

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

November 13, 2018

President’s Report...

BOE President Ingrid Wright’s report included the following:

Good Evening, the school year is in full swing! It is hard to believe that one quarter of the school year is already behind us. Our High School fall sports teams had very successful seasons with all teams making the playoffs and a number of our Varsity teams making to the county level championship games. Our football team is still going strong! Please be sure to come cheer on our Varsity Football team on Friday night at Hofstra University as they compete for the county title. Our arts department has been bustling with recent inductions into our new Arts Honor Society. In addition, this year we had a record number of students inducted into our Tri-M Music Honor Society. Our drama department put on their first performance of the year, and they are currently casting for musical productions at the Junior and Senior High School level. Finally, the arts are alive in our elementary students as they work on their upcoming theater productions and winter concerts. It brings great joy to see the work and tremendous talents that our students possess. The time and dedication given to extracurricular activities by our student body should be applauded.

One of this year’s district goals is to continue our focus on the social-emotional well-being of our students. As we continue to work on curriculum focusing on self-awareness, good decision making and teaching empathy in our students, our buildings have been hard at work to create a climate in our school that is both inclusive and rewarding. In this regard, the Lloyd Harbor school improvement team is focusing their efforts on finding ways to bring kindness and respect in their school environment this year. In addition, tonight we will be approving the new Junior High Natural Helpers club. In this club, members are chosen by faculty and receive training to become leaders in promoting unity, kindness and respect among students. Our robust high school Natural Helpers group will undergo training this weekend to continue their work to ensure our building is kind, thoughtful and inclusive. With this goal in mind, tonight we will hear a presentation by Dr. Bolen and Ms. Campbell on the results of the school climate survey, which was completed by students in the spring.

Tonight, we will have our annual Audit Report presented by Mike Nawrocki of Nawrocki Smith. I would like to thank James Stucchio for his leadership and the entire business office for their work and dedication in ensuring that this very important work is completed in a timely and organized fashion.

It is November, and with Thanksgiving fast approaching, it is a good time to reflect. There is so much to be thankful for at this time of year. Instilling gratitude in our students and school community is of such great importance. It brings great pride to see the work that our students participate in to help community members in need. Over the past two months, our students have organized food drives, winter clothing drives, Halloween costume drives and sports equipment drives. Our students have cleaned beaches and parks and performed numerous

other volunteer activities to benefit those who are less fortunate. Today, I picked up over 200 pieces of canned food goods collected by our high school students through a school food drive and delivered these items to an outreach program for their Thanksgiving food drive. Time and again our students rise to a challenge and deliver to those in need. The best gifts are certainly those that are given and not received. On behalf of the board, I would like to wish everyone a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Superintendent's Report...

Robert C. Fenter's report included the following:

Good evening. Before I begin my remarks this evening, I would like to acknowledge an important holiday that was observed yesterday by thanking all of our veterans for their service to our country, and specifically to say thanks to those veterans who spoke with our students today at the Jr/Sr High School. It is so important for our young people to understand and appreciate the sacrifice and service of our nation's bravest. My thanks to the Jr/Sr High School PTG for arranging this very important program for our students.

As the Board may be aware, new standards have been put into place in the areas of social and emotional learning and mental health that are designed to ensure that our students receive the support they need to navigate their lives, both now, and later in life. As a result, our mental health providers have been working with our classroom teachers to deliver focused lessons that address anxiety, and other stressful circumstances for our students. These lessons, in grades K through 12 not only support the new standards, but more importantly, support the emotional needs of our students.

As an additional means of understanding and addressing the social and emotional needs of our students at the secondary level, the Jr/Sr High School, under the leadership of Dr. Bolen, and Ms. Campbell, administered a climate survey earlier this calendar year. This survey provided data that will help our leaders and mental health staff learn more about the needs of the building, and to devise ways to implement student support and address issues of overall school culture. I am appreciative of the work of the staff, as well as our high school Principal, Dr. Bolen, and our Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Campbell. Tonight, they will present the findings of the climate survey and share some plans moving forward in this important area.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. This time of year is a reminder of the many blessings that we have in our lives, as well as an important opportunity to express our gratitude to those people in our lives who are special and dear to us. Thank you...

Presentation

Audit Report

Presented by: Nawrocki Smith

Focus on Teaching and Learning....

Climate Survey

Presented by: Denise Campbell, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services & Human Resources

Dr. Jim Bolen, Principal, Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School

Board Actions...

Appointments:

Alexa Okon – Leave Replacement Science Teacher HS

Danielle Valance – Permanent Building Substitute GH

Robert Colascione – JH Basketball (B) Coach

Patricia Sihksnel and Lauren Blackburn – Revision split position co-curricular Pep Club

Additional Business Matters:

1. **Aflac Agreement** –The Board of Education approved the terms & conditions with Aflac and that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is hereby named the authorizing officer to provide the necessary consent.
2. **Nurses' Contract** – The Board of Education approved the agreement with the Nurses' Association of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District for the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023
3. **Affordable Care Act Coverage** - The Board of Education established the measurement, administrative, and stability periods required by the Affordable Care Act (the “Act”), which requires employers of more than 50 employees to offer affordable health coverage that provides a minimum level of coverage to their full time employees. (For more details see full Agenda)
4. **2019-2020 Budget Calendar** - The Board of Education adopted the 2019-2020 Budget Calendar.

Policies:

1. Policy 0110 - Sexual Harassment
2. Policy 0110-R - Sexual Harassment Regulation
3. Policy 0110-E - Sexual Harassment Exhibit
4. Policy 1400 - Public Complaints *First Read*
5. Policy 2340 - Notice of Meetings *First Read*
6. Policy 4311.1-R - Display of the Flag Regulation *First Read*
7. Policy 4531 - Field Trip and Excursions *First Read*

Policy Adoptions:

1. **Sexual Harassment Policy Adoption** - The Board of Education determined that it was necessary to adopt the proposed policy/regulation/exhibit on Sexual Harassment, Policy# 0110, 0110-R, 0110-E, without a second reading, in accordance with applicable law.

Donations:

The Board of Education accepted the very generous donation from the **Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation** in the amount of \$20,800 for the Senior High School Robotics program.

Other Matters:

Junior Natural Helpers Club Bylaws were approved.

Special Education Contracts:

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

Locust Valley Central School District

South Huntington Union Free School District

Yakira Nurieli (Harmony Strategies)

Stipulation of Settlement # 30009

Discussion:

Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department Radio Antenna

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

Upcoming Meeting(s)...

Dec. 11th –Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

No work session in December

January 8th – Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

January 29th – Community Budget Forum – 7:30pm

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