark McAteer**
- 2. Exemplary Service Award 2014: Mrs. Marianne Sganga**

Every year, the Board honors an employee who supports, with great distinction, our school district. The following criteria for eligibility have been established for the Exemplary Service Award. The recipient must:

- *Have the unanimous recommendation of the administration and the Board*
- *Be an employee of excellent character*
- *Exhibit a “can do” attitude*
- *Demonstrate leadership*
- *And come to work every day to make our schools the best that they can be.....*

This year we are pleased to present this award to Mrs. Marianne Sganga. Marianne, historically noted for her leadership in the parent ranks, moved over to the staff side of the education business in 2003 when she began her employment as a Teacher Aide, and within one year, was appointed to a Teacher Assistant in our Special Education department. Ten years later, it is hard to imagine Lloyd Harbor School without Mrs. Sganga. On any given morning, she can be found, along with Mr. Chiarello, producing the morning news show. During the day she ensures that students are receiving the services and instruction that will result in their academic achievement – along with a strong dose of positive self-esteem and a joy for learning. Mrs. Sganga has a particular passion for Math and does her utmost to make it contagious.....After a very full day of instruction, she can be found, clipboard in hand and smile on her face, at the bus circle, making sure that every child finds the bus that brings them to the right destination.

She is the Student Council advisor, once again - with Mr. Chiarrello, and under their guidance, the student council has opened the Lloyd Harbor School Store, collected BoxTops for Education in which they collected over 10,000 and were rewarded with a free workshop from I-Game 4, energized the school with bimonthly spirit days, organized a “Love Your Pet” month and even invited Legislator Spencer to lunch for the purpose of understanding leadership in government. The list goes on and on.....

Every day, Mrs. Sganga comes to work; armed by her passion for a job well done and a demeanor that honors every learner. Her colleagues admire her and often seek her counsel for her wisdom in just about everything related to life – since she seems to master everything she turns her attention to. It is with a great sense of pleasure that we take this opportunity to honor Marianne Sganga this evening with the 2014 “Exemplary Service Award.”

2. Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team - New York State #1 Scholar Athlete Team

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

Junior Book Awards Class of 2014 Student Recipients:

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Clarkson University - Chase Plancher
College of the Holy Cross - Jacqueline Buonfiglio
Cornell University - Olivia Taglich
Dartmouth College - Christine Collins
Hamilton College - David May
Miami University of Ohio - Allison Grey
Northwestern University - Shannon O'Neill
Princeton University - Christopher Reed
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - Nicole Rubin
St. Lawrence University - Emily Gallagher
St. Michaels College - Edward Tucker
University of Notre Dame - Colin O'Neill
University of Rochester - Chase Hahn
Yale University - Aspyr Palatnick

Board Actions...

Tenure Recommendations—

At the request of the Superintendent, **Jeanette Wojcik** was granted tenure effective September 1, 2014 in the tenure area of Reading.

At the request of the Superintendent, **Laura Cirino** was granted tenure effective September 1, 2014 in the tenure area of Art.

At the request of the Superintendent, **Denise Engel** was granted tenure effective September 1, 2014 in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant.

Leaves—

Christine Parent was granted a leave of absence from her position as Elementary Teacher, Lloyd Harbor School, effective September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015.

Appointments—

Denise Engel - Probationary Special Education REVISED

The appointment of Denise Engel as Probationary Special Education Teacher, accepted at the May 13, 2014 Board of Education meeting was revised (pending contract negotiations).

Christine Parent - Probationary Health Teacher, Building: LH/WS (pending contract negotiations) Effective Date: September 1, 2014. This is a two-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Health effective September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016.

Goosehill Primary School: The following co-curricular appointments at GHP were approved for the 2014-15 school year:

113c AV/Tech Support - GHP **Michelle Riggles**

159a Lead Teacher - GHP **Cathie Gross**

*Plus adjustment where applicable

CSHHS Fall Coaching: The following fall 2014 coaching assignments at CSHHS were approved (pending contract negotiations):

2A V. Football Asst. Jon Mendreski

3 JV Football John Foley

4 JV Football Asst. Louis Santoli

9 V. Soccer (B) Ed Moeller

10 V. Soccer (B) Asst. Christian Lynch

11 JV Soccer (B) Kevin Culhane

12 JV "B" Soccer (B) Rory Malone

30 Varsity Golf (B) Jamie Lawlor

30A JV Golf (B) Chris Phelan

35B Co Ed Cross Country Nick Aurigemma

37 V. Swimming (G) Gary Renart

37B Varsity Swimming (G) Asst. Jennifer Scott

37D V. Girls Diving Kim Como

38 V. Field Hockey Brittany Dougher

39 JV Field Hockey Gina DiPalo

41 V. Volleyball (G) Emily Wildermuth

57 V Tennis (G) Melissa McLees

57A JV Tennis (G) Patty Connolly

59 V. Soccer (G) Steve Cacioppo

59A V. Soccer (G) Asst. Ryan Towers

60 JV Soccer (G) Nick Fengler

63 Athletic Trainer Diego Garcia

65 V Crew Elizabeth Brennan

65A V Crew Asst. Lauren Schulz

73 Varsity Ice Hockey Sean Considine

76 Equipment Manager Joe Servidio

Driver Education Instructors: Edward Klobus and Mark Burkowsky were appointed Driver Education Instructors for the 2014-15 school year. (pending contract negotiations).

Substitute Custodial Personnel: Lori Farriella, Kevin McGlynn, Jessica Smith and Andrew Turner were added to the list of Substitute Custodial Personnel for the 2014-15 school year.

Substitute Instructional Personnel:

The following were added to the list of Substitute Instructional Personnel for the 2014-15 school year: Christina Catalano, Colleen Cho, Loretta Duvall, Fenton Ehlen, Grace Jiminez, Jennifer LaCava, Elena-Liliana Mutu-Blackstone, Gloria Ramirez, Jaclyn Sandler and Lynne Shalley.

Substitute Clerical: Nancy Rapp was added to the list of Substitute Clerical personnel for the period June 30, 2014 through August 30, 2014. That Joanne Bradley and Genevieve Cimino be added to the list of Substitute Clerical Personnel for the entire 2014-15 school year.

Summer Custodial: The following were appointed summer custodial (cleaners) for the period June 30, 2014 through August 29, 2014: Stephany Mendez, Ricardo Mendoza and Javier Velasquez.

Summer Teacher Aides & Teacher Assistants: The following be approved as summer aides and/or assistants. They will support special education students who are eligible for 12-month programs:

Teacher Aides: Caroline Coffey, Sheila Ruhl, Annette Sampaio-Tripp.

Teacher Assistants: Megan Bulva, Denise Engel, Christine Garamone, Nicholas Fengler, Michelle Mahon, Jennifer Mugavero.

Substitute Teacher Aides: Audrey Balzano, Nancy Fastuca, Susan McManus

Personnel Contracts—

1. The Contract for Services between the District and Christopher McKee, **Elementary Musical Director** (6th Grade spring Production and 5th Grade Production), LH, for the 2014-15 school year were approved as submitted.
2. The Contract for Services between the District and Catherine Maloney, **Elementary Musical Producer** (6th Grade spring Production and 5th Grade Production), LH, for the 2014-15 school year were approved as submitted.

Donations—

West Side News Room Equipment: The Board of Education accepted the donation in the amount of \$1,685.30 from the WSSPTG for equipment to enhance their newsroom. The equipment includes a laptop, VGA Graphics Dongle, Hauppauge Input Card, 2nd Monitor, Green Screen Kit, VGA to RCA Converter and an Adobe VC3 which complete Green Screen installation.

High School Art Gallery: The Board of Education approved the donations from the following organizations for the creation of a new and more accessible Art Gallery for the High School to be located across from the Guidance Office:

Junior-Senior High School CFA \$3,000

Arts Boosters Club \$3,000

Class of 2013 class gift \$2,000

Bid Awards—

Tobay Printing: The Board of Education approved a bid with Tobay Printing Co., Inc. Copiague, New York for the printing of the School District Newsletter for the 2014-2015 school year on the basis of low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$1,156 for a 12 page issue and \$1,045 for an 8 page issue.

Budget Transfers--

The Board of Education approved the attached budget line transfer of \$84,960, within the BOCES budget, to reallocate BOCES account codes with district codes to reconcile year end billing and that the Board of Education approved the attached budget line transfer of \$22,210 to restore funds to the building maintenance code for expenditures offset by the receipt of insurance proceeds.

Claims Auditor's Reports--

The Board of Education approved the Claims Auditor's reports for warrants, with exceptions and notes as reported, for reports dated May 2 and May 9, 2014.

Health Services ---

The Board of Education approved the **health services** contract with the Mineola Union Free School District for three students attending private schools in the 2013/14 school year.

Fund Balance Allocation ---

The Board of Education approved the allocation of \$480,000 from the 2013-2014 Unassigned General Fund Balance for the purpose of reducing the 2014-2015 tax levy.

Transfer to Capital Expenditure ---

The Board of Education modified the 2013-2014 budget to record the Transfer to Capital expenditure, general fund expense account A9950.9000-12 of \$1,600,000 funded from the unassigned fund balance to the voter approved Capital Reserve II (2010) fund.

Reserve Funds ---

The Board of Education authorized the continuance and establishment of various general fund reserve accounts for the 2014-2015 school year at amounts not to exceed the following:

Capital Reserve Fund \$3,000,000
Reserve for Encumbrances 750,000
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability 2,300,000
Reserve for Unemployment Insurance 250,000
Reserve for Workers' Compensation 650,000
Reserve for Tax Deduction 347,340

BOND REFUNDING ---

The Board of Education approved a resolution authorizing the issuance, pursuant to Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law, of refunding bonds of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District and providing for other matters in relation thereto and the payment of bonds to be refunded.

Contract for Financial Statements ---

The Board of Education entered into an agreement with Don Angelo and Associates, CPA's, PC, of Melville, New York at a fee of \$4,200 to prepare the financial statements of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014 pursuant to the Government Accounting Standard Board Pronouncement No. 34.

Weed Control Application ---

New York State Education Department requires Board of Education approval on emergency applications of weed control in areas that are classified as playing fields, the application will be scheduled to not interfere or conflict with any student scheduled activities. The Board of Education approved a onetime application of weed control herbicide on and adjacent to the running track at the Jr./Sr. High School and that the application will be made by a licensed pesticide applicator and all regulations concerning neighbor notification will be followed.

Fertilizer Application ----

New York State Education Department requires Board of Education approval on applications of fertilizers in areas that are classified as playing fields and the application will be scheduled to not interfere or conflict with any student scheduled activities; the Board of Education approved a onetime application of fertilizers on the playing fields district wide - as needed. This application will be made by a licensed pesticide applicator and all regulations concerning neighbor notification will be followed.

BOCES Contract for Services ---

The Board of Education approved the Services Contract with Western Suffolk BOCES in the amount of \$1,224,624 for the 2014-2015 school year under the provisions of sections 1950-51 of the Education Law.

Special Education Reports--

The Board of Education of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District hereby approved the terms and conditions of the following contract between the District and the following agencies or independent providers: *Challenge Day, Elwood UFSD*

Disposal of Obsolete Equipment ---

The Board of Education approved the disposal of 200 old metal folding chairs that are not usable at the West Side School.

Policy First Read ----

Policy 8630 - Computer Resources and Data Management ...First Read

Policy 8635 - Information Security Breach and Notification ...First Read

Policy 8635-R Information Security Breach and Notification Regulation ...First Read

Upcoming Meetings...

July 1st - Board of Education Meeting – 8pm (Annual Re-organization Meeting)

August 26th - Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

Meetings are held at the Francis Roberts Community Center (District Office)

75 Goose Hill Rd., Cold Spring Harbor

District web site – www.csh.k12.ny.us)

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