

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” January 12, 2016

President’s Report...

BOE President Robert C. Hughe’s report included the following:

Our students are back in the classrooms learning. Kindergarteners are getting closer and closer to celebrating their first hundred days of school. At the other end of the spectrum, seniors have submitted their College applications and now the wait begins. In between, our students are utilizing the latest technology and innovative approaches to learning. Tonight we will hear about an exciting interdisciplinary approach to education highlighting the creative ways our teachers continue to educate.

Meanwhile, the administrators are getting ready to formulate next year’s budget. In the few short years that we’ve had the so-called 2% tax cap, we have learned that 2% is not always 2%. This year 2% may be closer to zero percent because inflation has been so low. Nonetheless, the Board is confident that Dr. Bernhard will manage to work his magic so that we can present a budget within the tax cap that will not adversely affect the quality of our educational program. We invite you to help with that endeavor by participating in our budget forum in two weeks—Tuesday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m.

In the coming weeks, the Board will also be reviewing applications from candidates to be our next Superintendent. We thank all who completed the community survey and participated in stakeholder meetings to help shape the criteria for the selection of our next Superintendent.

Superintendent’s Report...

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

A typical day in the life of a Superintendent is replete with a lot of paperwork, emails and phone calls. In the winter, I do all of this with one eye always on the weather forecast. It is simply the way it is.

So imagine my delight when Mrs. Bellino collected me this morning to visit a 1st Grade classroom to witness the improvements that have been made to the e-spark personalized learning program that is being utilized at the Primary and elementary levels. The students, as always, were impressive and we delighted in being the audience to witness a small group of students writing in their e-spark journals and recording their e-spark videos for Mrs. Keehlisen to view. The amount of support and collaboration for each other during the process was notable and Mrs. Bellino noted that sharing an iPad results in a natural mentoring relationship. One student learns the process for recording the video and then assists their partner when it is their turn. All under the watchful eye of the teacher who is managing four different centers at one time without breaking a sweat or even raising her voice.

But beyond the e-spark lesson, I took some time to drink in the culture of the room. There were so many reminders posted about the room – all with the goals of fostering independence, collaboration and accountability. There are books on the windowsills about how children are different, how to make friends and even how to work toward one's own happiness. There are posters about editing one's writing, and taking the time to contribute to the well-being of another student as well as your own. (Those are the reminders to fill others "buckets" as well as your own – imagine that, self- help books written for a 6 year old audience!)

There are computer centers, writing centers, art projects, group assignments, cozy rugs and a rocker - not to mention pictures of each child's family at his/her seat at each table. Each child in that classroom was engaged, excited to learn and happy to be in school. It was the essence of what excellence looks like in a first grade classroom. So as we begin our work to craft an annual budget, this morning will serve as a reminder as to the focal point of all of our efforts - the student experience. I welcome you to join us for our Community Budget forum on January 26th at 7:30 in the Board Room.

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

Interdisciplinary Instruction in Action: Frida Kahlo, Artist
Mrs. Andrea McLaughlin
Senora Tara Tassani

Board Actions...

Childcare Leave:

Whitney O'Donnell, tenured teacher, LH, was approved Unpaid Childcare Leave immediately following FMLA for the period beginning on or about June 5, 2016 through June 17, 2016.

Resignations:

Jane Tofel: the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Jane Tofel, Science Teacher, was accepted with appreciation for her many years of service to the District effective July 1, 2016.

Joyce Schmieder: the resignation of Joyce Schmieder, English Teacher, HS, was accepted effective June 30, 2016. (Pos. No. TEHS77)

Appointments:

Jennifer Mugavero: Teacher Assistant LH (Certification in Initial Students with Disabilities 1-6). This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant effective January 13, 2016, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

Rebecca Engesser; Teacher Aide LH effective Jan. 13-June 30, 2016

Christine M. McCloskey: 12 Month Sr. Clerk Typist HS effective date Jan. 4th 2016 In accordance with Civil Service Regulations, this a Contingent-Permanent appointment.

Maryellen Barone-Divers: 12 Month Sr. Account Clerk Typist/Accounts Payable DO effective date Jan. 4th, 2016.

Jean Luna: 12 Month Sr. Clerk Typist/Transportation Dept. DO effective date Jan. 11th, 2016

Cheryl Manniello: was appointed Permanent Building Substitute at West Side School effective January 4, 2016 (M/T/Th/Fr) for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

Appointment -Spring Coaching 2015-16 school year be approved as submitted:

Varsity Lacrosse (B) Dennis Bonn
Varsity Lacrosse Asst. (B) Christian Lynch
JV Lacrosse (B) John Foley
JV Lacrosse Asst (B) Paul McDermott
Varsity Baseball (B) Rich Greeney
Varsity Baseball Asst. (B) Joe Del Gais
JV Baseball (B) Mike Wolf
Varsity Spring Track Nick Aurigemma
Varsity Spring Track Gary Franklin
V. Spring Track Asst. Erica Fraiberg
Varsity Softball (G) Steve Cacioppo
Varsity Softball Asst. (G) Jay Murphy
Varsity Lacrosse (G) Danielle Castellane
V Lacrosse Asst. (G) Elizabeth Burkhard
JV Lacrosse Asst. (G) Lou Santoli
V Crew Jon Mendreski
V Crew Asst. Michelle Forte
V Crew Asst. Vincent Natale
V Crew Asst. Lauren Schulz
V Golf (G) Robert Colascione
JV Golf (G) Cyndi Scudieri

Andrea Galeno: was appointed JHS Musical Vocal Director for the 2015-16 school year

Dr. Beth Chase-Schuman: Leave Replacement School Psychologist: was appointed per-diem working three days per week beginning January 19, 2016.

Tina Velez: was appointed a .40 FTE Leave Replacement Social Worker at a per-diem rate for the period beginning January 12, 2016 with an end date TBD.

Personnel Contracts:

Marjorie Mayerson: Contract for Services between the District and Marjorie Mayerson for the 2015-16 school year was approved as submitted.

Island Tennis Sportime: the Contract for Services between the District and Island Tennis Sportime for the services of Edwin V. Ramirez, Coach (Pos. No. 15a) for the 2015-16 school year was approved as submitted.

Joseph Ferrante: the Contract for Services between the District and Joseph Ferrante, Elementary Musical Accompanist, for the 2015-16 school year was approved as submitted.

Donna Gorelick: the Contract for Services between the District and Donna Gorelick, Elementary Musical Accompanist, for the 2015-16 school year was approved as submitted.

Joanne Graziano: the Contract for Services between the District and Joanne Graziano, Guest Speaker ~ Financial Aid Workshop, for the 2015-16 school year be approved as submitted. This Contract for Services replaces the Contract for Services for Vincent Tunstall approved at the December 8, 2015 meeting.

Other Matters:

Extension of Probationary Period: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and upon the request of the teacher named in confidential Attachment A, the Board of Educations of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District hereby appoints the teacher named in confidential Attachment A to an extension of the teacher's probationary term through June 30, 2016, unless discontinued earlier by action of the Board of Education.

Karen Spehler: Stipend Increase Public Information Services Be it resolved that the Board of Education approve that the stipend for Karen Spehler, Public Information Services be increased for the 2015-2016 school year.

Business Recommendations:

Bid Awards:

The Board of Education approved a contract with Irwin Contracting, Inc. of Hauppauge, New York for Interior Reconstruction (Science Rooms and Toilets) for the Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School 2014/2015 Capital Improvement Program (SED No. 58-04-02-06-0-007-045) in the amount of \$290,000 on the basis of low bid meeting specifications, as per the recommendation of the school architect.

Budget Transfers:

The Board of Education approved the budget line transfers for fiscal year 2015-2016, as attached, to adjust salary appropriations for salaries approved by the Board of Education subsequent to adoption of school budget.

Policies:

1. Policy 1130 - News Media Relations
Second Read & Adoption
2. Policy 2342 - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
Second Read & Adoption

3. Policy 8110 - School Building Safety
Second Read & Adoption
4. Policy 8112 - Health and Safety Committee
Second Read & Adoption

Additional Business Matters:

1. **Audit Response Plan:** the Board of Education approved the Audit Response Plan dated December 10, 2015 for the Independent External Audit for 2014-2015 fiscal year as prepared by Nawrocki Smith LLP.
2. **2016-2017 Calendar:** the Board of Education adopted the attached calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. **Smart Schools Implementation Plan:** the Board of Education approved the final Smart Schools Investment Plan as required by NYSED. This plan provides information on the spending of the district's \$306,709 allocation from the Smart Schools Bond Act of November 4, 2014.
4. **New Clubs - High School:** the Board of Education approved the following Jr. High clubs with an initial cap of 15 hours (approx. \$562): Baking for a Cause Junior Helpers
5. **Disposal of Obsolete Equipment:** the Board of Education declared obsolete a 1992 Chevy-3500 Dump Truck (VIN# 1GBJK34N8NE221320) that is beyond reasonable repair, not running, and has already been replaced.
6. **Change Order:** the Board of Education approved a construction change order with JNS Heating Service in the amount of -\$10,000 (deduct) for the underutilized allowance for unforeseen conditions in connection with the HVAC construction project at Lloyd Harbor Elementary School (SED #58-04-02-06-0-002-028).

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:

Mineola School District

Upcoming Meetings...

January 26th – Community Budget Forum, 7:30 pm

February 9th - Board of Education Meeting – 7:30pm

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)