

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” April 18, 2017

President’s Report...

BOE President Amelia Brogan’s report included the following:

It is hard to believe that we are in the fourth and final marking period of the 2016-2017 school year. The induction ceremony for the World Language National Honor Society has taken place and we look forward to the induction ceremonies for the Sr. High National Honor Society on April 26th and the Jr. High National Honor Society on April 25th. We are very proud of all of our students who have earned these distinctions. I also want to take a moment to acknowledge and congratulate our National Merit Finalists: Alec Israeli, Katherine Northacker, Ezra Brody, and Benjamin Basil. As National Merit Finalists, this designation places these students in a group representing about half of the top 1% of American high school seniors. This designation is based on rankings of the students’ scores on the PSAT which is given in the Fall of the students’ junior year. This is quite an accomplishment and we are proud of these students.

I hope everyone was able to see the Jr. High School musical production, “Bye Bye Birdie”. It was a wonderful show. It always amazes me the talent we have here in our schools. Thank you to everyone who was involved in making this production such a big success.

Tonight, we are very excited to appoint Mr. Joseph Monastero to Executive Director of Instructional & Administrative Technology. After years as Assistant Principal at the High School and years teaching social studies, we look forward to Mr. Monastero’s guidance, innovation and enthusiasm as he embarks on this new role. As we continue with the roll out of our 1:1 chrome book initiative and infusing technology into all aspects of academics, it became apparent that this new role in instructional and administrative technology is critical in moving us forward into 21st century learning. As a district wide position, I know everyone in all of our school buildings is looking forward to working with Mr. Monastero.

After extensive screening and interviewing, we will be appointing our Director of Humanities, Ms. Theresa Donohue, and our Director of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Ms. Meridyth Hansen. We are excited to welcome these professionals into our Cold Spring Harbor family. These directors will add value to our curriculum and offer support to our faculty. We look forward to continuing to enhance existing programs as well as building upon our foundation of excellence to offer our students outstanding opportunities and a solid base for college and career readiness. We also will be appointing Ms. Lori Messina as a School Counselor. She brings experience in the college admissions process and we welcome her to our guidance department.

We are also pleased to announce we will be appointing our next Assistant Superintendent of Business at a special Board of Education meeting to be held next week on April 25th at 8:30am

in District Office. We invite everyone to come to meet and welcome Mr. James Stucchio into our community.

We want to thank Mr. Fenter and our administrators for the letter they sent to the community regarding the importance of the state assessments in ELA and Math and the valuable information these tests provide us which enables us to better inform instruction. Although we were hoping for a lower test refusal rate, Cold Spring Harbor experienced a 19% opt out rate for the ELAs which was below the rate of test refusals at other school districts on Long Island. Math assessments are scheduled for the first week in May and we again encourage our students to sit for these tests.

Tonight, we will be approving a contract for construction management services which will enable us to proceed with this summer's nearly \$2.8-million-dollar capital plan projects. As you may remember, over the last few years, most of our capital projects approved by voters in prior years were delayed in SED, thereby preventing us from moving ahead with them as originally planned. Although most other school districts routinely hire construction managers to oversee their capital projects, Cold Spring Harbor has been extremely fortunate to have Mr. Mark Margolies who has handled our projects for us, and we truly appreciate the time and effort Mr. Margolies and his team has put into accomplishing this for us. No small task! However, the sheer volume of projects we wish to complete this summer, makes it impossible for Mr. Margolies to oversee them as well as perform his own duties. Therefore, after careful deliberation and presentations by Mr. Margolies and Mr. Grillo, our school architect, as well as consideration as to the importance of these projects and associated costs that could be incurred if we further delay construction, we decided it fiscally prudent to proceed with these projects this summer with a construction manager overseeing them. Capital projects will be taking place on all of our school campuses. We want to thank Mr. Margolies and his team for all the hard work and their commitment to the CSH school district. They continuously perform beyond expectations and we are truly thankful to them for all they do.

Tonight, the Board of Education will be formally adopting the Proposed Budget for the 2017-2018 school year and the Proposed 2017-2018 Property Tax Report Card. The proposed Budget remains within the allowable tax cap and maintains all programs in all of our schools as well as includes new class offerings, initiatives and enhancements which will benefit all our students here at Cold Spring Harbor schools. Thank you to Dr. Bernhard and all of our administrators for drafting fiscally responsible and academically centered budgets. We know a lot of time and thought goes into this process which truly benefits all of our students.

Looking forward, the Central Parents' Council will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates' Night" for the Board of Education on May 8th at district office at 8pm. This is an opportunity for residents to ask questions of the candidates. We are holding our Budget meeting on May 9, 2017, here in district office at 8pm. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome. Please mark your calendars for the annual budget vote and Board elections which will take place on May 16th at the Field House from 6am to 10pm. I strongly encourage everyone to get out and vote.

Superintendent's Report...

Robert C. Fenter's report included the following:

Good evening. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate and welcome two new members of our leadership team as Directors, who will be making important contributions to our school district in the coming years in the area of STEM, Ms. Meridyth Hansen, and in the Humanities, Ms. Theresa Donahue, as we work to adjust our leadership structure to increase, even more so than in the past, our focus on instruction. I would also like to congratulate our very own Mr. Joseph Monastero, who will be appointed this evening as the Executive Director of Instructional and Administrative Technology. I know that these new leaders will be of great importance to our efforts in the coming years to enhance our science research program, to develop and implement creative learning labs at the elementary level, to continue our efforts to successfully implement a 1:1 model of instruction at the Jr/Sr High School level, and the effort to promote research and writing at all levels, just to name a few. Therefore, I would like to welcome Teresa Donahue and Meredith Hansen to our school community and again, congratulate Mr. Monastero for his appointment as well.

I would also like to welcome to the Cold Spring Harbor school community Ms. Lori Messina, who will be appointed this evening as a school counselor at the high school. Ms. Messina comes to our district with a deep understanding of the college application process, not only as a school counselor, but also as an admissions counselor at Syracuse University. The Counseling Department, Mr. Sloan, and Mr. Matuk all believe that Lori will do an excellent job for our students in her new role.

On another note, as many of you also know, our high school principal, Jay Matuk, will be retiring at the conclusion of this school year. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge his many contributions to our school district as well as for his kindness and generosity of time as I made my transition to Cold Spring Harbor as a new superintendent. Mr. Matuk will be missed greatly and will be remembered for his leadership to our school for many years to come. Thank you, Mr. Matuk, and congratulations on your well-deserved retirement.

Finally, this past week I began the second round of my residency program. This effort, to spend quality time with our leaders, teachers, support staff, and students, is an important step in my learning about the culture of our schools as well as the teaching and learning that takes place every day in our classrooms. I spent much of the day on Wednesday prior to break at Goosehill School and was reminded of the incredible energy and love for learning that our youngest students possess. I was also reminded that our teachers and leaders work so hard to create learning environments that are positive and provide our students with confidence as they engage in exciting, challenging and meaningful work. Tomorrow morning, I will be spending the day at the Jr./Sr. High School in classes that are making use of our Chromebooks. My thanks to our building principals for organizing these residency days and my thanks to all of our staff members who welcome me into their classes each time I visit.

Cold Spring Harbor Student Government Reports...

Allie Homer and Madeline Standerwick, Junior Class Presidents
Nolan Hinphy and Sheriden Schwertl, Junior Class Vice-Presidents

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

1:1 INITIATIVE

Dr. Lydia Bellino, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Jay Matuk, Jr./Sr. High School Principal
Joseph Monastero, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal

Board Actions...

Resignations:

Dr. Michael Hurley: the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Dr. Michael Hurley, School Psychologist, was accepted effective May 2, 2017 with appreciation for his many years of service to the District.

Rosemary Heim, Teacher Aide, HS and **Elisabeth Rieder**, Teacher Assistant, WS, both for the purpose of retirement were accepted effective June 30, 2017, with appreciation for their years of service to the District.

Jennifer Nesta, Reading Teacher, HS, was accepted effective June 30, 2017,

Appointments:

Joseph Monastero - Executive Director of Instructional & Administrative Technology

(District Office) This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Executive Director of Instructional & Administrative Technology effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021 subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

Theresa M. Donohue – Director of Humanities (Jr./Sr. High School)

This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Director of Humanities effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021 subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

Meridyth A. Hansen – Director of STEM (Jr./Sr. High School)

This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Director of STEM effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021 subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

Lori Messina – School Counselor (Jr./Sr. High School)

This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of School Counselor effective August 30, 2017 through August 29, 2021 subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

Brent Chiarello - Music Dept. Chairperson was appointed District-Wide Music Department Chairperson for the 2017-2018 school year.

Donations:

West Side: The Board of Education accepted the generous donation of the installation of one tree from The Greenskeeper Lawn Systems, Inc in recognition of Arbor Day. This Dogwood tree would be planted at the West Side School.

Budget Line Transfers:

The Board of Education approved the attached budget line transfers in the amount of \$60,000 into the Building Maintenance code for the cost of emergency repairs for the high school drainage system and the cost of installing a carbon monoxide detection system not budgeted.

Contracts:

The Board of Education approved the terms and conditions of the following contract between the District and the following agencies or independent providers:

Horizon Healthcare Staffing
Carolyn Buechler
Debra Caputo
Creative Tutoring
Donna Girardi
Island Better Hearing
Dr. Melanie Herzfeld
Dr. Liat Horlick
Acoustic Achievements
Foundations Occupational Therapy
Humanistic Consultants
Kids First Spectrum Services, Inc.
Delores Laskin
Millennium Children Services
Sandra O'Reilly
Positive Behavior Support Consulting
Randi Schuller
Syosset Home Tutoring
Susan Taddonio
St. James Tutoring
Tutoring Service of Long Island
All About Kids
Top Grade
MKSA

New York Therapy
Metro Therapy
Health Source Group
Career & Employment Options

Personnel Contracts:

The Contract for Services between the District and Jane Monheit of AB Artists in the amount of \$3,500 for a performance at the Jr./Sr. High School on April 24, 2017

Additional Business Matters:

1. **Adoption of Proposed 2017-2018 Budget and Proposed 2017-2018 Property Tax Report Card:** The Board of Education approved the adoption of the 2017-2018 Cold Spring Harbor District Budget in the amount of \$66,623,073 and the Board approved the 2017-2018 Property Tax Report Card.
2. **Internal Audit Report:** The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the Internal Audit Report on the *System to Track and Account for Children* of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District for the period from July 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017 as performed by R. S. Abrams & Co. LLP.
3. **Architectural Services Contract**” The Board of Education authorized the President of the Board of Education to execute a professional services agreement with JAG Architect, P.C. to provide architectural services in connection with the school district’s capital reserve fund projects, bond referendum projects, and such other projects as may be assigned for the period from April 18, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a fee of 5% of construction costs.
4. **Construction Management Services:** The Board of Education authorized the President of the Board of Education to execute an agreement with School Construction Consultants, Hauppauge, New York for construction management services relating to the summer 2017 capital plan projects, at a fee of \$103,391 based on estimated construction costs of \$2,794,000 and that School Construction Consultants will provide the school district with one full-time project manager and one part-time project executive for the anticipated four month construction period.
5. **Honorarium Payment:** The Board of Education approved an honorarium payment of \$300 to Dr. Kevin Sheehan for a presentation on behalf of the school district at the Parent Leaders brunch on May 5, 2017.

Business Recommendations: Bid Awards

The Board of Education approved contracts with the following contractors for Phase II of the 2015/16 Capital Improvement Plan Projects for the Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High and Lloyd Harbor Elementary School on the basis of low bids meeting specifications as per the recommendation of the school architect.

Contract No. 1:

General Construction at Lloyd Harbor Elementary, \$77,000
General Construction at CSH Jr./Sr. High School, \$322,000
Total for Both Schools, \$387,000 to Patriot Organization, Inc. of Deer Park, New York

Contract No. 2:

Plumbing Reconstruction at Lloyd Harbor Elementary, \$8,700
Plumbing Reconstruction at CSH Jr./Sr. HS \$80,700 (\$7,500 Allowance)
Total for Both Schools, \$96,900 to Seaford Avenue Corp., Massapequa, New York

Contract No. 3:

Electrical Reconstruction at Lloyd Harbor Elementary, \$79,000
Electrical Reconstruction at CSH Jr./Sr. HS \$51,000
Total for Both Schools, \$130,000 to JP Daly & Sons, Deer Park, NY

Other Matters:

Appointment of Election Officials - The following were appointed for Budget Vote May 16th

Chief Inspector: Dr. William Bernhard

Inspectors and/or Clerks:

1. Betty (Candy) Bertuccio
2. John Lewin
3. Lily Montalbano
4. Arthur Parsons
5. John Pfeffer
6. Timothy Swanson

The rate of compensation for the Inspectors/Clerks of the Election is \$12.00 per hour per day for such District Meeting.

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

Upcoming Meetings...

April 25th –Board of Education Work Session – 7:30pm

May 1 – Meet the Candidates Night 8pm

May 9th – Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

May 10th – VOTER REGISTRATION

May 16th – BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTION

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