

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

November 10, 2015

President’s Report...

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

Tonight, our agenda includes several routine but important matters. We will review the financial and educational results of the 2014-15 school year. We will consider field trips, and pesticides, and the sale of peanut butter sandwiches, among many other topics. Not on the agenda, but very important, is the Superintendent’s search. As we discussed at the workshop last month, there will be an online community survey, which should be available by the end of the week.

In the midst of these discussions, we may lose sight of the fact that tomorrow is Veterans Day. As we discovered a couple of years ago, when we discussed granting a property tax exemption for veterans, not many of our current residents are veterans. We can lose sight of the importance of veterans when we do not have veterans as neighbors.

Yesterday at Lloyd Harbor School, we were reminded of the sacrifices veterans have made and continue to make for us. The sixth graders at Lloyd Harbor heard about Lt. Douglas Wauchope, who lived right next door to the school. In fact, his niece and her family still live in the house where Lt. Wauchope grew up. Lt. Wauchope graduated from the school in 1950. He went on to study at West Point and to eventually serve in Vietnam as a Marine. He was killed in June 1965 leading troops in a skirmish with the Viet Cong.

Fifty years after his death, we dedicated a memorial to his service and sacrifice on the front lawn of the school. The ceremony was well planned by Lloyd Harbor principal, Valerie Massimo, and led by members of the student council. Students learned that someone who once sat in the same classrooms as they do served his country with honor and even gave his life for his country. It was a sobering reminder of the meaning of a day that is too often overlooked.

I hope in our rush to “reform” education and emphasize English and Math—important as they are—we don’t lose some of our history such as the story of Lt. Wauchope. There is a great deal of relevance to today’s world in a death that occurred 50 years ago. Let’s hope our students learn that history is always with us, that the past must inform today’s decisions.

Superintendent’s Report...

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

This evening we spend some time reflecting on the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Michael Nawrocki will report to the Board on the annual audit and I will present student achievement data from the 2014 -2015 school year. These “dipsticks” are important annual traditions as they reflect the fiscal health and one aspect of the academic health of the district. Tonight I shall also present the Board with the Annual Report which is a qualitative narrative with regard to many aspects of our district – with some special attention devoted to events and student experiences.

I always wonder whether anyone really takes the time to read this tome – 65 pages of print with an appendix of about 100 pages of additional information. It would be a wonderful addition to a time capsule as it really captures a year in the life of Cold Spring Harbor Central school District. The Annual Report will be available in each of our schools for your reading pleasure as well as posted on our website. And, I must admit, in preparing this annual report there were a few things that I learned about the goings on of the last year which I enjoyed thoroughly – so much so, that I would like to share them with you:

At Goosehill:

The School Improvement Team (SIT) created and organized a school-wide event, Healthy Habits Day. Parents and community members offered workshops on topics such as nutrition, sun safety, bone health, and exercise. The children also participated in yoga and Tae Kwon Do, interacted with a Suffolk County Deputy Sheriff, and toured a Cold Spring Harbor ambulance. The children wrote thank you notes to the workshop leaders as a follow-up activity.

At West Side:

*West Side Student Council worked hard this year and came to meetings with creative ways to make the world a better place. They raised money for the **Susan Komen Foundation** for breast cancer with a school wide Wear Pink Day. They held a pie sale around Thanksgiving and donated the proceeds to St. Jude's Research Foundation. Students also brought in pictures of their pets and made a display board in the cafeteria to raise money for the Little Shelter. They had a can drive called "**Soup"er Bowl** during Super Bowl week and donated that to the **Helping Hand's Rescue Mission**. They also held a basketball **Sharpshooters Tournament** in March that raised over \$2000 for **Ronald McDonald House Charities**. It was a widely successful year thanks to their dedication and willingness to help others in need.*

In Lloyd Harbor Physical Education:

The Count Me In program for students in grades 4-6 was done for the first time this year. This initiative allowed individual children to receive monthly recognitions for basically showing good sportsmanship, being prepared, and continuously doing the right thing! Also new this year was our "Lloyd Harbor Road Trip Challenge." Students in grades 2-4 were invited to participate in this experience, in which they had to earn points through physical fitness which was turned in to a simulated journey across the U.S. This event was then submitted to a contest called "How We Get Kids To Move," for which we were awarded third place in all of Nassau County.

High School Counseling Center:

***Grade 10:** A career interest module using our online system called Career Dimension. We work together in the computer labs with students and give them individual help. Our purpose here is to familiarize them with both the tool they have at their disposal and the notion of continued research about self and educational options related to their preferences. Some find nirvana; others find things to explore. This work is useful again in junior and senior years when narrowing the vast array of possible paths students can consider, and we often find juniors and seniors updating their preferences on their own.*

These are snippets you won't find on a report card but they provide some insight with regard to the student experience. I could go on for another 64 pages worth – but instead I shall wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving with your families!

Presentation:

Presentation of Audit Report, by Nawrocki & Smith

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

2014-2015 School Report Card

Presentation on Cold Spring Harbor 2014-2015 School Report Card

Dr. Judith A. Wilansky, Superintendent of Schools

Tenure Recommendations:

At the request of the Superintendent, Denise Engel was granted tenure effective December 2, 2015 in the tenure area of Special Education.

Board Actions...

Resignations:

Judith A. Wilansky, Ed.D.: The resignation for the purpose of retirement of Judith A. Wilansky, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, was accepted with appreciation for her many years of service and leadership to the District effective June 30, 2016.

Nancy Orelli; The resignation of Nancy Orelli, Clerk Typist LH, was accepted effective 10/22/15.

Appointments:

Ryan Hassel; Permanent Building Substitute, HS CSHHS effective 10/26/2015 for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

Cheryl Feldman; Teacher Aide HS effective Oct. 27 – June 30, 2016. Ms Feldman was also appointed Varsity Fencing Asst. Coach (G) for the winter 2015-16 season.

Sandra Stedjan; Teacher Assistant WS effective Oct. 22, 2015. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant.

Lynn Shalley; Special Education effective Oct. 22, 2015. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Special Education.

Randi Solis; Permanent Building Substitute GHP effective Nov. 2, 2015.

Shannon Colligan; Teacher Assistant GHP effective Nov. 12, 2015. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant.

Donations:

The Board of Education accepted the generous donation by the Barone Family of the Wauchope Memorial Plaque to be located at Lloyd Harbor School.

Contracts:

The Contract for Services between the District and [John Zaccari](#), Professional Guitarist/Concert Accompanist, WS, for the 2015-16 school year was approved as submitted.

The Contract for Services between the District and [Christopher McKee](#), Musical Accompanist, WS, for the 2015-16 was approved as submitted.

The Contract for Services between the District and [Eliana Kleiner-Lichtman](#), Musical Choreographer, WS, for the 2015-16 school year was approved as submitted, as well as for the Contract for Musical Director, WS, for the 2015-16 school year.

The Board of Education approved the terms and conditions of the [Special Education contract](#) between the District and Glen Cove City School.

Policies:

1. Policy 2270 - School Attorney First Read
2. Policy 6700 -Purchasing First Read

Discussion:

Peanut Butter sandwiches as a lunch menu item.

Additional Business Matters:

[Independent External Audit Report](#): the Board of Education accepted the Independent External Audit Report, dated August 18, 2015, for the fiscal year 2014-2015 as prepared by the Independent Auditing Firm of Nawrocki Smith LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

[Change Order - Lloyd Harbor Reconstruction](#): the Board of Education approved change order #1 with Locust Valley Electric, Glen Cove, New York, the Electrical contractor on the Lloyd Harbor Elementary School reconstruction project, for changes to the Fire Alarm System as requested by the Fire Marshal to include additional smoke detectors, shutdown relay, strobe wall mounts, and additional programming.

[Affordable Care Act Health Coverage](#): the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) require employers of more than 50 employees to offer affordable health coverage that provides a minimum level of coverage to their full time employees. Newly eligible employees will be offered individual and dependent coverage in either the North Shore-LIJ Care Connect, Bronze Plan or the HIP Prime HMO - LG plan, Coverage will begin on January 1, 2016 and end on December 31, 2016 and that a determination of continued eligibility for coverage beyond the 2016 calendar year will be made in the fall of each year.

Field Trips

Speech and Debate: the Board of Education approved the Cold Spring Harbor Speech and Debate Team request to compete at the National Speech and Debate Championships in Sacramento, California from May 26, 2016 through May 30, 2016.

Model UN Club: the Board of Education approved the Model UN club trip to take part in the Ivy League Model UN Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania scheduled for January 28, 2016 through January 31, 2016.

Girls Basketball: the Board of Education approved the Girls Basketball team trip to Phoenix, Arizona scheduled for December 26, 2015 through December 31, 2015 to participate in Cactus Jam Tournament.

Girls Winter Track: the Board of Education approved the Girls Winter Track team trip to participate in the Yale Invitational January 15, 2016 and January 16, 2016.

Girls Lacrosse: the Board of Education approved the Girls Lacrosse Team trip to Vero Beach, Florida scheduled for March 23, 2016 through March 26, 2016 to compete in Non-League games.

Boys Lacrosse: the Board of Education approved the Boys Lacrosse team trip to Philadelphia, PA scheduled for March 23, 2016 through March 26, 2016 to compete in Non-League games.

Pesticide Application:

New York State Education Department requires Board of Education approval on emergency applications of pesticide in areas that are classified as playing fields. The application will be scheduled to not interfere or conflict with any student scheduled activities. The Board of Education approved a onetime application of tic pesticide control at the property of the Goosehill School and application will be made by a licensed pesticide applicator and all regulations concerning neighbor notification will be followed.

Upcoming Meetings...

December 8th–Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

Meetings are held at the Francis Roberts Community Center (District Office)
75 Goose Hill Rd., Cold Spring Harbor

For the full Agenda please visit District web site – www.csh.k12.ny.us Board of Education link