

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

April 14, 2015

President’s Report...

BOE President Anthony Paolano’s report included the following:

At last month’s Board of Education meeting, Dr. Wilansky addressed the Common Core issue. I quote, “If there had been adequate time given for educators to understand and implement the changes required by the Common Core, and if there had been an appropriate window to prepare students to be assessed on the new set of standards, and finally, if policymakers appreciated the complexity of evaluating teacher performance... perhaps the ongoing media charade between the NYS teacher’s union and the governor’s office would not be taking place.” Our concern is the educational impact the current boycott will have on our children. Karen Magee, president of the New York State United Teachers, is urging parents to opt out of the standardized testing.

According to the Newsday editorial, it states, “For many years, teachers’ unions never made a big fuss in arguing that the standardized tests weren’t reliable. Now the anti-testing alliance argues that standardized tests are an unreliable measure of student learning. In previous years, when these standardized tests did not count toward a teacher’s evaluation, NYS United Teachers never pushed for parents to take the extreme action of avoiding the assessments.”

Testing has always played a role in a student’s education. PSAT exams, Regent exams, final exams, AP exams, SAT, ACT college boards are just a short list of tests that students may take as part of their education. What is the message that is being sent to our children... who opt out?

As a district, we are abiding by the commissioner’s regulations, and any political issues dealing with the adults and the Common Core as a part of teacher’s evaluations, should not involve the children and affect their educational experience.

Next month, the community will be voting on our 2015-2016 school year budget. In developing our budget, we are mindful that our primary goal, as members of the Board of Education, is to provide our students with the best opportunities for a successful educational program and to do that within the limits of the tax cap legislation. We are pleased to report that our tax levy increase needed to support the 2015-2016 budget meets those requirements. Our levy increase will be 2.10% and the proposed budget to budget increase is 1.94%.

As part of our long term Capital Improvement plan, there will be two propositions relating to our Capital Reserve program. Proposition No.2 will seek approval from the voters to expend \$1 million from the existing Capital Reserve Fund. Proposition No. 3, if approved, will replace the existing Capital Reserve with a new 10 year funding authorization. Neither proposition is a request to increase taxes. We urge everybody to vote on Tuesday, May 19. The polls are open from 6:00am to 10:00pm and the voting will take place at the Ralph Whitney Field House at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Tonight we will have the honor of State Senator Carl Marcellino and Assemblymen Chad Lupinacci discuss education in New York State.

Superintendent's Report...

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

Good Evening and Welcome,

Just a reminder that Dr. Bernhard, Mrs. Bellino and I will be visiting each school over the coming weeks to discuss the budget; in addition, there will be a formal presentation at the Board of Education Budget hearing on May 12th.

The following is our schedule:

GH – May 9th

WS and the HS – May 12th

LH- April 23rd

CPC – May 7th

Tonight we feel particularly honored to have our State Legislators – Senator Carl Marcellino and Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci at our meeting this evening. Our legislators have been particularly effective this year in enabling the Cold Spring Harbor Board of Education to build a budget that accomplishes two major goals:

- *The first is our ability to maintain and enhance a comprehensive educational program for our students.*
- *The second is to ensure that the budget falls within the tax cap – which will enable our residents to benefit from a second year of a tax rebate for any increase in their taxes.*

That is a good news story for us all.

In honor of our distinguished visitors, and in keeping with the spirit of governmental practice, I will cede the floor to the Senator and the Assemblyman.

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

Legislature Update

Assemblyman Chad A. Lupinacci

Senator Carl Marcellino

Hawk Talk Presentation:

Bailey Whitney - Art Teacher, Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School

Recognitions:

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

Honor; 9th grade student Summer Hayes

Board Actions...

Appointments:

[Lauren Blackburn](#) - Teacher Aide, HS effective April 13, 2015 through June 30, 2015

Robotics Trip Volunteers: [Stephen Jay](#) and [Kevin Merola](#) were approved to work as volunteers with the Robotics Team at the Nationals Competition in St. Louis April 22 through April 25, 2015 (pending NYSED fingerprinting clearance).

Donations:

The Board of Education approved the donation of \$5,990.00 from the Goosehill Parent-Faculty Association (GPFA) to be used to purchase and install a new piece of playground equipment.

Contracts:

[Health Services Contracts](#)

The Board of Education approved the contract with the Huntington UFSD for health services for 15 students attending St. Patrick School during the 2014-15 school year.

The Board of Education approved the contract with the South Huntington UFSD for health services for students attending private schools during the 2014-15 school year.

[Employment Contract](#)

The Board of Education approved the employment agreement dated March 27, 2015 between the Cold Spring Harbor Board of Education and the Cold Spring Harbor Administrators Association for the contract period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2019.

Personnel Contracts:

[Dr. Steven Baron](#) - That the Contract for Services between the District and Dr. Steven Baron, Presenter at Parent Leaders Brunch, in the amount of \$500 for the 2014-15 school year be approved as submitted.

Additional Business Matters:

[Bid Rejection](#) - The Board of Education, based on the recommendation of the school architect, rejected all bids received on January 29, 2015 for the construction of a Storage Building to be located at the Jr./Sr. High School,.

[Third Party Custodian Agreement - HSBC](#)

The Board of Education, entered into a Third Party Custodian Agreement for Collateralized Municipal Deposits with HSBC Bank USA and The Bank of New York Mellon (Custodian), dated April 14, 2015, as attached.

Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release

The Board of Education approved the “Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release” with the Board of Cooperative Education, Rensselaer - Columbia - Greene Counties to authorize the refund to the Cold Spring Harbor 4 school district of overpayments related to BOCES OPEB (other post-employment benefits) funds dated April 14, 2015, as attached.

Budget Line Transfer

The Board of Education approved the budget line transfers, within the Jr./Sr. High School codes, for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$20,000 to cover pending general supplies purchases through the end of the fiscal year.

Adoption of Proposed 2015-2016 Budget and Proposed 2015-2016 Property Tax Report Card

The Board of Education approved the adoption of the 2015-2016 Cold Spring Harbor District Budget in the amount of \$63,992,053 and the Board approved the 2015-2016 Property Tax Report Card

SEQRA Review - Type II Actions (2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan)

The Board of Education of the COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

GOOSE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Repair exterior columns on the north side of cafeteria.

WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Replace existing corridor doors, replace gymnasium wall pads, replace classroom casework in four classrooms, remove VAT flooring and replace with VCT.

LLOYD HARBOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL :

Renovate existing Art Room including demolition, furnishings, plumbing and electrical. Upgrade existing theatrical lighting. Sand and refinish gymnasium floor. Replace gymnasium doors. Insulate ceiling of existing boiler room. Installation of Intrusion Detection System.

COLD SPRING HARBOR JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL:

Remove and replace non-asbestos flooring in Arts hallway. Repair, sand and restripe floor on field house gymnasium floor. Replace wood flooring with new VCT flooring. Scrape and paint existing field house stair tower handrails. Complete renovation of existing bathrooms in field house lobby. Irrigation well and pump replacement. Installation of new irrigation control system. Art room reconstruction. Running track reconstruction. Installation of video door intercom.

DISTRICT WIDE:

Replace vinyl asbestos floor tiles. Replace rooftop exhaust fans Replace exterior door cylinders and incorporate into new master system.

Lease Agreement - BOCES

The Board of Education, subject to approval of the 2015/2016 school budget, approved a five year lease agreement with Western Suffolk BOCES not to exceed a five year total cost of \$428,899 for the purchase of computer and technology equipment as outlined in the Cold Spring Harbor School District technology plan.

Field Trips

Robotics Club - The Board of Education approved the Robotics Team trip to the National's Competition in St. Louis, Missouri from April 22, 2015 to April 25, 2015.

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:

Health Source Group Legal Interpreting Services XIII.

Other Matters

Shared Decision Making Plan

The Board of Education approved the changes to the Shared Decision Making Plan as submitted.

New Club Approval - Stock Market Club

The Board of Education approved the Stock Market Club with a provisional stipend of \$275 for March 2015- May 2015.

Student Internship - Ilana Moskowitz

The Board of Education approved that Ilana Moskowitz complete her student internship in the Guidance Department in the Fall of 2015.

Appointment of Election Officials

Resolved, that the following are to be appointed to the Budget Vote on May 19, 2015:

Chief Inspector: Dr. William Bernhard

Inspectors and/or Clerks:

1. Betty (Candy) Bertuccio
2. Thomas Booton
3. Joyce Inzerillo
4. Fannie Johnson
5. John Lewin
6. Alice Link
7. Lily Montalbano
8. Arthur Parsons
9. Jennifer Style
10. Herbert Wolloch

Upcoming Meetings...

April 20th – Deadline for Petitions for Board of Education Candidates

April 28th - Board of Education Work Session 7:30pm

May 4th – Meet The Candidates Night

May 12th – Board of Education Meeting & Budget Hearing

May 13th – Voter Registration 9am – 9pm

May 19th – Annual Budget Vote, Board Election, Vote to Establish a new Capital Improvement Fund and Capital Reserve Expenditure Vote

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)