

“Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” June 14, 2016

President’s Report...

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

As I looked over the agenda for tonight’s meeting, I was struck by how wonderful it is to end the school year by recognizing the accomplishments of so many members of our educational community.

As we do every year, we have recognized a group of outstanding juniors with the annual book awards. These students have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement and will undoubtedly continue to be successful in college and beyond. We recognized the success of our student athletes. As we have just heard, for the second year in a row, the Boys Lacrosse team has won the Class C State Championship. We also recognized a member of the staff who has demonstrated exemplary service over many years. This year we are proud to have bestowed this honor on Kelley Meagher who works behind the scenes to keep our personnel office running smoothly.

We also have the privilege of granting tenure to outstanding educators who will serve our students for years to come. All of these successes and accomplishments reflect the commitment to excellence Cold Spring Harbor strives for every day. For the past eight years that commitment has begun at the top. As Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Wilansky has shown a true commitment to educational excellence in Cold Spring Harbor.

Dr. Wilansky has thoughtfully led the district through the various pitfalls that characterize public education in the 21st century. Always striving to make sure we are meeting the needs of each student every day. Judy has worked to make sure we have the right people working for our students and even more importantly, made sure each of those people was in the right seat, even if meant transferring teachers from one elementary school to the other—a previously unheard of practice.

When my daughters started kindergarten twenty years ago, Goosehill was a new school that for the first time united the youngest students of the district in one building. But the attitude that the Cold Spring Harbor school district was made up of two halves continued. It was not until Dr. Wilansky suggested moving teachers from one elementary school to the other that Cold Spring Harbor truly started to feel like one unified district, rather than a district with two halves. The change was good for the teachers involved and good for our students. This is just one example of her thoughtful approach to ensuring each student succeeds.

And in the end, that’s what matters most to Judy; making sure we do what’s right for our students so that they can succeed—whatever success for each individual student means. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Board with Judy at the helm for the last eight years. I’m sure the same commitment to excellence that served our children so well will soon result in dirty fingernails and a beautiful garden in North Bellmore.

Superintendent's Report...

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

Tonight's agenda, lengthy as it may be, presents a bird's-eye view of the 2015-2016 school year in Cold Spring Harbor.

This past Sunday, the graduation for our senior class was held in the High School Field House. Just when I think that there will never be a class as accomplished as this one, tonight we have the honor of recognizing those juniors who have distinguished themselves academically. And if that weren't sufficient, the icing on this year's cake will be to recognize our Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team who clinched the State Championship this past Saturday.

And so it goes.....

This evening, we will recognize those talented faculty members who have completed their probationary periods and will be recommended for tenure. Please know that this is an exceptional achievement as we believe that tenure is reserved for those professionals who demonstrate excellence both in their pedagogy and their commitment to students. We also believe that tenure is but a benchmark in a teacher's career and we are confident that each of these professionals will continue to develop skills over their careers in Cold Spring Harbor as excellence is an infinite pursuit.

The recommendation for tenure is one of my most important duties as Superintendent and the Board and administration take this responsibility very seriously. Congratulations to our one administrator and to the teachers and their families on this auspicious occasion. You will officially become part of my "legacy" to this District, so that, far into the future, someone is sure to ask, "Who was the wise Superintendent who recommended so-and-so for tenure?" That is when you will remember me.

And finally, as the community heads into the pleasures of summer, I will be heading off into the sunset at the end of this month. It has always been a privilege and, 95% of the time, a pleasure to serve our school community. The word genius is most often associated with a person; however, the phrase "genius loci" refers to the spirit of a place. I look forward to finally having the time to reflect and recall the many wonderful moments here – a truly special community. Enjoy a restful and restorative summer.

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

Junior Book Awards - Class of 2017

Student Recipients:

Brown University -	Sarah Hubner
Clarkson University -	Daniel Battillo
College of the Holy Cross -	Joseph Hubner
Cornell University -	Alec Israeli
Hamilton College -	Owen Toomey
Miami University of Ohio -	Grace Costa
Princeton University -	Anand Subudhi
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute -	William Reed
St. Lawrence University -	Ryan Burns
St. Michaels College -	Isabelle Morris

University of Notre Dame -
University of Pennsylvania -
University of Rochester -
Yale University -

Mikayla Hubner
Connor Lynn
Justin Antolin
Ezra Brody

Recognitions:

1. Proclamation Presentation to Dr. Judith A. Wilansky
from Legislator William Spencer

2. Exemplary Service Award: Kelley Meagher

3. Tenure Granted:

*Michael Bongino was granted tenure effective July 7, 2016 in the tenure area of
Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics.*

*Jennifer Coniglio was granted tenure effective September 1, 2016 in the tenure area of
L.O.T.E.*

*Patricia Connolly was granted tenure effective September 1, 2016 in the tenure area of
Business.*

*Christine Parent was granted tenure effective September 1, 2016 in the tenure area of
Health.*

*Ryan Towers was granted tenure effective September 1, 2016 in the tenure area of Social
Studies.*

4. Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team – New York State Class “C” Champions

Board Actions...

Resignations:

Michael Marone, Teacher Assistant HS
Rebecca Engesser, Teacher Aide, LH
Ronald Rudaitis, Teacher Aide, HS
Cristina Marzello, Teacher Aide, HS
Kathryn Lambert, Teacher Aide, LH

Appointments:

- **Jennifer A. Herbert** was appointed Student Teacher at CSHHS in the Mathematics Department working under the direction of Francyne Lanteri for the 1st Semester of the 2016-17 school year.
- **Laura Palazzo**: Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher, effective May 20, 2016 through June 17, 2016.
- 2015-16 HS Co-Curricular~Revisions appointment revised to reflect that **Ms. Waters** will not be acting as co-advisor for the months of April, May and June 2016: Holocaust Project; Gay-Straight Alliance, and Book Club. Christopher Homer will act as sole advisor to Gay-Straight Alliance for the months of April, May and June 2016. All stipends to be prorated accordingly.
- Appointment - Rescind (HS Co-Curricular) the July 7, 2015 appointment of **Victoria Terenzi** as co-advisor for 8th Grade Washington Trip, for the 2015-16 school year was rescinded.
- HS Co-Curricular: **Erin Goldthwaite** was appointed co-advisor to 8th Grade Washington Trip, for the 2015-16 school year.
- GH Co-Curricular 2016-17 – **Michelle Riggles** AV/Tech Support, and **Cathie Gross** Lead Teacher.
- **Dennis Bonn** was appointed Weight Lifting (summer) Coach at CSHHS for the 2016-17 school.
- **Bailey Whitney** P/T Secondary Art HS effective date August 31, 2016 – June 30, 2017.
- **Holly Pasqualetto** Leave Replacement Speech Pathologist GH effective date August 31, 2016 – June 30, 2017.
- **Tina Velez** P/T Social Worker HS effective date August 31, 2016 – June 30, 2017.
- **Kristen Schmid** P/T Psychologist GH effective date August 31, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

Other Matters:

Personnel: pursuant to the provisions of Education Law §3013(3)(a) **Jillian Franciscovich** is hereby recalled from the preferred eligible list to a fulltime position in the elementary tenure area effective August 31, 2016.

Donations:

1. **WSSPTG** - The Board of Education accepted the generous donation of 4 picnic tables and umbrellas for the West Side School from the WSSPTG. The value of the donation is \$4,500.

2. SBGA - The Board of Education accepted the generous donation of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Suffolk County Chapter of the New York State School Facilities Association in recognition of the work [Mark Margolies](#) has done on behalf of the organization.

3. [Donation of Obsolete Items](#) - Goosehill Primary School. The Board of Education approved the donation of items that are no longer of service at Goosehill Primary School to a charity that serves impoverished communities.

Employee Contracts – District-wide:

The Board of Education amended the employee contracts for the district-wide employees listed below and approved the salary adjustments for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the terms outlined in the revised contracts.

William Bernhard , Interim Assistant Supt. for Business/District Clerk....	1,036.08 Per diem
Lydia Bellino , Assistant Supt. for Curriculum and Instruction.....	204,254
John Contess , Director of Technology.....	144,605
Mark Margolies , Director of Buildings and Grounds.....	146,400
Geradette Tiger , Director of Food Service	83,625
Denise Campbell , Executive Director of Special Education and Pupil Services...	162,563
Kelley Meagher , Managerial/Confidential Assistant to the Personnel Office.....	74,851
Lisa Spahn , Managerial/Confidential Assistant to the Business Office (Benefits)..	55,992
Eleni Russell , Managerial/Confidential Assistant to the Ass't. Supt. for Business..	74,490
Elizabeth Lynch , Managerial/Confidential Assistant to the Supt. of Schools.....	72,523

[Karen Spehler](#) - the Board of Education approved the consulting agreement between the Cold Spring Harbor CSD and Karen Spehler for public relations services for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 at an annual fee of \$32,198

[Dr. Karl Friedman](#) - The Board of Education approved an agreement between the Cold Spring Harbor CSD and Dr. Karl Friedman as the School Physician for the 2016-2017 school year at an annual fee of \$28,841.

[Michael Kearns, CPA](#) - The Board of Education approved an employment agreement and appointed Michael Kearns, CPA, as Treasurer of the Cold Spring Harbor CSD effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, at an annual salary of \$19,987 and hereby establishes, as the standard workday for the 2016-2017 school year for the appointed official position of Treasurer of the Cold Spring Harbor CSD, as one day per week, six hours per day, for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State Local Employees' Retirement System.

[Charles Bevington](#) - The Board of Education approved the salary for the Internal Claims Auditor, Charles Bevington, at \$37.27 per hour for the 2016-2017 school year.

[Luanne Gallo](#) - The Board of Education approved the hourly rate for the School Finance Manager, Luanne Gallo, at \$47.80 per hour for the 2016-2017 school year.

Personnel Contracts:

The Health Care Contract between the District and [Dr. Judith A. Wilansky](#), retiring Superintendent, be approved as submitted

Teacher’s Contract:

The Board of Education approved the employment agreement dated June 14, 2016 between the Cold Spring Harbor Board of Education and the [Cold Spring Harbor Teachers Association](#) for the contract period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2020.

Contract for Services:

The Contract for Services between the District and [Timothy Trotter](#), PAC Assistant, for the 2016-17 school year when presence is required at concerts and/or events was approved as submitted.

The Contract for Services between the District and [Yuriy Zacharia](#), PAC Assistant, for the 2016-17 school year was approved as submitted.

Bid Award - Printing:

The Board of Education approved a bid with [Lorraine Gregory Corp.](#), Farmingdale, NY for the printing of the School District Newsletter for the 2016-2017 school year on the basis of low bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$1,150 for a 12-page issue and \$1,025 for an 8-page issue.

Health Services Contract:

[Manhasset Public Schools](#) - The Board of Education approved the contract for Health Services with Manhasset Public Schools for Cold Spring Harbor students attending private schools in Manhasset during the 2015/16 school year.

Additional Business Matters:

1. [State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program:](#)

The Cold Spring Harbor Board of Education authorized the expenditure of funds from its voter approved Capital Reserve Fund III and/or from the General Fund pursuant to the State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant award of \$119,900 for funding the “ADA Compliance and School Safety Improvements.

2. [Establishment of Reserve Funds:](#)

The Board of Education authorized the continuance and establishment of various general fund reserve accounts for the 2016-2017 school year at amounts not to exceed the following:

<i>Capital Reserve Fund -</i>	<i>2010 \$1,000,000 plus accrued interest</i>
<i>Capital Reserve Fund -</i>	<i>2015 \$2,700,000 plus accrued interest</i>
<i>Reserve for Encumbrances</i>	<i>750,000</i>
<i>Employee Benefit Accrued Liability</i>	<i>2,000,000</i>
<i>Reserve for Unemployment Insurance</i>	<i>275,000</i>
<i>Reserve for Workers’ Compensation</i>	<i>750,000</i>
<i>Reserve for Tax Deduction</i>	<i>351,283</i>

3. Fund Balance Allocation

The Board of Education approved the allocation of \$200,000 from the 2015-2016 Unassigned General Fund Balance for the purpose of reducing the 2016-2017 tax levy.

4. Budget Modification from Capital Reserve

The Board of Education modified the 2015-2016 budget to record the Transfer to Capital expenditure, general fund expense account A9950.9000-12, of \$1,000,000 funded from the unassigned fund balance to the voter approved Capital Reserve II (2010) fund.

5. Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Resolution

The District authorized and appointed Western Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the services for various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for Tutorial & Special Education Services for Students, Western Suffolk BOCES & Component School Districts - RFP #16-17-03PIE5-LH-, Opened March 17, 2016, Term of Contract: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

6. Audit Response Plan

The Board of Education approved the School District Audit Response Plan dated June 14, 2016 for the Internal Audit Report on Capital Projects for the period from July 1, 2015 to February 1, 2016 as prepared by R. S. Abrams & Co. LLP.

7. Tuition Costs - Cold Spring Harbor Lab Students

The Board of Education approved the tuition costs for the Cold Spring Harbor Lab students to be based on 65% of the calculated New York State Seneca Falls non-resident tuition formula beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

8. Transportation Contract

The Board of Education approved an extension of the Transportation Contracts with Huntington Coach Corporation for the 2016-2017 school year.

9. Fund Raising Proposal

The Board of Education approved the fundraising proposal from the Lloyd Harbor PTG for the purpose of installing an 85' x 60' Sport Court that will replace the current blacktop along the back of the Lloyd Harbor school to the left of library. The proposed cost of the purchase and installation of the Sport Court is \$86,000

10. Service Contract - Western Suffolk BOCES

The Board of Education approved the Services Contract with Western Suffolk BOCES in the amount of \$1,635,066 the 2016-2017 school year.

11. Contract - 403(b) Plan Administrator

The Board of Education approved an agreement with The OMNI Group for the 2016-2017 school year to provide services as a third party administrator of the Cold Spring Harbor 403(b) Plan.

12. Contract - Internal Auditor

The Board of Education, appointed R. S. Abrams & Co. to perform an annual risk assessment update of the District's operation and that the internal audit perform testing and validation for one Internal Control system during the 2016- 2017, prepare written reports, and assist the district in implementing recommendations based on the findings.

13. Agreement - Cold Spring Harbor Rowing Association

The Board of Education approved the attached letter of agreement dated, June 14, 2016, between the Cold Spring Harbor School District and the Cold Spring Harbor Rowing Association (CSHRA) outlining the shared commitment of the school district and the CSHRA to support the Cold Spring Harbor Interscholastic Rowing team.

Special Education Reports:

Contracts

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: *Maxim Staffing Solutions, Career & Employment Options, Horizon Healthcare Staffing, Island Better Hearing, Mill Neck Interpreting Service (15-16) & (16-17), Creative Tutoring, Acoustic Achievements, Brookville Center for Children's Services, Brookville Center for Children's Services-Itinerant & related services, Dr. Liat Horlick, Abilities, Inc., Dr. Melanie Herzfeld, St. James Tutoring, Top Grade Tutoring, Positive Behavioral Support Consulting (PBS), Metro Therapy, Achieve Beyond, Islip Tutoring Service, MKSA, Syosset Home Tutoring, Access 7, Randi Schuller, New York Therapy Placement, Tutoring Service of Long Island, Gayle Kligman, Harmony Heights 15.16 and 16.17, Debra Caputo.*

Other Matters:

Administrative Guidelines for Elementary Class Size – Discussion

Policies:

1. Policy 7335 - Capital Project Change Orders First Read
2. Policy 0115 - Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention First Read
3. Policy 0115-R 14 Policy 0115-R - Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation First Read

For the full Agenda – please visit the Board of Education on the website

Upcoming Meetings...

Board of Education Meeting –July 12th 8pm

Board of Education Meeting –August 30th 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)