

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

December 8, 2015

President’s Report...

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

Mr. Hughes wished the community a very happy holiday season and invited community members to sit back...and enjoy the wonderful holiday concert by the students at the start of the Board of Education meeting.

Superintendent’s Report...

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

Good evening and welcome-
’tis the season for celebration, reflection and gift giving.

One recent legislative act in the House of Representatives has certainly been greeted by educators as “*keeping within the spirit of the season*” and that is the recent vote to replace the No Child Left Behind legislation with the Every Student Succeeds Act. The House of Representatives voted 359-64 to adopt this new legislation; the Senate is expected to pass the legislation this week, and the President is expected to sign it by the end of December.

A Happy New Year indeed!

What is significant about this legislation is that the issue of school accountability will be returned to the States and that the powers of the United States Department of Education will be limited with regard to standards, assessments and accountability. Of note however, is the fact that the Every Student Succeeds Act continues to require that students be assessed annually in ELA and Math.

Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of the legislation is the elimination of the US government requirement that States evaluate teachers based on measures of student growth.

Now our attention turns toward Albany.

The Governor’s Common Core task force is due to release its report before the holiday. The linkage of teacher evaluations to state assessments remains the central issue – in spite of the fact that this issue was not in the Committee’s original charge. Realistically, this issue will need to be addressed if the State hopes of easing tensions associated around the assessments. Whether the percentages will be changed, whether a moratorium will be considered or whether APPR as we know it, will be scrapped are all possibilities.

The one thing that we do know is that the situation has the likely possibility of improving. And with a New Year looming, we have the possibility of seeing an evaluation season focused on student outcome and not student opt-out.

And with that, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you a joyous holiday season with your families. Stay tuned.

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

Holiday Performance High School Chamber Singers

Under the Direction of Andrea Galeno

High School String Ensemble

Under the Direction of Timothy Jenks

Board Actions...

Leaves:

Kelly Jordan, Tenured Teacher, HS, was granted unpaid childcare leave for the Second Semester of the 2015-16 school year.

Resignations:

Benedict Zuk - Teacher Aide, HS, was accepted effective November 23, 2015.

Beth Banger - Sr. Clerk Typist, HS was accepted effective 2 December 11, 2015. In accordance with Civil Service regulations, Ms. Banger is being released from Cold Spring Harbor Central School District to accept a Sr. Clerk Typist position at Smithtown Central School District effective December 14, 2015.

Felice Kestenbaum – GH Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement was accepted with appreciation for her many years of service to the District, effective June 30, 2016.

Appointments:

Appointment - Winter II Coaching CSHHS for the 2015-16 school year

Wrestling JH Anthony Servidio

Wrestling JH Nicholas Fengler

Volleyball JH (B) Elizabeth Leydon

JH Basketball (G) Ryan Hassel

JH Basketball (G) Peter Linderman

JH Basketball (G) Lauren Blackburn

Cheerleading Asst -Varsity Trisha Sihksnel

JV Winter Cheerleading Tina Velez

Denise Vigilo – 12 month Sr. Clerk Typist Reassignment from the Transportation Dept. DO, to the LH Main Office effective date TBD (*pending hiring/training of a replacement*)

I-Chun Tsai – 12 month Account Clerk Typist Reassignment from Accounts Payable DO to the HS with an effective date TBD (*pending hiring/training of a replacement*)

Lauren Blackburn – P/T Teacher Aide/P/T Teacher Assistant HS effective date 11/ 10/15 – 06/ 30/16

Donations:

[Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation](#) - The Board of Education accepted the generous donation in the amount of \$101,113.94 from the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation for the purpose of expanding the use of technology in the classroom and supporting the district's goals surrounding personalized learning.

Disposal of Obsolete and Outdated Equipment:

The Board of Education approved the disposal of obsolete and outdated computer and electronic equipment as detailed in the attached memos in memos attached to the agenda.

Contracts:

[Special Education](#): 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:

South Huntington Union Free School District
Millennium Children Services
Susan Taddonio
Huntington Union Free School District

Personnel Contracts:

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

[Vincent Tunstall](#) - The Contract for Services between the District and Vincent Tunstall, Guest Speaker ~ Financial Aid Workshop, in the amount of \$600 for the 2015-16 school year was approved as submitted.

Policies:

1. Policy 1130 - News Media Relations First Read
2. Policy 2342 - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination First Read
3. Policy 8110 - School Building Safety First Read
4. Policy 8112 - Health and Safety Committee First Read
5. Policy 2270 - School Attorney Second Read & Adoption
6. Policy 6700 - Purchasing Second Read & Adoption

Additional Business Matters:[Change Order - Lloyd Harbor](#)

The Board of Education approved change order #2 with Metro Group of Long Island, East Northport, NY the General Construction contractor on the Lloyd Harbor Elementary School renovations project, SED #58-04-02-06-0-002- 028, in the amount of \$8,058 for additional labor, materials, and equipment to replace lower wood panel with firelight glass and to create two openings in designated doors and install trim kits with glass.

Smart School Bond Seqra Determination

The Board of Education of the Cold Spring Harbor CSD is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

Replacement and addition of wireless access points, Controllers and network switches. Equipment only - No wiring construction is required. SED #58-04-02-06-7-999-SBI

Smart Schools Implementation Plan

The Board of Education approved the draft Smart Schools Implementation Plan as required by NYSED. This plan provides information on the proposed spending of the district's \$306,709 allocation from the Smart Schools Bond Act of November 4, 2014.

Co-Curricular Club By-Laws

The Board of Education approved the by-laws for The Gender Equity Club (FLAG) currently active at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Contract Modification - Mark Margolies

The Board of Education modified the contractual labor agreement dated June 9, 2015, with Mark Margolies, Director of Facilities, to provide for the annual payment of the unspent portion of the school district's contribution towards life insurance as salary.

Memorandum of Agreement - Food Service Workers

The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Cold Spring Harbor Food Services Employee Unit, dated December 8, 2015, regarding the offer of Health Insurance benefits to eligible Food Service Workers in compliance with the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

School Lunch Monitors - Minimum Wage Increase

The Board of Education modified the hourly rate for school lunch monitors from \$8.75 to \$9.00 per hour effective December 31, 2015 to comply with New York State minimum hourly wage requirements.

Discussions:

➤ **The Board of Education approved the following new courses for the Jr./Sr. High School beginning in September 2016:**

1. *AP Computer Science Principles*
2. *Social Science Research*
3. *Junior High Small Group Instruction (Wind Ensemble 7&8, Orchestra 7&8, Chorus 7&8)*

➤ **Discussion - High School Traffic Flow**

Upcoming Meetings...

January 12th - Board of Education Meeting – 7:30pm

January 26th – Community Budget Forum, 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)