

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

May 9, 2017

President’s Report...

BOE President Amelia Brogan’s report included the following:

What a lovely reception honoring those members of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District family who are retiring this year, and for those who are receiving tenure tonight. Although remarks have been made about each retiree here tonight, we would like to add that your service to our students will not be forgotten and we thank you for the impact you have had on our school community. We wish each and every one of you all the best in your future endeavors.

Also, this evening’s reception honored three individuals who will be receiving tenure in their respective area of practice. The granting of tenure is something we take extremely seriously and is granted only to those who are of the highest caliber. With that in mind, we are proud to be granting Mr. Santoli tenure in the area of Teacher Assistant, Ms. Sihksnel tenure in the area of L.O.T.E, and Ms. Wolf tenure in the area of Special Education. We will also be appointing Ms. Jordan District-Wide LOTE/FLES Chairperson. We are very proud of you and we look forward to continuing a partnership of excellence with you.

This past week, the NYS Math assessments were administered to our students in grades 3-8. Similar to the ELA assessments, Cold Spring Harbor schools experienced a 19% opt-out rate. However, for those students in Algebra who will be taking the Algebra regents in June, they received a waiver and did not have to sit for them. However, because our participation in the ELA and Math assessments fell below the 95% participation threshold, no school in the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District is eligible to be designated as a “Rewards” school. Although schools in our district have earned this distinction in the past, we are again ineligible due to our opt-outs. The announcement naming which schools earned the “Rewards” designation will be made by the State on or about May 25th.

But on a happier note, recently, the US News & World Report published its annual list of “Best High Schools” in the United States. We are very proud that once again, the Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School ranked in the top 1% of high schools nationally. Keep up the good work!

One week from today is the budget vote which will be held at the CSHHS Field House on May 16th from 6am to 10pm. We encourage everyone to take the time and to make the effort to vote. Please remind your spouses, neighbors and friends to vote as well. The Board of Education is proud of the school budget we have proposed and hope the community turns out in support of it. In reaching our goal of proposing a well-balanced, educationally sound and fiscally responsible budget, the Board of Education listened to input from our community, diligently explored and examined the budget line by line and met with all the administrators and building leaders. This was done to ensure that the best possible budget would be proposed which would take into account what is in the best interests of our students as well as our fiscal responsibility to all the tax payers in the Cold Spring Harbor school district. With these high standards in place, the Board of Education was able to achieve its goal of proposing a sound and prudent budget that remains within the allowable state tax cap. Thank you Dr. Bernhard and everyone involved in this process.

I would also like to thank the Central Parents Council for hosting the Meet the Candidates Night on May 1st. This is the annual meeting where the community has a chance to meet and ask questions of the candidates running for the Cold Spring Harbor school board. So thank you, CPC.

Two weeks ago, Lloyd Harbor PTG held its Little Apple Fun Run which was well attended and where fun was had by all. In two weeks, on May 21st, the West Side PTG will hold their West Side School Run. If you haven't participated in either of these events, I strongly encourage you to give it a try. These are really fun times, and there is no judgement should you prefer to walk instead of run.

It is also that time of year, when our high school juniors are getting ready for their prom on May 19th. This is a memorable evening shared by our juniors, their parents, faculty and building leaders. A lot goes into the planning and execution of this special night and we thank Mr. Matuk, the faculty advisors and everyone involved.

Lastly, the annual 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. will be taking place the week of May 22nd. I am particularly looking forward to it as I have volunteered to go as a chaperone. Ms. Squicciarini is also chaperoning so we will be able to give a comprehensive report when we get back.

In closing, we wish everyone a happy Mother's Day this Sunday, and, in two weeks, a lovely Memorial Day weekend. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for both!

Superintendent's Report...

Robert C. Fenter's report included the following:

Good evening and welcome. Can you believe that it is May already? This time of the school year evokes many emotions. The first emotion, joy, that the concerts and ceremonies celebrating the accomplishments of our students in the arts and in academia, provide us, and that serve as a reminder of the hard work that our students have engaged in over the course of the past school year. The second emotion, gratitude, is experienced by many as we reflect on the dedicated service of our teachers, leaders, and staff to support our students' pursuit of these accomplishments. There is a more complex set of emotions felt by those of us, however, who will be attending a high school graduation for our children in the next few weeks, especially those of us for whom this ceremony is for our youngest child. For us, the feelings of joy and pride are mixed with a melancholy sadness that the time that we have enjoyed with our children is about to change. So, for those of you, like me, who have students who are graduating from high school in the coming weeks and will be moving away to pursue the continuation of their education, know that this is a time to first, celebrate all that they have accomplished. Second, it is a time to reflect, to think about your role in supporting them, even through those difficult adolescent years. And third, a time for a good cry, for you will miss them greatly. The good news? They will call, text, and visit, ask for money, and check in. Why? Because, in the end, they are probably feeling the exact same way as you are.

My best wishes to all of our parents as they enjoy these final weeks of the school year. My congratulations to our honored retirees on their well-deserved retirements. Also, my congratulations to Kelly Jordan who is being appointed World Language Chair this evening.

And my best wishes and congratulations to our teachers receiving tenure this evening after distinguishing themselves over the course of the past three years of service to our children. We look to you for many years of dedicated service as you continue your professional journey.

Tenure and Retirees Reception 7:30 pm

Tenure Recommendations...

1. **Louis Santoli:** At the request of the Superintendent, Louis Santoli was granted tenure effective September 1, 2017 in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant.
2. **Lisa Wolf:** At the request of the Superintendent, Lisa Wolf was granted tenure effective September 1, 2017 in the tenure area of Special Education.
3. **Patricia Sihksnel** At the request of the Superintendent, Patricia Sihksnel was granted tenure effective September 1, 2017 in the tenure area of L.O.T.E.

Budget Meeting...

Presentation of the Budget, Dr. William Bernhard & Mr. Robert C. Fenter

VOTE on May 16th at the CSHHS Field House 6AM-10PM

Introduction of the Board Candidates in order drawn for ballot

Mark Freidberg

Mark McAteer

Board Actions...

Leaves:

Kelly Jordan: Tenured Teacher, HS, be granted childcare leave immediately following FMLA beginning August 30, 2017 through January 19, 2018.

Resignations:

John Contess: The resignation for the purpose of retirement of John Contess, Director of Information Management, was accepted with appreciation for his years of service effective June 30, 2017.

Suzanne Cuneo: The resignation for the purpose of retirement of Suzanne Cuneo, Clerk Typist, HS, was accepted with appreciation for her years of service to the District effective December 5, 2017.

Appointments:

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

Sandra Rivadeneyra: FLES LH/WS. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of LOTE effective August 30, 2017 through August 29, 2021, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

Anne Connell: Clerk Typist HS Main Office.

Kelly Jordan: District-Wide LOTE/FLES Chairperson was appointed District-Wide LOTE/FLES Chairperson for the 2017-18 school year effective January 22, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Phil Gray: TOSA was appointed Teacher on Special Assignment at Lloyd Harbor School for the 2017-18 school year.

Personnel Contracts:

Joshua Cabral: the Contract for Services between the District and Joshua Cabral, **Educational Consultant/Workshop Presenter**, for services to be rendered May 15, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$1,950 was approved as submitted.

2) **CFS - Connective Learning, LLC:** the Contract for Services between the District and Connective Learning, LLC, **presenter of Virtual Webinar** in the amount of \$500 for services to be rendered July 18, 2017 was approved as submitted.

Health Care Contracts approved between the District and Teacher Retirees:

1. *Bonnie Dawkins*
2. *James Farmer*
3. *Timothy Jenks*
4. *Christine Parent*
5. *Kevin Purrone*
6. *John Contess*
7. *Michael Hurley*

Health Services Contract:

1. *The Board of Education approved the contract with the Mineola Union Free School District for two students attending private schools in the 2016/17 school year.*

2. *The Board of Education approved the contract with the Westbury Union Free School District for one student attending private schools in the 2016/17 school year.*

Business Matters:

Contract Extension - Printing Services: The Board of Education approved an extension of bid with Lorraine Gregory Corp., Farmingdale, NY for the printing of the School District Newsletter for the 2017-2018 school year at an increase in the CPI, as provided for in the original bid specifications, in the amount of \$1,176.45 for a 12-page issue and \$1,048.57 for an 8-page issue.

Additional Business Matters:

Tax Anticipation Notes: The Board of Education delegated to the President of the Board of Education of the Cold Spring Harbor School District the power to authorize the issuance and sale of Tax Anticipation Notes of said school District in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied or to be levied for the fiscal year of said school district commencing July 1, 2017.

Contracts Extended:

Huntington Coach Corporation Transportation Contract

Triad Group, LLC, Troy Ny for Workers Compensation Claims Administration Services

Other Matters:

Special Education Contracts approved between the District and the following agencies or independent providers:

Gayle Kligman Therapeutic Resources

Achieve Beyond

Maxim Healthcare Services

Appointment of Election Officials: Robin Bowers was appointed to the Budget Vote on May 16, 2017: Inspectors and/or Clerks.

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

Upcoming Meetings...

May 10th – VOTER REGISTRATION

May 16th – BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTION

June 13th –Board of Education Meeting – 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