

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” February 19, 2019

President’s Report...

BOE President Ingrid Wright’s report included the following:

Thank you all for coming tonight, for the little snow that we have had this winter, it’s a wonder that our meeting had to be rescheduled to tonight. Thank you all for being flexible with your schedules and attending tonight.

Although technology always needs to be on the forefront of education, we are always focusing on ways to ensure that children gain knowledge through other hands on activities. On the agenda this evening, we will be accepting a gift from the CSH Educational Foundation for funding for and indoor/outdoor STEAM lab at Goosehill Primary School. This exciting initiative will give our youngest learners the ability to learn and explore science and in an exciting and hands on fashion. We thank the Foundation for their continued partnership as we bring new ideas and initiatives to our classrooms.

How about Cold Spring Harbor Athletics? Congratulations to our winter student athletes on their amazing post season successes. Our Varsity Wrestling Team was crowned County Champions earlier this month. This is the first team championship in our school’s history for our wrestling program. In addition, four of our Wrestlers earned places to compete at the State Level Tournament this past weekend. Our Hockey team earned Cold Spring Harbor’s first ever Nassau County Title in a thrilling victory in front of a packed arena. Finally, both our Boys and Girls Basketball teams competed in the Nassau County Championship games this past weekend. Although our girls team fell short, our boys’ team pulled out a victory and were crowned Nassau County Class B Champions. The boys play for the Long Island Title on Wednesday, March 6th at 7pm at Farmingdale College. Congratulations to all of our winter athletes, coaches, of course, Mr Bongino, on such a successful post season. The teams have brought great pride and school spirit to our high school and community and we look forward to continued success in with our Spring Sports teams.

Tonight, we will be approving the resignation of Ms. Mary Jean Caputo and Ms. Deborah Levesque of Lloyd Harbor School and Ms. Judy Innella of the math department at the high school for the purpose of retirement. We want to thank these members of our teaching staff for their tremendous contribution and years of service to our school district and look forward to honoring them at our retirement reception at our May board meeting.

On behalf of the board and administration, I would like to personally thank Dr. Lydia Bellino for coming out of her newly gained retirement and agreeing to take on the position of Interim Principal at West Side School. Dr. Bellino’s knowledge, experience and guidance will serve as a perfect foundation for our school community as we search for a new principal for West Side School. We are so grateful to have her on our team for the remainder of the school year.

Superintendent's Report...

Robert C. Fenter's report included the following:

Tonight, I would like to welcome our "new employee" Dr. Lydia Bellino, who has taken on the role of Interim Principal at the West Side School. Thank you for your service on behalf of the students, staff, colleagues, and district.

As Mrs. Wright mentioned, tonight we will be accepting the gift from the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation of \$29,999 for the enhancement of our STEAM program at Goosehill. These monies, will be used to purchase equipment that will provide our students with hands-on experiences as they learn about weather patterns, forces of physics, and challenge them to be creative thinkers as it relates to science, technology, engineering, and math. I thank the Foundation for their continued support and look forward to seeing the impact that this grant will have on our students in the coming months. Thank you to Mrs. Belfi and Mrs. Koenigsberger, as well Ms. Herschlein and her staff, as well as our Board of Education liaison Mr. McAteer, and our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Simon.

Thanks to Theresa Donohue, our students at the high school level were privileged to hear the story of the Holocaust survivor, Werner Reich, this morning. As we know, the opportunity to hear first-hand stories such as this are more infrequent with the passing of time. I am grateful for the efforts of Teresa Donahue organizing this experience for our students and to the teachers at the high school it will be sure to provide context, meaning, and reflection opportunities with this experience.

One of the messages that Mr. Reich shared with the students was to stand up when one sees injustice or cruelty to others. Mr. Reich somehow connected the atrocities that he experienced as a concentration camp survivor to the very real stresses and tensions that students in the new millennium experience.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Nassau County Champion Boys Varsity Hockey team that we will honor at the March 12 meeting. I would also like to congratulate the Boys Varsity Basketball team for their success this past vacation and winning the Nassau County Championships. Our Varsity Girls Basketball team did a wonderful job battling against Carle Place but unfortunately lost to their season long rivals. Congratulations to all of our teams for a terrific season.

Public Hearing on the Senior Citizens with Limited Income & Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Tax Exemptions--

Focus on Teaching and Learning....

Technology Update

Joseph Monastero,

Executive Director for Instructional & Administrative Technology

Board Actions...

Leaves:

Kelly Jordan - Tenured Teacher, HS, was granted unpaid Childcare Leave with an anticipated start date of October 1, 2019 for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Dr. Robin Deluca-Acconi - Social Worker, HS, was granted an unpaid Personal Leave for the period February 18, 2019 through March 31, 2019.

Resignations:

Michael Loughren - Principal, WS was accepted effective close of business February 8, 2019.

Maryjean Caputo - Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement was accepted with appreciation for her many years of service to the District, effective June 30, 2019.

Judy Innella - Mathematics Teacher, for the purpose of retirement was accepted with appreciation for her many years of service to the District, effective June 30, 2019.

Deborah Levesque - Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement was accepted with appreciation for her many years of service to the District, effective close of business October 31, 2019.

Appointments:

Dr. Lydia Bellino was appointed Interim Building Principal at WS for the period Feb 7 - June 30

Stephanie Kawko - HS Leave Replacement Social Worker: March 4 - June 26, 2019

Thomas Davis - HS Leave Replacement Teacher Assistant: : January 30 - May 17, 2019

Julianne Loney – GH Teacher Aide January 14 - June 30, 2019

Alyssa Romano -LH Teacher Aide February 4 - June 30, 2019

Coaching Revisions

Alison Incarnato was appointed JH Girls Basketball Coach for the Winter II season

John Franklin was appointed JH Volleyball (B) coach split with Meredith Martino

The following JV and V Spring coaching assignments were approved:

Varsity Tennis (B) Bruce Moodnik \$ 6,133.00

JV Tennis (B) Scott Kurtis \$ 4,600.00

Varsity Lacrosse (B) Dennis Bonn \$ 8,280.00

Varsity Lacrosse Asst. (B) Christian Lynch \$ 6,213.00

JV Lacrosse (B) Christian Kennedy \$ 6,213.00

JV Lacrosse Asst (B) Mark Greene \$ 6,213.00

Varsity Baseball (B) Richard Greeney \$ 8,280.00

Varsity Baseball Asst. (B) Joseph Del Gais \$ 6,213.00

JV Baseball (B) Steven Forbes \$ 6,213.00

Varsity Spring Track Nicholas Aurigemma \$ 8,281.00

Varsity Spring Track Gary Franklin \$ 8,281.00

V. Spring Track Asst. Kristen Wilkens \$ 6,214.00

V. Spring Track Asst. Alexander Becker \$ 6,214.00

Varsity Softball (G) Christopher Phelan \$ 8,281.00

Varsity Softball Asst. (G) John Murphy \$ 6,213.00

JV Softball Juiliana Watson \$ 6,214.00

Varsity Lacrosse (G) Danielle Castellane \$ 8,280.00

V Lacrosse Asst. (G) Rory Malone \$ 6,214.00

JV Lacrosse (G) Melanie Raso \$ 6,213.00

JV Lacrosse Asst. (G) Lou Santoli \$ 6,213.00
V Crew Jon Mendreski \$ 8,280.00
V Crew Asst. Michelle French \$ 6,214.00
V Crew Asst. Rachel Klobus \$ 6,214.00
V Crew Asst. Lauren Schulz \$ 6,214.00
V Golf (G) Robert Colascione \$ 6,133.00
JV Golf (G) Cyndi Scudieri \$ 4,600.00
Weight lifting (Spring) Lou Santoli \$2,768

The following JH Spring coaching assignments were approved:

JH Tennis (B) Lori Messina \$4,085.00
JH Lacrosse (B) Paul McDermott \$4,845.00
JH Lacrosse (B) Michael Ferrugiari \$4,845.00
JH Lacrosse (B) Harvey Allen \$4,845.00
JH Baseball Michael Wolf \$4,845.00
JH Baseball John Franklin \$4,845.00
JH Spring Track Thomas Wilkens \$4,845.00
JH Spring Track Patricia Sihksnel \$4,845.00
JH Softball (G) Meredith Martino \$4,845.00
JH Lacrosse (G) Odysseas Svolos \$4,845.00
JH Lacrosse (G) Alison Incarnato \$4,845.00
JH Lacrosse (G) Nicholas Fengler \$4,845.00
JH Lacrosse (G) Ryan Towers \$4,845.00

Additional Business Matters:

1. **Real Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens with Limited Income** was approved, as per the attached resolution.
2. **Real Property Tax Exemption - for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes** was approved, as per the attached resolution.
3. **Professional Services Agreement – with Nawrocki Smith, LLP** to conduct the independent audit of the financial statements of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 was authorized by the Board of Education at an annual fee of \$38,000.
4. **By-Laws approved** for the Social Action Club.
5. **Co-Curricular Club** – the Board approved an increase of the annual cap for the co-curricular Junior Helpers club to 42 hours for the 2018-19 school year.

Special Education Reports:

Contracts approved for the following agencies or independent providers:

Glen Cove City School

North Shore School District

Policies:

1. Policy 4311.1 *Display of the Flag First Read*
2. Policy 4311.1-R - *Display of the Flag Regulation First Read*

Donations:

Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation - the Board of Education accepted the very generous donation from the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation in the amount of \$29,999 for an indoor/outdoor STEAM lab at Goosehill Primary School.

Piano: The Board of Education accepted the generous donation from Chris Northacker, of a Wurlitzer upright piano valued at \$1,800.

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

Upcoming Meeting(s)...

February 26th –Board of Education Work Session – 6:30pm

March 12th –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