

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

September 8, 2015

President’s Report...

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

Good evening and welcome back to another year of learning. We will be hearing shortly from our school principals about the opening of schools this year. Spoiler alert: I think everything went smoothly. In two weeks, on September 29, the Board will have a workshop to discuss setting goals for the coming year. In the coming months, we will also discuss the new procedures for formulating and distributing class schedules at the High School and the flow of traffic at the High School during drop off and pick up. The Board discussed the traffic flow issue in 2009 and 2011. With the passage of time, it seems appropriate to revisit the issue.

But those discussions await future Board meetings. Tonight we want to recognize the designation of two of our schools as Reward Schools by the State of New York. This designation is made every year. The State selects those schools that demonstrate high performance on the State assessments as well as closing achievement gaps among subgroups. We traditionally have at least one school designated each year. This year, based on the results from the 2013-14 school year, we have two. Those schools are West Side and the High School. Congratulations.

Superintendent’s Report...

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

Welcome to the 2015-16 school year! This year marks my 15th year in Cold Spring Harbor and I have had the privilege of witnessing a full generation of students grow from their first day of Kindergarten to their HS commencement ceremony. I feel comfortable in assuring parents that we are committed to partnering with you in your child’s educational journey and that we will endeavor to make it a fulfilling and successful foundation toward a future of limitless possibilities.

It has been a wonderfully smooth opening and, from my vantage point, everyone is beginning the year with enthusiasm, goals and high expectations, in spite of what promises to be record breaking temperatures over the next few days.

I would like to take a moment to highlight several new courses that our High School students have the opportunity to participate in this year:

Statistics

Science in the 21st Century

Television Production & Broadcasting

an online course in Multivariable Calculus

We continue to endeavor to challenge our students with broad range of curricular offerings in order to keep them fully engaged in learning both during and after the school day. Toward that end, you will also note recommendations to the Board regarding new co-curricular and athletic offerings. September launches a year of excitement and enthusiasm for new beginnings – and for that, I am pleased to continue the tradition of having our administrative team speak of their school and department openings

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

Opening Day Reports

Goosehill Primary School, Lynn Herschlein

Lloyd Harbor School, Valerie Massimo

West Side School, Kurt Simon

CSH Jr./Sr High School, Jay Matuk Helen Browne, Joe Monastero

Athletics, Michael Bongino

Recognitions:

NY State Department of Education “Reward School Certificates”

Presented to:

- 1. West Side School*
- 2. CSH Jr./Sr. High School*

Board of Education President Robert C. Hughes presented both schools with the NY State Department of Education “Reward School” Award for the 2015-2016 school year. New York State Commissioner John B. King, Jr. identifies Reward Schools as either schools that have high achievement or schools that have made the most progress in the state and do not have significant gaps in student achievement between subgroups, while adhering to very specific performance and progress measurements. Congratulations!

Board Actions...

Resignations:

Rebecca Stapleton: Teacher Aide, GHP, effective August 28, 2015

Kelly O'Connor: Teacher Aide, GHP, effective September 11, 2015.

Appointments:

Lauren Spatola: P/T Teacher Assistant; P/T Special Education Teacher HS 8/31/15 – 6/30/16 (Ms. Spatola will continue her probationary appointment as a Teacher Assistant effective September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2017.)

Cristina Marzello: Teacher Aide HS 8/31/15 – 6/30/16

Robert Krakehl: appointed student teacher in the Science Department at CSHHS working under the direction of James Hardy for the period September 1, 2015 through October 30, 2015.

Leslie Penado: P/T ESL Teacher GH 8/31/15 – 6/30/16

Elizabeth Burkhard: appointed JV (G) Soccer Coach

George Taylor III: appointed Varsity (G) Diving Coach

Nancy L. Orelli: 12-Month Clerk Typist LH (Main Office)

Holly Pasqualetto: Leave Replacement Speech Pathologist GH

Co-Curricular, HS approved

Yearbook – HS, Christine Oswald

National Honor Society-Split, Jaak Raudsepp

National Honor Society-Split, Maria Segura

Business Director - JH Musical, Christine Oswald

Business Director - SH Musical, Christine Watt

Advisor Computer Science Club, Melissa McLees

Disposal and Donation of Obsolete Textbooks:

The Board of Education declared obsolete approximately ten boxes of outdated or worn textbooks and workbooks located at the Lloyd Harbor School that have either been replaced with newer editions or are no longer used. The Board authorized the donation of these obsolete books to the Vietnam Veterans Association.

Contracts:

1. Transportation Contract

The Board of the Education approved the transportation contract extension with Huntington Coach Corp., for the period from September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 at no increase in the CPI over the prior year's contract based on the published CPI, for regular and handicapped transportation at an anticipated annual cost of \$3,368,108.66.

2. Transportation Contract - Athletics & Field Trips

The Board of the Education approved the transportation contract extension with Huntington Coach Corp., , for the period from September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 at no increase in the CPI over the prior year's contract based on the published CPI, for Athletic and Academic Field trip transportation at an anticipated annual cost of \$403,381.00

3. The Board of Education approved the terms and conditions of the following contract between the District and Foundations Occupational Therapy

Policies:

Policy 5300.60 - Student Searches and Interrogations Second Read & Adoption

New Clubs Approved – HS

1. Music Club (Songwriting and Arranging)
2. Fight Like a Girl (FLAGS)
3. Stock Market Club - Stipend Increase
4. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) - Stipend Increase to include the supervision of the School Store at Jr./Sr. High School.

Upcoming Meetings...

October 13th –Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

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)