

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

October 14 , 2014

President’s Report...

BOE President Anthony Paolano’s report included the following:

Today was the 21st day of the school year! There has been a great deal that has taken place in that short time. Goosehill, West Side, Lloyd Harbor and the Jr./Sr. High School have all had their back to school nights. The students are already settled with their new classes and progress reports have been sent out.

If many parents notice students at the high school dressed in their pajamas today, it was not because they overslept. Today marks the official beginning of spirit week. Each day there will be a different activity that will lead to our homecoming game this Saturday at 3pm. Please come and cheer on our team! There are many athletic teams that have been participating in various competitions and tournaments. Tonight, our Athletic Director, Mr. Michael Bongino will update us on the fall season so far.

Last month, I announced we had a settlement with the custodial union. Tonight, I am very pleased to report, that the CSH school district and the clerical union have reached an agreement that extends to June 30, 2020. I especially thank all the clericals and their union for understanding the difficult position that the district has with regards to the NYS tax cap, increased healthcare costs and rising pension liabilities. It is the goal of the Board of Education to settle contracts within the NYS tax cap of 2% and to ensure that the programs that are in place today for our children will be here for your neighbor’s children 10 years from now. On September 22, members of the Board of Education, including myself, Dr. Elkin and Dr. Wilansky had a meeting with the HTA leadership. Both sides have expressed a desire to achieve a contract.

Superintendent’s Report...

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

There is no Hallmark card or school holiday to denote the occasion but October is National School Board Recognition Month. As a Superintendent of Schools, I cannot think of a more important service to our community, other than parenting, than that of being a Trustee for the Cold Spring Harbor Schools.

Eugene Habecker wrote in his book, “The Other Side of Leadership” that, “the true leader serves. Serves people. Serves their best interests, and in doing so will not always be popular, may not always impress. But because true leaders are motivated by loving concern than a desire for personal glory, they are willing to pay the price.” The price that our Board pays most heavily is that of their time. This is time spent in meetings, time spent in reading, time spent in professional development and time spent in speaking - everywhere they go – about the schools. We all know that our time in life is finite – and that the time spent on the work of governance is

time taken away from family, a hobby or a job. I wish to thank each of our Board members for their willingness to give the gift of their precious time.

Tonight is also the night when the Board announces the district goals for the coming year. There are goals that address teaching and learning, curriculum, school social climate, family partnerships construction and funding. Thomas Jefferson once said, "Too old to plant trees for my gratification, I shall do it for my posterity." The goals that the Board adopts, upon completion, will continue to improve the physical, social and academic environment for our students in the years to come.

In sum, we read regularly that there is a movement to consolidate school districts at the same time that we read the research that finds that students in smaller and more personalized school environments are more likely to complete their education and achieve at higher levels. Our school board sets the direction for improvement and reflects what is valued in our community. I am honored to be the Superintendent of a school district that works so hard to honor childhood, school –parent partnerships and community involvement. In an era replete with a momentous school reform agenda, the Board guides our district toward continuous improvement but with circumspection regarding the educational agenda du jour.

And to our Board, take a moment this evening to revel in our students' most recent accomplishments and then speedily transition to the initiatives that the coming school year will bring.

Recognitions...

2015 National Merit Scholarship Program

Commended Students:

*Andrew Buccellato
Colin O'Neill
Shannon O'Neill
Aspyn Palatnick
Chase Plancher
Christopher Reed*

Semifinalists:

*Christine Collins
Edward Tucker*

"Embracing Our Differences" Art Competition

*Lauren Brimeyer
Brandon Miller
Andrew Kurland
Allegra Gold*

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

District Goals 2014-2015

1. To align teaching and assessment practices with the ELA and Math instructional shifts essential to the mastery of the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS).
2. To further integrate the use of technology into teaching and learning by:
 - Selecting a district-wide learning management system in order to support blended learning
 - Personalizing student learning goals as enabled through technology tools (i.e. eSpark, Castle Learning, Raz-Kids and Reading A-Z)
 - Promoting project-based learning and student collaboration through the use of emerging technology (i.e. Google Apps and Classroom)
 - Increasing opportunities for participation in online elective courses in order to better prepare students for post-secondary educational experiences.
3. To enhance the current focus on students' social /emotional health through the provision of additional programs and resources for students and their families.
4. To assess the long term implications of the tax cap on the financial stability of the district and develop a five-year fiscal plan to ensure that student programs and services continue at comparable levels.
5. To continue with the Capital Reserve Program as a means of financing school construction projects by seeking voter approval in May 2015 of a third Capital Reserve Fund.

Board Actions...

Resignations:

The resignation of Stefani Borgia, Teacher Aide, GHP, was accepted effective Sept.19, 2014.

Appointments:

[Noel Payne](#), Teacher Aide HS effective Oct. 14 – June 30 2015

[Kimberly Dussol](#), Teacher Aide GH effective Oct. 2 – June 30 2015

[Erika Bauernfeind](#), - Teacher Aide GH effective Sept. 16 – June 30 2015

[Rosa Hildebrandt](#), Teacher Aide GH effective Sept 22 – June 30 2015

[Joanne Bradley](#), P/T Clerk Typist District Office, effective Sept.1- - Nov. 25 2014

[Tara Ruocco](#), P/T Clerk Typist HS effective Oct. 15 2014

[Anthony Livolsi](#), JH Robotics Advisor for the 2014-15 school year

Appointments - Winter Coaching – Junior High approved:

[JH Basketball \(B\) Mike Wolf](#)

[JH Basketball \(B\) Steven Forbes](#)

[JH Basketball \(B\) Peter Linderman](#)

Swimming JH (B) Dan Kelly
JH Volleyball (G) Erin Oshan
JH Volleyball (G) Michelle Gaufman
JH Volleyball (G) Nick Fengler
JH Winter I Track Christian Lynch

Appointments - winter Coaching – High School approved:

Varsity Basketball Jason Mercurio
V Basketball Asst. (B) Carmine Rotolo
JV B Basketball (B) Ryan Conroy
Varsity Wrestling Michael Ferrugiari
JV Wrestling Anthony Servidio
Varsity Swimming (B) Gary Renart
Varsity Swimming Ass. (B) Jennifer Scott
Varsity Swimming Diving (B) Kim Como
V. Basketball (G) Rory Malone
V. Basketball Asst. (G) Steve Cacioppo
JV Basketball (G) Ryan Towers
V Gymnastics (G) Teri Kindelman
V. Gymnastics Asst. (G) Paige Ehlers
Winter Weight Training Dennis Bonn
Winter Crew Weight Training Jon Mendreski
V Winter Track (G) Nick Aurigemma
V Winter Track Asst. (G) Erica Fraiberg
V. Winter Track (B) Gary Franklin
V. Fencing (B) Lauren Wangner
V. Fencing Asst. (G) Rich Thau

Appointments – High School Co-Curricular (Timesheeted) approved:

Michael Andrews Aviation Club
Allison Halloran Community Service Coordinator
Christopher Conklin Dungeons & Dragons
Patricia Connolly FBLA
Bailey Whitney Hawk Talk
Jennifer Pickering Outreach 7-8
Bailey Whitney Photography Club
Vincent Natale Political Science Club

Personnel Contracts:

The Contract for Services between the District and [Joseph Ferrante](#), WS Musical Accompanist, for the 2014-15 school year was approved.

The Contract for Services between the District and [Christopher McKee](#), WS Musical Accompanist, for the 2014-15 school year was approved.

The Contract for Services between the District and [Eliana Kleiner-Lichtman](#), WS Musical Director, for the 2014-15 school year was approved.

The Contract for Services between the District and [Eliana Kleiner-Lichtman](#), WS Musical Choreographer, for the 2014-15 school year was approved.

The Contract for Services between the District and [John Zaccari](#), WS Professional Guitarist/Concert Accompanist Musical Accompanist, for the 2014-15 school year was approved.

The Contract for Services between the District and [Benjamin Edward Marks](#) (Sportime) as Varsity Boys Tennis Coach (Pos. No. 15) for the 2014-15 school year was approved.

Donations:

The Board of Education accepted the generous [donation from Morgan Creek Development](#) for a landscaping project at the Lawrence Hill exit of the Jr/Sr High School and authorized the Board President to execute the final project plan.

The Board of Education accepted the generous [donation from the Chapey family](#) of the commissioning of artist Kathleen Skelly-Kurka to paint a mural at Goosehill School as per the attached memo dated October 6, 2014.

Tax Levy:

Establishing the Tax Levy

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 13 of the Real Property Tax Law and Section 1804 of the Education Law and based upon the tentative assessed valuation of \$21,275,689 which has been certified to the District by the Town of Huntington Assessor and based upon the final assessed valuation of \$2,258,537 which has been certified to the District by the Nassau County Assessor, the following school tax amounts to be levied with approximate school tax rates are adopted and ordered certified to the respective assessors by the Board of Education for the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

	<u>Amounts to be Levied</u>	<u>Approximate* Tax/Rate/\$100 AV</u>
Town of Huntington	44,836,062	210.74
Town of Oyster Bay (Residential Class 1)	13,324,610	650.82
Total School Levy	58,160,672	

*The actual tax rates will be set by the Tax Receiver's officers of the Towns of Huntington and Oyster Bay

2014-2015 District Goals: adopted

Budget Calendar 2015/2016: adopted

Budget Transfers: approved

Claims Audit Reports: approved

Independent External Audit Report by Nawrocki Smith, LLP accepted

Memorandum of Agreement - Clerical

The Board of Education ratified the negotiated Memorandum of Agreement dated September 24, 2014 between the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District and the Cold Spring Harbor Clerical Unit, United Public Service Employees Union, for an employment contract from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2020.

Special Education Contracts:

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:

Maxim Healthcare Services
Glen Cove City School District
Developmental Disabilities Institute
Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism-Tuition 13-14
Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism-Related Services 13-14
Stephen Dewey
NYU Langone Otolaryngology & Assoc.
Kids First Spectrum10
Kia Ammonds

Field Trip – Speech and Debate Team:

The Board of Education approved the Cold Spring Harbor Speech and Debate team requests to compete at the New York State Speech and Debate Championships in Oneonta, NY held April 24-26, 2015 and to compete in the National Speech and Debate Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, FL held May 21-25, 2015.

New Coaching Positions created:

At the request of Michael Bongino, Director of Athletics, Health & Physical Education
Position Stipend

JH Winter I Track
JH Spring Track
Varsity Wrestling Asst.
JH Lacrosse (B)
JH Lacrosse (G)
JH Tennis (B)
JV Golf (G)

Cooperative purchase agreement of the natural gas commodity:

The Board of Education approved the participation of the Cold Spring Harbor School District in the Natural Gas Cooperative for the purchase of gas with other municipalities.

Affordable Care Act- Standard Periods for Ongoing Employees:**Affordable Care Act - Initial Periods for new Variable Hour, Part-Time and Seasonal Employees:**

The Board of Education approved resolutions to establish the statutory dates of employment to determine if employees are considered full time for the purpose of being eligible to receive health insurance benefits under the provisions of the Federal Affordable Care Act.

New York State School Board Voting Delegates

The Board of Education appointed Board of Education member Janice Elkin as the voting delegate and Amelia Brogan as the alternate voting delegate to represent the school district at the New York State School Boards conference.

Upcoming Meetings...

November 18th - 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.