

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

May 12, 2015

President’s Report...

BOE President Anthony Paolano’s report included the following:

I am pleased to report a settlement was reached with the Cold Spring Harbor Teachers Association and the Board of Education. The Memorandum of Agreement will be ratified tonight, along with the food service employees unit. As of tonight, every bargaining unit will have a settled contract in our district.

Two years had passed, and on this past September 2, at the Superintendent’s Conference, I took the initiative to announce the hope of reaching an agreement with the teachers, within 60 days. The aim was to reassure the HTA that the BOE was willing to resolve our differences. Although both sides seemed miles apart, the BOE met several times and presented a modified offer to the HTA. It was not accepted, but we continued to keep the lines of communication open. Both sides submitted their positions to a fact-finder. While we waited for the results of the fact finder, the BOE reached agreements with the administrators, custodians, clerical and the food service workers. After the fact finder’s report was received, our negotiation team continued to meet with the HTA. It was suggested, by the HTA, that the entire BOE be available during a meeting of both parties. We agreed. That meeting took place, on Wednesday, April 29, with the BOE only a few steps away. After approximately 7 hours, a compromised deal was reached and a Memorandum of Agreement was signed at 12:30 am.

This agreement is an eight year term, which will allow the administration and BOE to focus on pure educational matters for many years to come. Our goal throughout all of our settlements were to: align salaries to conform within the 2% tax cap, increase the participation rate of health insurance to counteract the ever increasing cost of healthcare and to review and change language within existing contracts, to enable the district to adopt changes, in order to update educational programs necessary for our students to be prepared for the twenty first century. At this time, I publicly thank every member of the board of education for their tremendous amount of time, effort and cooperation in achieving 100% settled contracts in the district. A special thanks goes to our Assistant Superintendent of Business, Dr. William Bernhard, for all the hours spent negotiating, creating hundreds of comparisons, data and analysis, that enabled all of us to understand the impact the terms would have. And of course, Superintendent, Dr. Judith A. Wilansky, who always had the faith that it all would work out.

As a reminder, the Budget and Candidate voting will be this TUESDAY, May 19th from 6:00 am to 10pm at the CSH Field House. I urge all of our residents to VOTE! Tonight, Dr. William Bernhard and Dr. Judith Wilansky will present the 2015-2016 school budget.

Superintendent's Report...

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

Budget Meeting...

Conducted by Dr. William Bernhard, Chairperson

Time and Place of the Vote: May 19, 2015, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. CSH Field House

Introduction of Board Candidates in order drawn for ballot:

Anthony Paolano

Ingrid L. Wright

Presentation of the Budget, Dr. William Bernhard & Dr. Judith A. Wilansky

Board Actions...

Appointments:

Janet Brancaccio - Permanent Substitute, CSHHS effective May 1, 2015 for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. This position was previously filled and later vacated by Colleen Cho.

Joanne Bradley - P/T Clerk Typist, District Office (Business Office) Effective Dates: May 6, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

Lloyd Harbor Morning TV News Advisor: The Board of Education approved a maximum of 40 hours for an advisor to the Lloyd Harbor Morning TV News Show for the 2015-2016 school year.

Donations:

1. The Board of Education accepted a generous donation of funds from the Lloyd Harbor Parent Teacher Group to be used towards the purchase of two *Spalding Superglass* backboards for the main court and four *Spalding Superglass* backboards for the side court at an estimated cost of \$11,500.
2. The Board of Education accepted the generous donation from the WSSPTG in the amount of \$7,716.76 for two picnic tables for the playground, two couches for the Friendship Club, a TV for the school entrance and a 3D printer and scanner for the Art Department.
3. The Board of Education accepted a generous donation of \$1,000 from David and Helen Weinstein to be used towards two \$500 student scholarships in the name of Marine Captain Michael J. Ohler.

4. The Board of Education accepted a generous donation of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Suffolk County Chapter of the New York State School Facilities Association in recognition of the work Mark Margolies has done on behalf of the organization.

Personnel Contracts:

1) **Memorandum of Agreement - Teachers' Association:** The Board of Education ratified the negotiated Memorandum of Agreement dated April 29, 2015, between the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District and the Cold Spring Harbor Teachers' Association for an employment contract from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2020.

2) **Memorandum of Agreement - Food Service Employees:** The Board of Education ratified the negotiated Memorandum of Agreement dated March 27, 2015, between the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District and the Cold Spring Harbor Food Service Employees Unit, Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., for an employment contract from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2020.

Health Services Contract:

1. **Health Services - Westbury School District:** The Board of Education approved the contract for Health Services with Westbury Union Free School District for Cold Spring Harbor students attending private schools in Westbury during the 2014/15 school year.
2. **Health Services - Mineola UFSD:** The Board of Education approved the contract with the Mineola Union Free School District for two students attending private schools in the 2014/15 school year.

Additional Business Matters:

Appointment of Election Officials: The following are to be appointed to the Budget Vote on May 19, 2015: Inspectors and/or Clerks:

Mary Clark

Tim Swanson

Tax Anticipation Notes: The Board of Education delegated to the President of the Board of Education of the Cold Spring Harbor School District the power to authorize the issuance and sale of Tax Anticipation Notes of said school District in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied or to be levied for the fiscal year of said school district commencing July 1, 2015.

Contract Extension - Worker's Compensation Claims Administration: The Board of Education approved a contract extension for the 2015-2016 school year, with Triad Group, LLC, for Workers Compensation Claims Administration Services at an annual fee of \$9,500 and a \$495 annual fee for Medicare Secondary Payer Reporting and that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute such contract.

Government Efficiency Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education designated the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District as lead entity for purposes of submission of the Government Efficiency Plan on behalf of the Cold Spring Harbor

Central School District. The Board of Education authorized the superintendent and the chief financial officer to certify the submission of a Government Efficiency Plan on behalf of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District and provide to the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District as the lead entity.

Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program: The Board of Education adopted a resolution for the Cold Spring Harbor school district to bid jointly with other educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items.

Special Education Reports:

The Board of Education of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District approved the terms and conditions of the following contract between the District and the following agencies or independent providers: *Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes*

Upcoming Meetings...

May 19th – Annual Budget VOTE, Board Election, Capital Reserve Expenditure VOTE & Establishment of New Capital Reserve Fund.

June 9th – Board of Education Meeting, 8 PM

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)