

# Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” September 13, 2016

## **President’s Report...**

BOE President Amelia Brogan’s report included the following:

*Ms. Brogan began her report with a minute of silence to commemorate 9/11.*

*Before I begin my remarks, I want to acknowledge two people who worked extremely hard this summer and whom I failed to mention at the last board meeting. So, thank you Dr. Bellino, for your tremendous work on APPR and obtaining the waiver for the evaluator, all the professional development for our staff and your continued work on our curricula. Thank you Dr. Bernhard for your continued leadership in keeping our district fiscally healthy and your work with both the state and our own outside auditors this summer.*

*I would like to welcome everyone back from summer vacation and hope that you had a wonderful break. While we will all miss enjoying those long summer days and some time off, it’s always exciting and motivating to see the excitement and anticipation on the faces of the students as they return to school. As I see them come ready with their new school supplies, backpacks and favorite back to school outfit, I also sense their anticipation that something great is going to happen this year. That they will be stimulated, motivated into growing as a person, a student and an athlete. That they are ready to take on the responsibility of being that next grade level.*

*And as I watch this, it also reminds me, and I speak for our entire board, of our commitment and responsibility to them. Our goal, our mission, is to use all of our resources wisely, efficiently to provide these students the very best educational experience available. It is of course a challenging environment from many perspectives. But with challenge comes opportunity, and from opportunity comes solutions and innovation. This year we must continue to push to make what is good the best, what was the best last year, even better. We have been meeting throughout the summer and had a very productive retreat in August to plan for this upcoming year with just this very goal in mind. As you know, the Board of Education has already adopted our goals for this school year. As a reminder, in furtherance of one of our goals, to explore the possibility of a bond referendum to construct a Physical Education Center at the Jr/Sr High School, we will be holding two meetings on this issue. The dates are: Sept. 21 at 8:30 am and the Sept. 27 at 7:30pm. Both meetings will take place here in District office. The evening meeting on Sept 27th will be a community forum type meeting. Please plan on attending.*

*When I look at the commitment of this board, our teachers and administrators, our students and our community, I know that we can put together the best educational experience possible for our students. Fundamental to this process will be constant communication and cooperation. It will entail all of us doing our best, as we encourage our students to do their best. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you this year to make this district second to none.*

## **Superintendent's Report...**

Robert C. Fenter's report included the following:

*Good evening and welcome back to another school year. This past week, as our principals and athletic director will detail in their 'back to school reports' in just a few minutes, our students returned to school with smiles on their faces and ready to learn. In the event that you are skeptical that our high school students were actually smiling, following the presentations by our school leaders, we will be playing a slideshow of photos from the first days of school, created by our own Karen Spehler with the able assistance of Joe Monestero, that proves that our students, including our older students who love their sleep, were, in fact, smiling as they returned after a long, and hopefully, enjoyable summer.*

*In addition to the Back-to-School Reports this evening, we will be honoring several students who have demonstrated great success in the area of performing music, earning distinctions and honors that bring pride to their talents, their families, and their school. I congratulate these fine young men and women for their accomplishments and look forward to hearing their talents at upcoming school performances.*

*I would also like to welcome to the district office, Mrs. Barbara Grieco, who will be taking on the role as secretary to our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Dr. Bellino. Ms. Grieco is a regular attendee of these meetings and I would like to wish her well in her new position. I would also like to acknowledge the gift to our school district by the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation to support our amazing Coral Reef Project. Rather than go into too much detail this evening and demonstrating my lack of knowledge in the area of Marine Science, I might suggest to the Board that we invite Ms. Erin Oshan to present to us, along with her students, the impact of this program on their learning and lives. Ms. Oshan is here this evening as well and I thank her for her leadership on this project and for all of the hard work she has put into providing her students with hands-on and direct connections to their learning.*

*As I continue to reach out to the many organizations that support our programs and students, this past week I have had the opportunity to attend several meetings, including the CPC and the PTG meeting at West Side, at which time I reviewed the district goals with our parents. I have been very pleased by the reception that I have received. I thank the parents, faculty, and leaders who have made me feel most welcome at these sessions and I look forward to attending meetings at all of our buildings and sharing the exciting work we are doing as a school community this year.*

*So, as we begin the journey of another school year I can't help but think that we all should be prepared for those events and happenings that await us:*

**There will be the joy of learning ahead...***Skills and ideas that our students will grapple with and master after working hard and receiving the encouragement, knowledge, and guidance of their teachers.*

**There will be special moments ahead...***All of those events that prompt cell phone cameras to be pulled out - Speakers, gatherings, trips, assemblies, and other special activities that help our students to learn more about themselves than the very important subjects that they are studying on a daily basis, all arranged by the leaders, teachers, and parents who want to be sure that our students have a well-rounded school experience.*

**There will be great things ahead...***Competitions both on and off the field where our students will do their best, demonstrate great character, and bring pride to our community.*

*There will be many talents revealed... Concerts, shows, and exhibits that highlight the many talents of our students in song, theatre, and art.*

*And finally...*

*There will be challenges ahead... I am told that at some point it may snow in Cold Spring Harbor and that I am expected to make a decision as to whether we cancel school or not. But no matter what the challenge is, we will work together as a community, as we have demonstrated in the past, to weather any storm, ensure that our children are served well, and that we continue to celebrate this very special place.*

*Thank you and wishing everybody a successful and productive school year ahead...*

## **Focus on Teaching and Learning...**

### **Opening Day Reports**

*Goosehill Primary School - Lynn Herschlein*

*Lloyd Harbor School - Valerie Massimo*

*West Side School - Kurt Simon*

*Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School - Jay Matuk, Helen Browne,  
Joe Monastero*

*Athletics - Michael Bongino*

### **Recognitions:**

#### **All-State Honors Ensembles**

*Harrison Cohen, All-State Mixed Chorus*

*Catherine Khanamirian, All-State Mixed Chorus*

*Alec Israeli, All-State Alternate on Jazz Piano*

*Ryan McLaughlin, All-State Alternate on Trumpet*

*Erwin Li, NYSSMA Piano Showcase*

Presented by: Brent Chiarello, Andrea Galeno and Timothy Jenks

## **Board Actions...**

### **Appointments:**

*Barbara Grieco* - Principal Stenographer – Reassignment, from 12-Month GH Main Office, to be voluntarily reassigned to the Office of Curriculum & Instruction with an effective date of September 21, 2016.

Elizabeth Smith - Sr. Clerk Typist, GHP 12-Month effective date Sept 19, 2016

Kirstyn Golden – Teacher Aide LH effective dates Aug 31 -June 30, 2016

Nicole Gaffney – JH Literary Publication Advisor co-curricular for the 2016-2017 school year.

Maureen Ryan – Elementary Intramurals head – WS co-curricular for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Donation:**

Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation: The Board of Education accepted the generous donation in the amount of \$24,000 from the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation for the Coral Science and Aquaculture Program.

**Contracts:**

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:

*Developmental Disabilities Institute*  
*Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf*  
*Gaston Weisz*  
*Syosset Central School District*

**Policies:**

1. Policy 1900- Parent and Family engagement  
Second Read & Adoption
2. Policy 5151 - Homeless Children  
Second Read & Adoption
3. Policy 5300.60 - Searches & Interrogations  
Second Read & Adoption
4. Policy 6700-R - Purchasing Regulation  
Second Read & Adoption
5. Policy 8130 - School Safety Plans and Teams  
Second Read & Adoption

**Other Matters:**

**Receipt of Donation - Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation**

The Board of Education acknowledged the receipt of \$100,904 from the Educational Foundation to support the 1:1 technology initiative and that Board of Education approved a modification of the adopted 2016-2017 school budget by increasing the appropriation account A2630.4910.12 by \$100,904 to reflect this donation and that such increase in the budget will not result in any increase in the approved tax levy.

**Field Trips:**

1. Cross Country Team - The Board of Education approved the Cross Country Team trip to the Ocean State Invitational in Rhode Island and Six Flags, Boston on September 23, 2016 through September 25, 2016.
2. Cross Country Team - The Board of Education approved the Cross Country Team trip to the Burnt Hills Invitational in Saratoga Park scheduled for October 14, 2016 through October 15, 2016.

**Disposal of Obsolete Equipment:**

The Board of Education declared obsolete the desk, board table and two file cabinets from the Superintendent of Schools office. The items will be donated to the Huntington Historical Society.

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

**Upcoming Meetings...**

September 27<sup>th</sup> –Board of Education Work Session– 7:30pm

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Board of Education Meeting – 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](http://www.csh.k12.ny.us) )