

# Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” May 14, 2019

## **President’s Report...**

BOE President Ingrid Wright’s report included the following:

*Good Evening. Tonight, we have much to celebrate. On behalf of the entire board, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude and thanks to all of the staff members who are retiring. Thank you for your tireless years of service to our students and community. We wish you all the best as you begin to embark on a new path. We wish you well in your future endeavors and you certainly all will be missed.*

*In addition, I would like to congratulate our three staff members, Ms. Kristin Wilkins, Ms. Sheila Mauriello and Mr. Andrew Cennamo who are receiving tenure tonight. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement! Finally, tonight we will be approving the appointment of three new members to our leadership team: Ms. Alison Hazut, Principal of West Side School, Ms. Kimberly Libertini, Director of STEM, and Mr. Justin Arini, Director of Guidance. Welcome to the Cold Spring Harbor family!*

*As we approach the end of the school year, our students and staff are busy preparing for numerous end of year events. There are a number of spring concerts scheduled for our elementary and junior/senior high school students, reading and writing celebrations are planned, field days, art exhibitions, science symposiums, and end of year awards ceremonies. All of these events are planned to showcase our student’s achievements, dedication and talents. I look forward to sharing in these moments with our staff and parents during the upcoming weeks.*

*On the business and financial side, this evening we will be approving a resolution to establish the Teachers’ Retirement System Sub-Fund within the already existing Retirement Contributions Reserve. After years of advocacy by many groups, this legislation was finally enacted into law and will allow school districts to set-aside 2% of their prior year TRS payroll each year, with an overall fund limit of 10%. In past years, we have seen great fluctuations in TRS contribution rates. The creation of this reserve will assist the district in our budgeting process and help to navigate future difficult financial environments.*

*Finally, tonight we will be presenting our planned budget for the 2019-2020 school year that will be put before voters on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Voting will take place at the high school field house from 6AM-10PM. Please be sure to come out and vote.*

## **Superintendent’s Report...**

Robert C. Fenter’s report included the following:

*Good Evening.... Tonight, we take the time to acknowledge the culmination of long and storied careers in Cold Spring Harbor by those teachers and staff members who are retiring after many years of dedicated service, as well as to take some time to recognize those teachers and teacher assistants who are being considered for tenure. These events represent an important juncture in the lives of our honorees tonight. For those receiving tenure, this milestone represents the beginning of what we know will be the continued journey to decades of outstanding service to our students. For our retirees we see the start of a new chapter of relaxation, travel and time with friends and family. While at different points in their careers, both groups have something in common – they have touched the lives of our students, helped them to grow as people, and helped them learn about the subject we teach, but more importantly have helped them develop a better understanding of our world.*

*Tonight, I have a gift for our retirees. My apologies to those receiving tenure, but I will give you a gift in a few decades. For our retirees, I have a small token of my appreciation for your service to our students – a book entitled [A Letter to My Teacher](#). The book tells the story of the children whose lives we have changed, whose imagination we inspired, whose purpose in life we helped to forge, and didn't know we had that impact at that time. I am sure that each of our retirees have received notes, emails, letters, or visits from former students who have thanked them for the impact that they had on them. This book reminds us that our impact is far greater than we may ever know. So congratulations to all and thank you to our teachers and staff being honored tonight, as well as our leaders who have provided them guidance and support, and, of course, to our Board of Education for ensuring that our teachers have all that they need to be successful, all, for the benefit of our students.*

## **Tenure & Retirees Reception - Robert C. Fenter 7:30 PM...**

### **Tenure Approvals...**

1. Tenure Recommendation - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Sheila Mauriello** was granted tenure effective August 31, 2019 in the tenure area of Science.
2. Tenure Recommendation - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Kristen Wilkens** was granted tenure effective August 31, 2019 in the tenure area of LOTE.
3. Tenure Recommendation - At the recommendation of the Superintendent, **Andrew Cennamo** was granted tenure effective August 31, 2019 in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant.

### **Board Actions...**

#### **Appointments:**

**Alison Hazut: Elementary Principal West Side**, effective July 1. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Elementary Principal effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

**Kimberly Libertini: Director of STEM**, effective July 1. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Director of STEM effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

**Justin Arini: Director of Guidance District-wide**. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Director of Guidance effective July 15, 2019 through July 14, 2023, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

**Christine McCloskey**: 12-Month Sr. Office Assistant was voluntarily demoted and reassigned/reclassified from Jr/Sr High Guidance Office to 10-Month Office Assistant in the Main Office.

**Margaret Diehl** was approved as Sound/Lighting for the LH Grade 6 Musical. The April 9, 2019 appointment of Yuriy Zacharia and James Thompson as Sound/Lighting for LH Grades 5 and 6 Musicals was rescinded.

**Devon McDevitt:** Leave Replacement Speech Pathologist Goosehill Primary. Ms. McDevitt will act as Leave Replacement for the entire 2019-20 school year.

**Whitney O'Donnell:** Library Media Specialist Lloyd Harbor. This is a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Library Media Specialist, effective August 28, 2019 through August 27, 2022, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure. Mrs. O'Donnell will retain her seniority in Elementary Education. \*Pending NYS Library Media Specialist Certification

**Rachel Schnurr** was appointed to Teacher on Special Assignment for the 2019-20 school year.

**Department Chairpeople appointed:**

*Brent Chiarello - Music*

*Christine Oswald - Art*

*Tara Tassani - LOTE*

**Personnel Contracts:**

Retiree Health Care Contracts approved:

*Ferne Chase, Paula Gozelski*

**Professional Development Contracts approved:**

- Educational Mathematics Curriculum Consulting, provider of Mathematics
- Brian Cohen, provider of Mathematics professional development
- Avishag Reisman, provider of Social Studies curriculum development
- Bridges Data & Professional Development, Inc.

**Additional Business Matters:**

1. Budget Revision: The Board of Education approved the following revisions to 2018/19 general fund budget as a result of a special legislative grant, which will be used for district wide security improvements:  
“Other State Aid” shall be increased by \$50,000.  
“Professional Technical Services” shall be increased by \$50,000.
2. Appointment of Election Officials to the Budget Vote on May 21, 2019: Inspectors and/or Clerks: *Felecia Montfort*
3. The District appointed Western Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the services for Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Resolution - Tutorial & Special Education Services.
4. The New York State Teachers’ Retirement System sub-fund established and approved by the Board of Education; to be known as the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for this Reserve Sub-Fund separate and apart from all other funds of the District.

**Tax Anticipation Notes:**

The Board authorized the issuance and sale of Tax Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied or to be levied for the fiscal year.

### **Special Education Reports:**

Contracts approved for the following providers:

Achieve Beyond

Top Grade

All About Kids, PLLC.

Horizon Healthcare Staffing

Out East Therapy of NY

Metro Therapy

Tutoring Service of Long Island

Syosset Home Tutoring

St. James Tutoring

Health Source Group

Career & Employment Options

US Medical Staffing

NY Therapy Placement Services

Maxim Healthcare Services

Susan Taddonio

Positive Behavior Consulting

Randi Schuller

Sandra O'Reilly

Millennium Children Services

Island Better Hearing

Delores Laskin

Gayle E. Kligman

Dr. Melanie Herzfeld

Humanistic Consultants

Dr. Lajpet Gandhi

Donna Girardi

Dr. Liat Jarkon

Creative Tutoring

Acoustic Achievements

### **Donations:**

The Board of Education accepted the generous gift of \$4,000 from the West Side PTG to be used for a gym door mural.

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

*Hempstead Union Free School District*

*South Huntington UFSD*

*Mineola Union Free School District*

### **Other Matters...**

**District Closed** - May 24, 2019 designated as a holiday for all staff.

### **Policies...**

1. Policy 4144 - Tutoring for Remuneration by School Staff First Read
2. Policy 5300 - Code of Conduct

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)...**

June 11–Board of Education Meeting – 8pm  
June 18 – Board of Education Work Session 7:30 pm  
July 9 – 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)