

# Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

## August 25, 2015

### **President’s Report...**

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

*Students undoubtedly believe that soon after they leave school in late June, the buildings become ghost towns devoid of activity and eerily quiet with tumbleweeds blowing down the hallways. But July and August are not idle months around here. The summer is the perfect time to complete important building projects. In fact, summer may be the busiest time of year for our Buildings and Grounds team. This year, our big project was to build a new administration office at Lloyd Harbor School. I visited the school this afternoon and can report that the new space will be a terrific change for the building—when its finished! I have no doubt that Mark will make sure the project is done by the end of this week. Mark Margoles will fill us in on other projects later this evening.*

*Mark and his crew aren’t the only ones busy over the summer. Dozens of teachers and administrators joined District Technology Director John Contess and Assistant Superintendent Lydia Bellino for exciting professional development workshops that will help them take full advantage of new software and the new devices donated by the Education Foundation. This year, kindergarten students will be using iPads to explore the literacy and math educational tools offered through eSpark. LightSail will also improve literacy by providing interactive support as students in grades 4 through 6 improve their reading skills. In the middle school grades, Achieve3000 tailors news articles published by the Associated Press to each student’s reading level and adjusts that level as the students’ skills improve. This program not only fosters improved reading skills, it also exposes students to current events, which will become the history of their adult years.*

*Teachers have also learned how to take full advantage of GoogleDocs and to facilitate the implementation of blended learning that will enable us to expand students’ learning options. We speak often of helping our students become lifelong learners. We are fortunate that our teachers are year round learners. We thank them for their time and dedication and look forward to a terrific year of learning.*

### **Superintendent’s Report...**

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

*In exactly one week, the doors of the Cold Spring Harbor Schools will open wide to welcome 1822 students (and counting) – suffice it to say that our registrar is busily enrolling new students – and we are excited to have new families join our school community.*

*It is almost indescribable to convey the work that takes place in the schools over these summer months – in addition to a deep cleaning of every inch of the schools, the Main Office renovation at Lloyd Harbor has easily added a few gray hairs to Mr. Margolis’ locks as he ponders the state of readiness for September 1<sup>st</sup> – he is not thinking in terms of days, he is surely calculating*

*hours as it is unquestioned that each of the 144 remaining hours will be used to put the school in a state of ready.*

*While many think of winter as the busy time for our custodians and grounds crew, one only has to observe the scope of their work and the pace of their step to understand the responsibilities that they carry over the summer months – and, most notably, the pride that they take in their work. I am so grateful for that pride, because it ensures that our students learn in an environment that speaks to the level of care that every member of our school community has in its children.*

*I would be remiss if I did not mention the work of our detail oriented and efficient clerical staff – from class lists, to registration, to bus schedules, to purchase orders to payroll preparation – our extraordinary assistants do it all – with equanimity and a sense of humor. Their work ensures that everyone is where they are supposed to be – from Day One.*

*And finally, I would like to recognize the work of our administrative team – it is almost incomprehensible to understand how one can take a vacation and plan for the school year ahead – in the same space of time. Thank you for giving meaning to the spirit of what “welcome” feels like in Cold Spring Harbor– I look forward to witnessing the excitement of our students as they ring in the new school year.*

## **Focus on Teaching and Learning...**

*2014-2015 District Goal Update - Dr. William Bernhard presented a report to the Board of Education on the long term implication of the tax cap on the financial stability of the district that included a five-year fiscal plan to ensure that student programs and services continue at comparable levels.*

## **Board Actions...**

### **Resignations:**

The resignation of **Richard Thau**, Teacher Assistant, HS, was accepted effective July 7, 2015.

### **Appointments:**

**Sandra Garrison**: Clerk Typist Reassignment, HS Faculty Secretary effective 8/25/15

**Lynn Ciaccio**: Clerk Typist Reassignment HS Library effective 8/25/15

**Kimberly Dussol**: P/T Teacher Aide WS effective dates 8/31/15 through 6/30/16

**Peter Linderman**: P/T Teacher Aide GH effective dates 8/31/15 through 6/30/16

Catherine Ball: Teacher Aide HS effective dates 8/31/15 through 6/30/16

Andrea Galeno - HS Co-Curricular appointments 2015-16 were approved as submitted: HS Drama Director, HS Drama Technical Director, and HS Drama Business Director.

Maryellen Olsen: Elementary Head WS Co-Curricular 2015-16

Nancy Fastuca: Elementary Head Asst. - WS Co-Curricular 2015-16

Maria Ball: Teacher Assistant WS (This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant effective August 31, 2015, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.)

Andrew Cennamo: Teacher Assistant HS (This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant effective August 31, 2015, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.)

Ronald Rudaitis: Teacher Aide HS effective August 31, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Olivia D'Alessio: Teacher Aide HS effective August 31, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Christine Power; Teacher Aide GH effective August 31, 2015 through June 30, 2016

#### Varsity and Junior Varsity Fall 2015-16 Coaching

V. Football Asst. Louis Santoli  
JV Football Asst. Giuseppe Alviano  
JV Field Hockey Cheryl Feldman  
JV Volleyball (G) Erica Fischetti  
JV Tennis (G) Nicole Byrnes  
V Crew Asst Michelle Forte

#### JH fall Coaching 2015-16

JH Football Nicholas Woll  
JH Football Michael Ferrugiari  
JH Soccer (B) Anthony Servidio  
JH Soccer (B) Gary Franklin  
JH Soccer (B) Christopher Muhs  
JH Cross Country Kristin Wilkins  
JH Swimming (G) Dan Kelly  
JH Field Hockey Steven Forbes  
JH Field Hockey Peter Lindermann  
JH Tennis (G) Cristina Marzello  
JH Soccer (G) Maureen Lynch  
JH Soccer (G) Odysseas Svolos  
JH Soccer (G) Elizabeth A. Burkhard  
JH Ice Hockey Michael Marino \$4,668.00

#### Donations:

The Board of Education accepted the generous donation of \$4,773 from the High School Citizen Faculty Association to be used to purchase outdoor furniture and equipment which will be located in the brick circles near the front entrance of the Jr./Sr. High School.

**Contracts:**

**Adult Education Instructor** Services for the 2015-2016 school year were approved for: Elizabeth Yaari, Victoria DeLaurentis, Jo-Anne Damato, Richard Wos, Martine Tawaji, Kathy Huezey, Dorothy Mandrakos, Anne Gunther, Linda Greenfield,

**Michael McCristall:** contract for Athletic Trainer approved for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Jessica Hettler:** contract for Athletic Trainer approved for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Summer Handicapped Transportation:** the Board of the Education approved a Summer Handicapped Transportation Contract with Huntington Coach Corp. for four student placements, as determined by the CSE, for the period from July 1, 2015 to August 31, 2015 at a cost of \$20,000

**Independent Agencies:**

The Board of Education of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District approved the terms and conditions of the following contracts between the District and the following agencies or independent providers

*Access 7 Services, CEO Brookville Center for Children's Services, Horizon Health Care Services, United Cerebral Palsy - Sub allocation Contract, Achieve Beyond, MKSA, Acoustic Achievements, Susan Taddonio, Syosset Home Tutoring, Creative Tutoring, Dr. Melanie Herzfeld, Oyster Bay-East Norwich CSD (14-15), Randi Schuller, Liat Horlick, Tutoring Service of Long Island, St. James Tutoring, Sandy O'Reilly, Islip Tutoring Service, NY Therapy Placement Services, Metro Therapy, Top Grade, Island Better Hearing, Maxim, DDI, All About Kids, PBS, Gayle Kligman, Donna Girardi, Millennium Children Services, Stipulation of Settlement, Syosset Central School District.*

**Policies:****Second Read & Adoption:**

- Policy 2121 - Board Member Qualifications
- Policy 4526- Computer Network Acceptable Use
- Policy 4526-R - Computer Network Acceptable Use Regulation
- Policy 5280 - Interscholastic Athletics
- Policy 6240-R - Investment Regulation
- Policy 9645 - Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy)

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Policy 5300.60 - Student Searches and Interrogations

**Additional Business Matters:**

**Adult Education Fees increased:** The Board of Education increased the fee schedule by \$15 for the Cold Spring Harbor Community Education Program and established the following tuition

rates to become effective beginning with the Fall 2015 program: Residents \$80.00, Resident Seniors (60 years or older) \$65.00, All Non-Residents \$90.00.

#### Disposal of Obsolete Equipment:

- Two bookcases located in the West Side School (the bookcases cannot be repaired or recycled).
- Approximately 700-800 outdated or worn textbooks, study guides, and novels that have either been replaced with newer editions or no longer used. The Board authorized the donation of these obsolete books to the Vietnam Veterans of American organization.

#### Other Matters:

##### Professional Development Committee

The Board of Education appointed the following members:

**Chairperson, Lydia Bellino**, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

*Professional Development Committee*

**Lynn Herschlein**, Principal, Goosehill Primary School

**Valerie Massimo**, Principal, Lloyd Harbor Elementary School

**Jay Matuk**, Principal, Jr/Sr High School

**Kurt Simon**, Principal, West Side Elementary School

**Erin Goldthwaite**, Special Education Chairperson, CSH Jr/Sr High School

**Ferne Chase**, Elementary AIS Coordinator

**William Arloff**, Teacher, West Side Elementary School

**Cathie Gross**, Teacher, Goosehill Primary School

**Laura Mastracchio**, English Teacher, CSH High School

**Joanna Waters**, English Teacher, CSH High School

**Whitney O'Donnell**, Teacher, Lloyd Harbor Elementary School

**Stephanie DiNozzi**, Parent Representative

**Certification Lead Evaluators - Judith A. Wilansky and Lydia Bellino** are hereby certified as a Qualified Lead Evaluator of building principals having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR§30-2.9 (b).

#### Certification of Lead Evaluators - Administration

**Michael Bongino, Helen Browne, Denise Campbell, Lynn Herschlein, Valerie Massimo, Jay Matuk, Joe Monastero, Andrew Rosenberg and Kurt Simon** are hereby certified as a Qualified Lead Evaluator of classroom teachers having successfully completed the training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR§30-2.9 (b).

*Additionally department chairs Brent Chiarello, Erin Goldthwaite, Phil Gray and Andria McLaughlin participated in the training.*

#### Facilities Update :

Extensive facilities update given by Mr. Mark Margolies, Director of Buildings and Grounds (summer projects completed).

#### Calendar Change:

Board of Education Monthly Meetings – Correction. The regular monthly meeting date of August 23, 2016 was amended to reflect the correct date of August 30, 2016.

### **Upcoming Meetings...**

September 8<sup>th</sup> –Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

September 29<sup>th</sup> – Board of Education Work Session 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](http://www.csh.k12.ny.us) )