

# Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

## October 10, 2017

### President’s Report...

BOE President Mark McAteer’s report included the following:

*I am pleased to announce that the Creative Learning Labs have been delivered to West Side & Lloyd Harbor Schools. The Lloyd Harbor installation is almost finished with the sound booth still to be completed. I want to thank the Educational Foundation and their many contributors for funding this innovative endeavor.*

*Also, the expansion of the 1:1 Initiative has been off to a good start this school year. And much to our pleasure, we have been asked by faculty, parents, and students to accelerate our roll out of the program. So, I am pleased to announce that we will be expanding the program to the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grades this school year, well ahead of our original plan. Again, thank you to the Educational Foundation for funding this transformational endeavor. I also want to thank the teachers for embracing this worthwhile change in their profession. According to our survey 74% of the teachers supported this accelerated schedule. We are acutely aware of the faculty & students’ absorption rate for changes made mid-year and are crafting the roll out with that in mind.*

*Technology is not just being integrated into the classroom, but it is also being used to improve our communication with the community. Many parents received an email today that the electronic Parent Portal on Canvas will now be available on their smart phone. This App will allow parents to view the course syllabus, to see assignments, due dates, etc.*

*In addition, please notice our newly updated Facebook page. And lastly, in order to communicate our many activities and accomplishments, each school will be using Twitter to send photos & information directly to our parents. I urge you to download the app in order to stay current with what is going on in our district.*

*We have concluded back to school night at all 4 of our schools. It’s an important night where many of our parents visit the classroom for their first & only time. They get an opportunity to hear from our teachers about what to expect this school year to put a face to a teacher’s name, and to receive answers to any questions that they would like to have addressed. Thank you to our staff for making themselves available on this important night. And, thank you to Assistant Principal Sloan for his presentation on the College Application process held in The PAC and given to the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents.*

*Our athletic teams have been crushing it and every one of the varsity teams will make the playoffs. It’s quite an accomplishment and a testament to the hard work of our coaches, our players, and the parents who Uber their kids from event to event. These are memories that will last their lifetime. Well done & good luck the rest of the way. Last week was Homecoming held at the Jr/Sr High School: 8 teams played on Friday.... soccer, tennis, field hockey & football; Junior High, JV & Varsity. All the fields were filled, kids & parents everywhere, the PEP Band was playing, the crowds were cheering and there was a whiff of barbecue smoke in the air. It was a spectacular afternoon with 500 people in attendance. Thank you to our athletic, grounds & security personnel, to The Booster Club, Mr. Bolen, Mr. Bongino, Mrs. Raniere and Ms. Sihksnel for making the day such a success.*

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

Robert C. Fenter's report included the following:

*Before I begin, I would like to take a moment to congratulate all of our National Merit Award winners as well as our incredibly gifted music students for their state-wide and region-wide honors - truly amazing.*

*October is Board of Education recognition month. This is the month that, as a community, we recognize the contributions to the educational program that are provided by those citizens who take on the leadership role, as volunteers, to attend dozens of meetings each year, to be in charge of the use of tens of millions of dollars, and to make policy and other decisions to ensure that the students of the Cold Spring Harbor School District have the very best education possible. As Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." The seven members of the Board of Education in our school district embody this quote - they are tireless advocates for our students, they provide our leaders, teachers, and support staff with all that they need to do the outstanding job that our children deserve, and they do it all for the benefit of a sense of satisfaction that they are doing something important for our community. At this time I would like to introduce Ms. Nicole Prizzi, President of the CPC, to present a token of their appreciation to our Board members for their tireless commitment to the children of Cold Spring Harbor.*

*Along the lines of the importance of the Board of Education, this week Mrs. Brogan and I will be representing our school district at the annual New York State School Boards Conference in Lake Placid. It is at conferences such as this that we get to share what we are doing with our colleagues from across the state, as well as to learn from others about how school districts are better serving the needs of their students. We will also be attending a legal seminar which will provide us with guidance to navigate legal issues that are important for the Board to be aware of.*

*I would also like to echo the comments made by Mr. McAteer about our homecoming events of last week. This event was a tremendous success and celebrated a night of families coming together to enjoy and celebrate this very special community. Mr. Bolen and Ms. Ranieri did an outstanding job preparing for the events, and must be commended for their efforts. I must also, however, point out the work that Mr. Bongino did to highlight so many of our teams on Friday - all of whom represent us proudly on the field of competition - thank you, Mr. Bongino!*

## **Recognitions...**

### **1. 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program**

#### **Presented by: Jim Bolen**

Commended Students

Matthew Beroza

Zachary Campbell

Phillip Wideska

Semifinalist

Thomas Carey

## **2. Music Honors**

**Presented by: Brent Chiarello, Tanya Chanphanitpornkit, and Mark Beja**

All State Music Honors

Michael Davis - All State Jazz Ensemble

Alexander Wang - All State Mixed Chorus

Henry Tsekerides - All State Alternate Snare Drum

Thomas McGee - All State Alternate Violin

Kate Zimmon - All State Alternate Soprano

Sergio Rodriguez - All State Alternate Tenor

American Choir Directors Association (ACDA) All Eastern Choir

Jillian Coughlin

Raffi Sanna

Kate Zimmon

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

**Employee Retirement System Reserve Presentation - James J. Stucchio,**  
Assistant Superintendent for Business

## **Board Actions...**

### **Resignations:**

**Lynn Cianccio** - Clerk Typist, HS, be accepted effective the close of business October 12, 2017.

### **Appointments:**

#### **HS Co-Curricular:**

**Brigid Victorson** was appointed to Sr. High Mathletes) for the 2017-18 school year.

**Lauren Hayes** was appointed to Mathletes - Jr. High for the 2017-18 school year.

**Christine Villanti** was appointed to Citizenship Room for the 2017-18 school year.

**Melissa McLees** was appointed to HS Musical Technical Director for the 2017-18 school year.

### **The following JV and Varsity winter coaches for the 2017-18 school year were approved:**

Varsity Basketball Jason Mercurio

V Basketball Asst. (B) Carmine Rotolo

JV Basketball (B) Corey Young

Varsity Wrestling Michael Ferrugiari

Varsity Wrestling Asst. Anthony Servidio

Varsity Wrestling Asst. Tom Powers

JV Wrestling Kenya Garrett

Varsity Swimming (B) Gary Renart

Varsity Swimming Ass. (B) Jennifer Scott

Varsity Swimming Diving (B) George Taylor

V. Basketball (G) Rory Malone

V. Basketball Asst. (G) Steve Cacioppo

JV Basketball (G) Ryan Towers  
V Gymnastics (G) Teri Kindelman  
V. Gymnastics Asst. (G) Brittany Carlson  
Winter Weight Training Dennis Bonn  
Winter Crew Weight Training Jon Mendreski  
V Winter Track (G) Nick Aurigemma  
V Winter Track Asst. (G) Kristen Wilkens  
V. Winter Track (B) Gary Franklin  
V Winter Track Asst. (B) Kerrin Harvan  
V Winter Cheerleading Bailey Whitney  
Asst. V Winter Cheerleading Trisha Sihksnel  
JV Winter Cheerleading Marissa Puleo  
Asst. JV Winter Cheerleading Katielynn Romano  
V. Fencing (B) Lauren Wangner

**The following JH winter I coaches for the 2017-18 school year were approved:**

JH Basketball (B) Mike Wolf  
JH Basketball (B) Ody Svolos  
JH Basketball (B) Peter Linderman  
JH Swimming (B) Dan Kelly  
JH Volleyball (G) Melanie Raso  
JH Volleyball (G) Lauren Blackburn  
JH Volleyball (G) Nick Fengler  
JH Winter I Track Christian Lynch  
JH Winter I Track Thomas Wilkens

**Personnel Contracts: (Contracts for Services)**

[Joseph Ferrante](#), WS Musical Accompanist, in the amount of \$50 per rehearsal and \$75 per concert for the 2017-18 school year was approved as submitted.

[John Zaccari](#), WS Musical Accompanist, in the amount of \$50 per rehearsal and \$75 per concert for the 2017-18 school year was approved as submitted

[Robert Gariglio](#), Athletic Trainer, for the 2017-18 school year at the rate of \$40.19 per hour was approved as submitted.

**Additional Business Matters:**

**1. Tax Levy**

Pursuant to Article 13 of the Real Property Tax Law and Section 1804 of the Education Law and based upon the final assessed valuation of \$21,098,095, which has been certified to the District by the Town of Huntington Assessor and based upon the final assessed valuation of \$1,977,968, which has been certified to the District by the Nassau County Assessor, the following school tax amounts to be levied with approximate school tax rates are adopted and ordered certified to the respective assessors by the Board of Education for the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

[Amount to be Levied](#)

[Town of Huntington 47,402,350](#)

[Town of Oyster Bay 13,936,094](#)

[Total School Levy 61,338,444](#)

\*The necessary tax rates will be set by the Towns of Huntington and Oyster Bay.

## 2. Lease Agreement - Driver's Education

The Board of Education approved the lease agreement with Jonrob, Inc. for the driver's education vehicle and that the Assistant Superintendent for Business be authorized to execute the required documents.

## 3. Employment Contract

The Board of Education approved the amendment to the 2017-18 employee contract for Mr. Mark Margolies approved on June 13, 2017 and that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute.

## 4. Independent Auditor's Reports

The Board of Education accepted the Independent Auditor's Report and District Financial Statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, as prepared by Nawrocki Smith, LLP.

### Special Education Reports:

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

Huntington Union Free School District  
Anne Kearney  
Liza Papazian

### Field Trips:

#### Field Trip - Model UN Club

The Board of Education approved the Model UN Club's trip to participate in the Ivy League Model UN Conference on January 25, 2018 through January 28, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA.

### Policies:

1. Policy 1230 - Public Participation at Board Meetings (First Read)
2. Policy 1530 - Tobacco-Free School Environment Policy (First Read)
3. Policy 2120 - School Board Elections (First Read)
4. Policy 5300.25 - Student Dress Code (First Read)

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

## **Upcoming Meeting(s)...**

November 14th–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](http://www.csh.k12.ny.us)