

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” January 10, 2017

President’s Report...

BOE President Amelia Brogan’s report included the following:

Here is to a happy and healthy New Year for everyone. Winter is really here as we got our first snowfall of the season. I want to thank Mr. Margolies and his team for the great job they have done keeping our buildings clear of snow and operational. They are here early, stay late and work in difficult conditions. Thank you for a superb job.

On December 15, 2016, we saw the smooth roll out of the distribution of chrome books to all 7th graders as part of our 1 :1 initiative. It was an exciting evening indeed, capping the last year and a half of intensive training and planning for our teachers and building leaders. It is a great accomplishment and we look forward to the next stage when chrome books are distributed to all 8th graders in June. Thank you to Mr. Matuk and all the school leaders who worked tirelessly to make this happen.

In just a week from tomorrow, our Bond vote will take place on January 18, 2017 at the Field House at the Jr/Sr High School from 7am - 9pm. Our many thanks to Mr. Fenter, Dr. Bernhard and Mr. Bongino for all of their work and effort in making informative presentations to our school community regarding the proposed Physical Education Center. In addition to these numerous presentations to our school community, the trio will be taking their show on the road and will be presenting tomorrow night at 6:15pm at the CSH Library. This is open to the public, so please plan to attend if you haven’t already heard the presentation.

Although it is just the beginning of January, we are already preparing our budget for the next school year. As we look forward, we are beginning the difficult process of determining what next year will look like. We will be holding a Community Budget Forum in District Office on January 31, 2017. Please plan on attending and encourage your friends and neighbors to attend as well. Your input is very important to us. Mr. Fenter and Dr. Bernhard will be presenting on the intricacies of the tax cap and the list of unfunded mandates that dictate how tax dollars are spent. There will be an opportunity for public comment.

Lastly, we look forward to hearing about the Coral Reef Project later this evening. I would like to thank and acknowledge the Educational Foundation for their financial contribution supporting this project.

In a few minutes, we will welcome and look forward to hearing from two student government officers who will give brief reports on academics and athletics at the High School.

Superintendent's Report...

Robert C. Fenter's report included the following:

Good evening. When I was first interviewed upon arriving in Cold Spring Harbor, I was asked by a local reporter what I hoped to accomplish. I said at that time, that I hope to help make a great place even better. Cold Spring Harbor is a great place because of a wonderful Board of Education, talented staff, committed leaders, and a supportive community. I believe, that with our continued efforts, that the programs and facilities that we offer to our students that are already terrific, can be even better.

Over the past several days, I have had the opportunity to present the details of the bond referendum that will provide enhanced opportunities in physical education that will impact all of our students at the junior/senior high school. Over the course of those presentations, which will continue throughout this week, I have gained an appreciation for the level of interest and commitment of our parents and community members in understanding our plans to enhance our physical educational program for our students in grades 7-12. We are grateful for all the feedback we have received and look forward to the bond vote next Wednesday, January 18, from 7 AM until 9 PM at the Field House.

In another effort to make a great place even better, I would like to thank all of the people involved in the establishment of a new phase of our science research program at the junior/senior high school. With the leadership of the building principal, our assistant principal for counseling, our assistant principal in charge of science, and our science research teacher, working closely with the guidance department, we have been able to establish a new pathway for our students who are interested in competing at the highest levels of science research competitions. This enhancement to our current program is an effort to build upon the important work over the last several years that has provided our students with meaningful experiences in science research and again representing our efforts to make a great place even better. While we have much work to do moving forward, I believe that we have the foundation established that will provide our students with the greatest ability to be successful in future national science competitions while preserving the opportunity for all of our students to engage in research at a level of commitment that matches their interests.

Tonight, you'll also hear about the exciting Coral Reef Project that was begun last year as a result of the support of our Board of Education, the generous support of the CSH Educational Foundation, the support of building leadership, and the spirit and enthusiasm of a very dedicated science teacher. This program reflects how we can improve experiences for our students, both in-class and in after school club opportunities, in a way that connects our students with real-world experiences.

Yes, our proposed Physical Education Center, our enhanced science research program, and our Coral Reef Project are just a few examples of how our school district, by working together, can make a great place...even better.

Finally, on another note, this past week I was also given the opportunity by Mother Nature to grapple with the inclement weather that can impact our school openings and activities. While the

onset of snow is stressful for school superintendents, knowing that we have a team of leaders and hardworking staff to address these conditions provides great comfort as one works to make the best decision for the opening of school. I would like to publicly thank Mark Margolies and his crew for all of their hard work in ensuring that our schools were ready for opening yesterday morning. We are grateful for his leadership and our custodial and grounds department members for all of their hard work on an NFL Sunday of great interest. I would also like to thank Mr. Michael Bongino, our director of physical education, health, and athletics, who was responsible for managing the many athletic contests and practices that were scheduled over the weekend. This is a huge undertaking given the level of participation of our students in these programs.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year ahead.

Cold Spring Harbor Student Government Reports...

Justin Antolin, Student Government School President - High School Sports

Paige DeNatale, Student Government School Vice President - High School Academics

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

Coral Reef Presentation

Presented by: Erin Oshan

Board Actions...

Appointments:

Sandra Rivadeneyra – Leave Replacement Elementary FLES Teacher LH/WS effective Jan 17 – June 30 2017.

Kelly Walsh - Student Teacher WS, LH working in the Special Education Department under the direction of Michelle Byrne at WS beginning January 2017; in March 2017 Ms. Walsh will work under the direction of Carolyn Christ at LH.

Donations:

WSSPTG:

The Board of Education accepted the generous donation of a **foosball table and ping pong table** from the WSSPTG. The donation amount is approximately \$2,400.

Contracts:

Special Education:

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:

Tuition stipulation for Student #18023

Additional Business Matters:

1. **Hourly Rate Increase - School Lunch Monitors**
The Board of Education modified the hourly rate for school lunch monitors from \$9.00 to \$10.00 per hour effective December 31, 2016 to comply with New York State minimum hourly wage requirements.
2. **Memorandum of Agreement - Teacher's Association**
The Board of Education approved the memorandum of agreement, dated October 17, 2016 with the Cold Spring Harbor Teachers' Association, to amend the contract dated July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2020, regarding the payment for substitute coverage.
3. **Change Order - Jr./Sr. HS**
The Board of Education approved change order #1 with Premier Mechanical Services, Inc., of Holbrook, New York, the Heating and Ventilation contractor on the Jr./Sr. High School reconstruction project, SED #58-04-02-06-0-007-045, in the net amount of \$1,066.94 for the labor and materials to relocate existing air outlets from the upper ceiling to the lower at the request of the school district.
4. **Change Order - West Side**
The Board of Education approved change order #2 with Premier Mechanical Services, Inc., of Holbrook, New York, the Heating and Ventilation contractor on the West Side school reconstruction project, SED #58-04-02-06-0-006-027, in the deduct amount of \$2,500 for the unused allowance relating to possible unforeseen conditions.

Other Matters

1. **2017-2018 Calendar**
The Board of Education adopted the attached calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. **New High School Course Offerings 2017-2018**
The Board of Education approved the following courses for the High School for the 2017-2018 school year:

Advanced Science Research Honors I
Advanced Computer Programming (ACP)

Field Trips

1. [Girls & Boys Track](#)

The Board of Education approved the Boys and Girls Track Team trip to the East Coast Invitational in Providence, RI scheduled for January 13, 2017 through January 14, 2017.

2. [Wrestling Team](#)

The Board of Education approved the Wrestling teams request to compete at Eastern States at Sullivan Community College in Loch Sheldrake, NY scheduled for January 13, 2017 through January 14, 2017

3. [Music in the Parks](#)

The Board of Education approved the Cold Spring Harbor High School Chorus/Orchestra/Band request to compete at the Music in Parks Competition in Hershey, PA scheduled for June 2, 2017 through June 4, 2017.

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

Upcoming Meetings...

Community Budget Forum Meeting – January 31st – 7:30 pm District Office

–Board of Education Meeting – February 14th - 8 pm

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)