

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” April 8, 2014

President’s Report...

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

The past several months have been a busy time for the school community. Tonight we will be voting on a resolution to adopt the 2014-2015 school budget. The Board and Administration have worked diligently to construct a budget which continues to support program and instruction for our students and staff development which is needed to meet new learning standards, curricula and testing. We have also focused on providing instruction that gives our students vital experience in core areas and the use of technology and virtual learning. We also remain dedicated to preserving class size.

The above has been accomplished while remaining within the tax cap, as we are keenly aware of our fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of this district. As a recent article in the NYSSBA newspaper ON BOARD reported, of the 648 school districts who submitted complete data to the state comptroller by the March 1st deadline(677 total districts), only 6% or 38 school districts planned to exceed their tax cap. Only 4.8% of the school districts considered on Long Island planned to exceed their tax cap.

The Board would like to thank all of the community members who came to our budget forum and budget work sessions, as well as the parent groups, booster clubs and the foundation for their commitment to the students of our district.

We often speak about our commitment to providing our students with a variety of avenues through which to fulfill their potential and the events of the past few weeks illustrate the wide range of achievements of our students and faculty. Congratulations to Mr. Rory Malone on being named Nassau County Coach of the year for Varsity Girls Basketball. Congratulations to the Robotics team and advisor Mr. Matt Chartan for placing 3rd after qualifying rounds and therefore making it into the playoff rounds at the USFirst Robotics Competition at Hofstra University—an outstanding performance. Our Junior High musical directed by Ms. Jessica Ranieri had 38 students taping in unison on 42nd Street; our virtual enterprise team, and advisor Ms. Patricia Connolly, brought their beverage line to a competition in Manhattan, and a full house turned out for the Start the Conversation panel, at the library. Thank you to Mr. Chris Homer and Ms. Helen Crosson for arranging the panel. Also, later in tonight’s meeting we will be recognizing four of our art students for their outstanding work.

I would like to remind people of some important dates. Our Budget hearing will take place on May 13th at 8:00pm in this room. The Budget and Board Vote, as well as the vote on Proposition 2, our Capital Reserve Expenditure Proposition will take place on May 20th at the RalphWhitney Field House. Absentee ballots are available and please see the information for absentee ballot

and voter registration on our website or speak to Lisa Spahn in the district office. Please come out and vote and spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

Also, this year three terms on the Board of Education are expiring. So, there will be three Board of Education positions on the ballot. Anyone interested in running for the board should pick up materials from Lisa Spahn in the district office. The deadline to submit petitions is Monday, April 21st. Please see the district website for details.

Superintendent's Report...

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

Yesterday, The Washington Post released their annual list of America's most challenging high schools and Cold Spring Harbor High School once again, found itself in the company of six other Long Island schools, as well as earning a place of distinction among all schools in the Northeast Region. In short, the rankings are based on the level of student participation in college-level assessments, such as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams.

We congratulate our faculty, students and families for all of their hard work....and it is a lot of hard work! One intriguing accompaniment to the article on the Challenge Index, was entitled, "Alternatives to the Challenge Index." In that article, the author, Jay Matthews provides a synopsis about other ways that one might rank high schools.

For example, US News & World Report includes in its rankings, how well economically disadvantaged students fare on state assessments.

The Wall Street Journal publishes a ranked list of high schools according to the percentage of graduates who enroll in highly selective colleges.

In 2003, Worth Magazine attempted a list of high schools based on the number of freshman who attended Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

All laudable accomplishments – certainly a cause for celebration. But the "cause for celebration" should be far greater and include much more than the results on college level exams. Tonight we celebrate our artists who are being honored as Long Island's Best Young Artists at the Heckscher Museum. This past week, the overwhelming majority of our students participated, without crisis, in the overly publicized and debated ELA Common Core State Assessments. On Saturday, our Boys Varsity Lacrosse team celebrated a hard fought victory over Manhasset. And a week ago, we celebrated our Cyberhawks accomplishment by making it into the semi-final rounds at the FIRST Robotics competition.

And there are those times, when I congratulate a student at his/her high school graduation, when I reflect on how many obstacles that student has had to overcome in order to earn that diploma- personal challenges, family challenges, learning challenges. I marvel at the strength of the human spirit at those moments.

Public schools are wonderfully diverse in that they reflect the make-up of the community and we celebrate and appreciate the differences in families and the talents of children. Our classrooms are places where children learn to function as a community. We are a school district where all of our learners are challenged to meet their potential and valued for their unique abilities and interests, and it is our responsibility to enable them each to meet their goals and pursue their dreams. In Cold Spring Harbor we continue to strive for, "Each studentevery day."

Recognitions...

Long Island's Best - Young Artists at The Heckscher Museum

Alexandra Cozzoli

Danielle Lauro

Samantha Lauro

Sarah Sachs

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

2014-2015 Jr/Sr High School Science Sequence

Presented by: Jay Matuk, Principal Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School

Noreen Cambria, Director of Guidance

Board Actions...

Tenure Recommendation - Kurt Simon

At the request of the Superintendent, Kurt Simon was granted tenure effective

July 1, 2014 in the tenure area of Elementary Principal.

Appointments:

Spring Coaching assignments approved:

JH Lacrosse (B) Mark Donato

JH Lacrosse (G) Louis Santoli

Weight Lifting (Spring) - Split Benedict Zuk

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Appointment of Election Officials:

The following are to be appointed to the Budget Vote on May 20, 2014:

Chief Inspector: Dr. William Bernhard

Inspectors and/or Clerks:

- 1. Betty (Candy) Bertuccio*
- 2. Thomas Booton*
- 3. Joyce Inzerillo*
- 4. Marilyn Lavi*
- 5. Alice Link*
- 6. Lily Montalbano*

Donations:

1. **Goosehill received:** The Board of Education accepted a generous donation of \$1,036.00 from the Goosehill Parent-Faculty Association (GPFA) to be used to purchase a granite bench with a turtle design for the outdoor courtyard area.
2. **CSH Jr./Sr. High School received:** The Board of Education accepted a generous donation from Mrs. Laurie Kazenoff to the Jr./Sr. High School Music Department consisting of a Roland Fantom X8 electronic keyboard and stand, a Roland Amp, one sturdy keyboard stand, one keyboard pedal, 2 portfolio music stands, and 1 Casio 64 key keyboard with all items having an estimated value of \$3,800.
3. **CSHHS Performing Arts Center received:** The Board of Education accepted the generous donation from the Varsity Boys and Girls Lacrosse Teams and their Talent Show Fundraising Committee of \$500 to support the ongoing needs of the PAC
4. **Trees received West Side & Lloyd Harbor:** The Board of Education accepted the generous donation of the installation of two trees from The Greenskeeper Lawn Systems, Inc in recognition of Arbor Day and Earth Day. A Kwanzan Cherry 2" caliper will be installed at Lloyd Harbor School and a Cornus Florida 2" caliper (American Dogwood) at West Side School.
5. **West Side Received:** The Board of Education accepted the generous donation of a metronome unit (approximate price of \$4,600) from Mr. Mittleman, a West Side parent.

Health Services Contracts:**1. Health Services - Uniondale UFSD**

The Board of Education approved the contract with Uniondale UFSD for health services for 2 students attending private schools in the 2013/14 school year.

2. Health Services - South Huntington UFSD

The Board of Education approved the contract with the South Huntington UFSD for health services for 22 students attending St. Anthony's High School and 11 students attending Long Island School for the Gifted during the 2013-14 school year.

3. Health Services - Huntington UFSD

The Board of Education approved the contract with the Huntington UFSD for health services for 16 students attending St. Patrick School during the 2013-14 school year

Dental Plan Administration Agreement:

The Board of Education authorized the President of the Board of Education to execute an agreement with Brown & Brown of New York, Inc. d/b/a/ Fitzharris & Company to provide Dental Plan administration services for the Cold Spring Harbor Dental Plan for the 2014-2015 school year at no increase in cost over the current year at a fee of \$4.20 per employee per month.

Professional Services Agreement - External Audit:

The Board of Education authorized the President of the Board of Education to execute a professional services agreement with Nawrocki Smith, LLP, Certified Public Accountants to conduct the external audit of the Financial Statements of the Cold Spring Harbor School District for fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

Cooperative Bidding:

JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR.

The Board of Education approved a resolution for the school district to participate in a Cooperative Bidding and Purchasing program with other school districts and municipalities. The program is operated through Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

Adoption of Proposed 2014-2015 Budget and Proposed 2014-2015 Property Tax Report Card:

The Board of Education approved the adoption of the proposed 2014-2015 Cold Spring Harbor School District Budget in the amount of \$62,773,201 and that the Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 Property Tax Report Card.

BOCES Technology Lease:

The Board of Education, subject to approval of the 2014/2015 school budget approved a five year lease agreement with Western Suffolk BOCES not to exceed a five year total cost of \$488,022 for the purchase of computer and technology equipment as outlined in the Cold Spring Harbor School District technology plan.

Seahawk Booster Club Banner Campaign:

The Board of Education approved the Seahawk Booster Club's request to conduct a Banner Campaign to raise funds subject to approval of Board of Education of the final terms.

Policies:

- ✓ Policy 1530 - Tobacco-Free School Environment Policy
Second Read and Adoption
- ✓ Policy 5153 - Student Assignment and Classes
Second Read and Adoption
- ✓ Policy 5300.30 - Prohibited Student Conduct
Second Read and Adoption
- ✓ Policy 5300.70 - Public Conduct on School Property
Second Read and Adoption
- ✓ Policy 5420 - Student Health Services
Second Read and Adoption
- ✓ Policy 5695 - Students and Personal Electronic Devices
Second Read and Adoption
- ✓ Policy 5300.65 - Visitors to Schools
Deletion

Upcoming Meetings...

April 22nd – Last day for BOE candidates to submit petition. Three seats available.

May 5th – Meet the Candidates Night

May 13, 2014 - Board of Education Meeting and Presentation of Proposed Budget – 8 p.m.

May 14th - Voter Registration

May 20th – School Budget VOTE and Board election

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.