

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

June 11, 2019

President’s Report...

BOE President Ingrid Wright’s report included the following:

The June meeting is one that showcases academic achievement with the highest academic achievers earning recognition with a College Book Award. Congratulations to all of our Senior Book Award Winners! Your tireless work and dedication to academics has earned you this honor. May you continue to reach your goals in your senior year and the years ahead.

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Lacrosse team on their back-to-back State Championships. I would also like to congratulate Sarah Bolton on earning the title of State Champion in the 200M and 400M Wheelchair events. An impressive accomplishment! These athletic achievements are a true testament to the hard work and dedication given by our players and coaching staff each and every day.

Over the next few weeks, we will begin to attend moving up days and graduation days for our students. I would like to congratulate all of our students and parents who will be a part of these ceremonies. May our students find rich new experiences in the road that lies ahead. Whether a student is moving up from Goosehill or graduating high school, each event is special in marking an end to one chapter and a beginning of a new chapter of our students’ educational journey. Thank you to our faculty and administration that lay the foundation and provide guidance in this voyage.

This Sunday, June 16th will be our Commencement Ceremony at the high school. During the past two weeks, I had the pleasure of attending the Senior Awards Assembly and the Senior Varsity Awards Dinner. Our senior class is an accomplished group of students: 13 of our seniors will be attending Ivy League schools, and additional 28 seniors will be attending top 30 National Ranked Universities. This is a remarkable accomplishment that brings a great sense of pride to both our administration and our school board. In addition, 16 of our students will continue their sports careers at the collegiate level and numerous students will continue to pursue the arts in college. Certainly, an impressive graduating class! But, what was most impressive from attending the award ceremonies were the countless stories that were shared, which documented our students character, community engagement, volunteer work, empathy for others and passion for learning. We are producing young adults that are “the best of the best” in every sense of the word. Congratulations to the Class of 2019 as they enter the next chapter of their educational journey.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the generous gift that we will be accepting tonight from the CSH Educational Foundation in the amount of \$225,000. This donation will be used to transform our classrooms into “de-fronted” 21st century learning spaces. It is with partnerships like this that we will continue to provide our students with educational environments that will encourage integration and collaboration of ideas in the years ahead. Thank you again to the Foundation for this generous and most appreciated gift.

Finally, our Community Bond Forum is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 18th at 7:30pm. Please mark your calendars for this informative meeting to learn about the proposed Bond Referendum. We will also set aside time for public comments, so be sure to attend and let your voice be heard. I would like to wish everyone a safe, fun and productive summer filled with travel, new memories and time to relax with family and friends.

Superintendent's Report...

Robert C. Fenter's report included the following:

What a special evening for our community and schools as we have had the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our students in the areas of academics, the arts and athletics. Congratulations to all of the students and their families for their recognition this evening! A special congratulation to Donna Buttacavoli for her recognition this evening as the recipient of the Exemplary Service Award and finally, a special thanks to Christine Oswald for her work with our students to provide another amazing yearbook for our seniors.

This is an exciting time in Cold Spring Harbor. Mr. Simon will lead a report this evening to the Board that will review the many things happening in our district about which we all should be very proud. I will leave it to him to share the details of our work to achieve our district goals. I would like to thank the Board of Education for their support throughout the year to achieve these goals, providing our leaders and teachers all that they need to make these goals come to fruition. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our leaders for their outstanding efforts to support the implementation of these goals this year, all for the benefit of our students. Our leaders - central office, building principals, directors, and others - all work tirelessly to support our teachers and staff as we strive to provide our students with the very best educational experience possible. Thank you leaders.

I would also like to take a moment to thank our teachers who work each day to provide engaging and meaningful learning experiences for our students - teaching is hard work, but brings many rewards when our students are happy and successful. In our goals report this evening, you will hear about efforts to support writing, research, thoughtful use of technology, and establishing learning environments that support student-centered learning, creativity, and collaboration. You will also hear about efforts to support the whole child, including helping our students to develop skills that are important in life - resiliency, persistence, and grit. I am looking forward to hearing tonight's report.

Finally, in Cold Spring Harbor we have amazing parent groups. Our PTG's, Booster Clubs, FOCUS, and other organizations that work to benefit our students each year. Another organization, the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation, is also a group that has done so much to support our innovation and programs again this year, with two grants being supported - one to provide STEAM learning experiences to our youngest students at Goosehill, and the grant that the Board will accept tonight, which is designed to transform our learning spaces with flexible furniture and cutting edge technology. My sincere thanks to the Foundation, Tara Belfi, Co-President of the foundation, who is here this evening, for all of your support. I would like to congratulate all of our graduates and wish them the very best as they begin the next chapter in their life's journey! I would also like to wish everyone a wonderful summer ahead filled with time with family and friends.

Recognitions...

1. Exemplary Service Award

Donna Buttacavoli

Each year we choose a staff member to honor with the Exemplary Service Award. This year our honoree is Donna Buttacavoli from our clerical staff. Donna has been employed with our district for 22 years. Prior to joining the CSH team, Donna worked with the Huntington School District. Donna began her career at CSH in 2000 when she was appointed as the main office secretary for the Lloyd Harbor School. After 13 years at Lloyd Harbor, in July of 2013, she was transferred to West Side School, where she has been employed as the main office secretary for the building. Over the years, Donna has been regarded for her passion, skill set, efficiency,

personable nature, team approach and positive attitude. I often times noted, when I was a parent at West Side, that Donna was the “heartbeat” of the school. She always knew the inner-workings of the school and had her pulse on the building. During Donna’s tenure at West Side, Kurt Simon noted the following about Donna.... “Donna has a work ethic that is second to none. As the ultimate team player, Donna is often found working closely with leaders in the building, teachers, parents and students. Her calm and positive approach to all situations are characteristics that are noticed and appreciated by the entire West Side community and Cold Spring Harbor School District. I know when I look back on my times at West Side, she will most certainly be one of the highlights. What a deserving award for someone who truly plays a vital role in our schools.” Thank you Donna for your continued commitment and passion to our school district. We are a better place because of dedicated employees like you. On behalf of the Board and administrative team, I would like to congratulate Donna Buttacavoli on receiving the 2019 Exemplary Service Award.

2. Junior Book Awards - Class of 2020

<i>Junior Book Award</i>	<i>Student Recipients</i>
Brown University	Emma Polo
Columbia University	Julia Wallace
Cornell University	Julia Kopp
Dartmouth University	Abigail Johnson
Hamilton College	Lindsay DeRosa
Harvard University	Katherine Brennan
Miami University of Ohio	Nicholas Aronow
Notre Dame University	Colin Bacchi
Princeton University	Paige Vegna
Saint Michael’s College	Connor Flynn
St. Lawrence University	Jacob Bruno
University of Pennsylvania	Kaitlyn Fare
University of Rochester	Timothy Louie
Yale University	Claire Weis

3. Music Recognitions

Presented by: Brent Chiarello and Marc Beja

American Choir Directors Association All-National Treble Chorus

[Kelly Gallagher, Sianna Monti](#)

National Association for Music Education All-Eastern Mixed Chorus

[Sianna Monti](#)

4. Art Recognitions

Presented by: Christine Oswald

Long Island’s Best at Heckscher

[Gloria Gang, Grade 11](#)

Scholastic Honorable Mention for Northeast Region

[Julia Lei, Grade 11](#)

Tulip Festival Winners

[Kami Cotek, Grade 6 Aeryn O’Rourke, 2nd Grade](#)

Exhibiting artists for High Arts Showcase for Advanced Level work

Julianna Sousa, Grade 12

Payton Odierno, Grade 12

Gillian Drexler, Grade 12

Avery Pusey, Grade 12

Imaan Siddiqui, Grade 12

Emily Berlinghof, Grade 12

Louisa Zerbo, Grade 11

Julia Lei, Grade 11

Colors Exhibition of Long Island Student Artists at the Long Island Museum at Stony Brook

Carly Bruderman, Grade 8

Annabelle Coles, Grade 8

5. Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team - New York State Class "C" Champions

Isabelle Alyskewycz, Nicole Mormile, Brielle Amadeo, Jolie Nemshin, Darby Cassidy, Emma Polo, Caroline DeBellis, Brynne Rush, Franny Donohue, Julia Sobel, Georgia Gleusner, Anna Spehr, Hannah Gumersell, Lara Strunk, Kelly Hooks, Sophia Taglich, Grace Hudson, Grace Tauckus, Maria Hudson, Hannah Terry, Kate Licciardi, Ava Tighe, Katie Marasciullo, Paige Vegna, Emily McCormack, Isabelle Vitale, Alyssa Moran and Caroline Walter.

6. State Champion - Wheelchair 200m & Wheelchair 400m

Sarah Bolton

7. Donation

Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation--

The Board of Education accepted the generous donation in the amount of \$225,000 from the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation for the purpose of “Transforming Classrooms” during the 2019-2020 school year.

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

District Goals - 2018-2019

Kurt Simon, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Board Actions...

Resignations:

The resignation of **Jeanette Wojcik**, Reading Teacher, WS, was accepted effective June 30, 2019.

Rescinds:

Abolishment of one position in the tenure area of Art effective June 30, 2018.

Abolishment of one position in the tenure area of Technology effective June 30, 2018.

Appointments:

Elana Axelrod: School Social Worker, HS. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of School Social Worker effective August 28, 2019 through August 27, 2023.

Jeannine Reed: Secondary LOTE Teacher, HS. This is a four-year probationary period in the tenure area of LOTE effective August 28, 2019 through August 27, 2023.

Lorie Siegel: P/T ESL Teacher, GHP & WS.

Donna Mezzapesa: 12-Mo Sr. Office Assistant HS

Patricia Matthews was appointed Consultant Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year.

GHP Co-Curricular 2019-20 approved:

Michelle Riggles & Marissa Urso – AV/Tech Support – Split

Lynn Shalley – Lead Teacher

LH Co-Curricular 2019-20 approved:

Kevin O'Rourke – Elem. Head Intramurals

Patricia Morrison & Kristen Sewell – Elem. Head Intramurals Asst.

Margaret Diehl & Whitney O'Donnell – AV/Tech Support; Split

Gary Meyer – Prep. for Musical Festivals

Elem. Choir/Recital – **Jessica Beja**

Elem. Band/Recital – **Gary Meyer**

Elem. Strings/Recital – **Daniels- Rosenblatt**

Student Council Split – **Karen Russo & Barbara Cherubino**

Danielle Beach was appointed .30 TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment) for the 2019-20 school year.

Other Matters...

As a result of declining student enrollment, the following teaching positions were reduced:

Art – Laura Cirino (0.4 FTE)

Technology – Jack Healy (0.2 FTE)

Physical Education – Alison Incarnato (0.5 FTE)

English – Jessica Raniere (0.3 FTE)

Special Education – Lauren Spatola (0.5 FTE)

Social Studies – Ryan Towers (0.1 FTE)

Donations:

1. The Board of Education accepted the generous donation of a \$1,000 scholarship from the **Suffolk County Chapter of the New York State School Facilities Association** in recognition of the work Mark Margolies has done on behalf of the organization.
2. The Board of Education accepted the generous donation of a \$500 scholarship from the **Suffolk Association of School Business Officials** in recognition of James Stucchio's efforts to advance the business of education.

Health Services Contracts approved: (for students attending private schools during the 2018/19 school year.) *Manhasset School District*

Additional Business Matters:

1. The Board of Education approved an extension of the Transportation Contracts (Summer, Home to School, Field Trips/Athletics) with Huntington Coach Corporation for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. The Board of Education approved the Services Contract with Western Suffolk BOCES for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. The Board approved and accepted the results of the May 21, 2019 Budget Vote & Election of Members of the Board of Education.
4. The Board of Education, approved a five-year lease agreement with Western Suffolk BOCES.
5. The Board of Education approved the disposal of 168 Geometry 11 textbooks that are outdated and obsolete.

Special Education Reports:

Contracts were approved for the following providers:

Health & Safety Connection, LLC

Brookville Center for Children (Tuition)

Brookville Center for Children (Related Services)

Myra Allen

Dr. Ilene Solomon (revised).

Policies...

1. Policy 4144 - Tutoring for Remuneration by School Staff Second Read & Adoption

2. Policy 5300 - Code of Conduct Second Read & Adoption

5300.00 Why Do We Have a Code of Conduct?

5300.05 Introduction

5300.10 Definitions

5300.15 Student Rights and Responsibilities

5300.20 Essential Partners

5300.25 Student Dress Code

5300.30 Prohibited Student Conduct

5300.35 Reporting Violations

5300.40 Disciplinary Consequences, Procedures and Referrals

5300.45 Alternative Instruction

5300.50 Discipline of Students with Disabilities

5300.55 Corporal Punishment

5300.60 Student Searches and Interrogations

5300.65 Visitors to Schools

5300.70 Public Conduct on School Property

5300.75 Dissemination and Review

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

Upcoming Meeting(s)...

July 9 – Board of Education Organizational Meeting – 8pm

August 27 – 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