

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” March 8, 2016

President’s Report...

BOE President Robert C. Hughes’ report included the following:

Tonight is all about congratulations. First I’d like to welcome Doctor Bellino. Lydia has successfully defended her dissertation and we can now change her name plate.

Three of our Board members have also furthered their education. Ingrid Wright, Janice Elkin and Amy Brogan—all the women on the Board you may notice—have been recognized by the New York State School Boards Association for their continued training to be effective school board members and their commitment to better serving our school district.

Our students continue to excel as well. Three of our high school students have been named National Merit Scholarship finalists. Timothy Sherlock, Andrew Gulotta, and Zachary Wang are among the very top high school seniors in the country. This is a rare honor, although I’m pleased to say Cold Spring Harbor always seems to be represented among the ranks of National Merit Scholarship finalists.

Our student-athletes also continue to do well. The Boys Basketball team is Conference Champion—for only the second time in school history—and was the #5 Seed in the Class A Nassau County Championship tournament. In wrestling, Christian Hansen—a seventh grader—and Christian Tartaglia are County Champions. Congratulations.

Speaking of athletics, there have been discussions for the past several years about building a fitness center at the high school. The issue has become more pressing because the need to make the restrooms in the field house accessible will force us to re-locate the trainer’s room to a temporary location in the new gym. This domino effect has given greater urgency to the idea of building a fitness center that would include a new conveniently located trainer’s room, a new office for the Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics (freeing up space in the wrestling room), and a fitness center to be used by all students during physical education classes. A fitness center would allow us to expand our physical education class offerings to provide instruction that will lead to a lifestyle of wellness consistent with the spirit and goals articulated when the District’s Wellness Policy was updated a few years ago.

The Seahawks Booster Club, after consultation with the district, has been taking the lead in developing plans for a fitness center and offered to raise the funds for it. The Booster Club has received pledges and donations of upwards of half a million dollars and, while the club remains fully committed to the project, they feel their fund raising efforts have stalled. So, the club has asked if the Board of Education would pursue the idea. Preliminary estimates for an addition to the back of the field house are about \$4.5 million. At a future meeting the Board will discuss whether it wishes to pursue the idea of building a fitness center with taxpayer money.

We hope for input from the community as well. The funds raised by the Booster Club would be available to provide the equipment for the center.

Finally, a brief update on the search for a new Superintendent. The Board has interviewed the next Superintendent—we just don't know who it is yet. First round of interviews have been held and the field of potential candidates has been narrowed. Second round interviews will be held later this month. We are still on track to make a selection well before the end of the school year.

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

1. Physical Education & Wellness at Lloyd Harbor School

Valerie Massimo, Principal,
Phil Gray, Assistant to the Principal,
Christian Lynch, Physical Education Teacher,
Christine Parent, Health Teacher, Lloyd Harbor School
Joe Toscano, Physical Education Teacher

2. Growth Mindset Presentation Kurt Simon, Principal, West Side School

Jane DeRosa, 6th Grade Teacher,
Student Presenters:
Jennifer Papa
Logan Vitagliano
Jackson DeMarco
Fraser Lintott

Board Actions...

Leaves:

Kerry O'Brien, Tenured Teacher, GHP, was granted unpaid child care leave for the entire 2016-2017 school year.

Appointments:

Christina Marzello JH Tennis (B) Spring Coaching assignment 2015-16 CSHHS was approved.

Dr. Beth Chase-Schuman, Leave Replacement School Psychologist has a revised starting date of January 19th with an end date TBD.

Jon Mendreski was appointed Varsity Football Coach for the fall 2016 at CSHHS.

Danielle Gil was appointed P/T Social Studies Leave Replacement at CSHHS at a per diem rate (pending receipt of Official Transcripts) effective February 24, 2016 with an end date TBD. In addition, Danielle Gil was appointed .40 FTE per diem substitute teacher at CSHHS at a per diem rate effective February 24, 2016 with an end date TBD.

William Hennessy was appointed P/T Social Studies per diem Leave Replacement at CSHHS effective February 25, 2016 with an end date TBD.

Heidi Arcati was appointed Teacher Aide, GHP Effective Date: March 7, 2015 thru June 30, 2016

Julianne Gerver was appointed Per Diem Substitute Teacher, HS English Dept. effective on or about April 4, 2016 with an end date TBD.

Lauren DeGennaro was appointed student intern social worker at CSHHS working under the direct supervision of Dr. Robin Deluca-Acconi for 18 hours per week through June 24, 2016.

Contracts:

Health Services Contract—

2. **Health Services - Huntington UFSD**

The Board of Education approved the contract with the Huntington UFSD for health services for 13 students attending St. Patrick School during the 2015-16 school year.

3. **Health Services - Syosset School District**

The Board of Education approved the contract for Health Services with Syosset Central School District for 4 students attending private schools during the 2015/16 school year.

4. **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 2015/16 school year.

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

Sub allocation Contracts

*County of Suffolk Brookville Center for Children's Services
Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf*

Policies:

1. Policy 1120 - School District Records *First Read*
2. Policy 1120-R School District Records Regulations *First Read*
3. Policy 4710 - Grading Systems *First Read*
4. Policy 6610 - Fund Balance Policy 8 *First Read*
5. Policy 6900 - Disposal of District Property *First Read*

Additional Business Matters:

1. Professional Services Agreement

The Board of Education authorized the President of the Board of Education to execute a professional services agreement with **Munistat Services, Inc.** to provide services relative to the issuance of the District's Tax Anticipation Notes to be issued for the 2016-2017 school year and the filing of the Annual Information Statement as required by SEC Rule 15c2-12 at an inclusive fee of \$9,500 for all services.

2. Professional Services Agreement - Accounting

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, 2016 at an annual fee of \$46,000, less \$3,000 if the school district is not required to file the Federal Single audit (OMB Circular A-133).

**3. Notice of Annual Budget Meeting
Annual District Election and Budget Hearing**

The Board of Education adopted the following resolutions for the Annual Budget Hearing on May 10, 2016 and Vote on May 17, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual budget hearing of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District, Towns of Huntington, Suffolk County and Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York will be held at the District Office in the Francis Roberts Community Center, 75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, New York in said district on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. for:

1. Discussion of the budget for the school year **2016-2017**

2. Such further business as is authorized by the Education Law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that voting on the School District budget and election of members of the Board of Education of the Cold Spring Harbor School District will take place at the Cold Spring Harbor High School Field House on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Voting will be by ballot on voting machines.

Forms of propositions will be as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the School District budget proposed by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law shall be approved.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure (2016-2017)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District (“District”) has determined that there is a need to undertake certain capital improvements, renovations and/or alterations in the District’s buildings and facilities to commence during the 2016-2017 school year (“Project”) in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, as described in the District’s 2016 Capital Reserve Projects Report (“Report”) on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that a proposition be presented to the voters of the School District at the Annual District Election authorizing the expenditure of available funds from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund III, in the amount of \$1,300,000 for that purpose, with the balance of the Project costs to be funded by authorized budgetary appropriations in the proposed 2016-17 Annual Budget to be presented to the voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board establishes itself as lead agency for the purposes of SEQRA determinations regarding the proposed Project; and be it further RESOLVED, that, upon the review and recommendation of the District’s Architect, the proposed Project is hereby determined to be a Type II action, as defined by 6 NYCRR §617.5[c], which will have no significant impact on the environment, and which does not require any other determination or procedure under SEQRA; and, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs that the following proposition be placed before the voters of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District at the Annual District Election to be held between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. on May 17, 2016, at the polling place heretofore established within the District; and that the District Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such proposition to be voted at said Annual District Election by publishing a notice thereof, four times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding the Annual District Election, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days before the

election, and to have the necessary ballot labels printed for said vote in the form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law and the provisions of the voting machine rules of this school district:

PROPOSITION NO. 2 (Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure Proposition):

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District (“District”), be hereby authorized to undertake and perform a school building improvement project (“Project”) in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, substantially as referred to and described in the District’s 2016 Capital Reserve Project Report (“Report”) on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk; and to appropriate and expend from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund III, heretofore established by the voters of the District on May 19, 2015, an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) for that purpose, with the balance of the Project costs (an amount not to exceed \$700,000) to be funded by budgetary appropriations for that purpose in the proposed 2016-17 Annual Budget, subject to voter approval; said Project to commence during the 2016-2017 school year and to consist of certain capital improvements, construction, reconstruction, renovations and/or alterations at the District’s Junior/Senior High School, Lloyd Harbor School, West Side School and District Wide, and the sites and facilities thereof; all of the foregoing to include site improvements, furnishings, equipment, apparatus, machinery, demolition and other incidental work or improvements required in connection therewith, as well as preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District and no material change shall be made in the scope of the Project.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of estimated expenses for the school year 2016-2017 may be obtained by any resident in the district at each school house in the district, daily except Saturday and Sunday during the fourteen days prior to the annual election and budget vote between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, the District is required to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted by the statutory authority, and show the cumulative impact of each type of exemption, the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for office of member of the Board of Education may be filed with the District Clerk no later than April 18, 2016, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Two three-year terms (i.e., July 1, 2016-June 30, 2019) are to be filled on the Board of Education. Nominations for the office of member of the Board of Education, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be made by petition subscribed by at least 25

qualified voters of the District, and filed in the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. not later than April 18, 2016. Such petition shall state the residence of each signer and shall state the name and residence of the candidate. A nomination may be rejected by the Board of Education if the candidate is ineligible for the office or declares his or her unwillingness to serve. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered elected to office. Where terms are of different length, the candidate receiving the highest vote shall be elected to the longest term.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required and no person shall be entitled to vote at said meeting and election whose name does not appear on the register of said school district unless registered in accordance with Section 352 of the Election Law of the State of New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all qualified voters who are registered and voted in any general or school election on or after January 1, 2011 are not required to register with the Board of Registration for this meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Registration shall meet to prepare the register of the School District at the Cold Spring Harbor Community Center on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at which time new voters may register. Residents may also register at the District Office on Goose Hill Road any day until May 11, 2016 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. except Saturday, Sunday or school vacations, at such times when school facilities are open. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Said register shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk on Thursday, May 12, 2016 and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district daily except Sunday, and the day of the election, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Applications for absentee ballots to vote on the budget and for election of Board members may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of election except Sundays.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education shall designate itself or such of its employees as it shall deem appropriate as a set of poll clerks to cast and canvass ballots and certify the results of the May 17, 2016 election within ten days of such election pursuant to Education Law 2019-a.2.b.

Upcoming Meetings...

March 15th - Board of Education Special Meeting (Budget Review) – 6:30 pm

March 29th - Board of Education Special Meeting (Budget Review) – 6:30 pm

April 12th – Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

April 18th – Board of Educaiton Work Session – 7:30pm

Meetings are held at the Francis Roberts Community Center (District Office)
75 Goose Hill Rd., Cold Spring Harbor, NY
District web site – www.csh.k12.ny.us