

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

December 5, 2017

President’s Report...

BOE President Mark McAteer’s report included the following:

It is logical to think that no student is fully career ready if they leave us being uncomfortable with integrating technology into their work life. With that in mind, the District has committed the financial resources and the manpower required to provide the best opportunity for our students to utilize technology, starting in primary school and rising in complexity until 12th grade. Mr. Joe Monastero, our veteran educator, is now our Executive Director of Instructional and Administrative Technology, tasked with supporting our students and staff in this K-12 effort. In the past month, Mr. Monastero has distributed Chromebooks to the balance of our upper class students as part of the continuation of our 1:1 initiative. We have been listening to our students who have been so articulate as they exhibited a mix of voicing legitimate concerns, being grumpy teenagers, and being excited by the cool technology which now features a stylus.

Joe’s next task is to distribute additional Chromebooks to the 5th and 6th grades, where they will be available on carts for our teacher’s use. I would like to applaud Mr. Monastero for navigating this challenging landscape and for his adaptation to the changes that are upon us. I believe that Mr. Monastero’s thoughtful leadership, the integration of technology into each student’s hands, and the community support through the CSH Ed Foundation represents a pivot point in the trajectory of our district.

Our district is also adjusting as our educators go from teaching science to using science to design solutions to problems, by utilizing cross cutting concepts and core ideas to develop an integrated solution. You may have noticed a recent newspaper article featuring our students integrating multiple disciplines as they used wind and solar collectors to develop a carbon free charging station for their cell phones (or Chromebooks). I would like to commend Mr. Jack Healey and Mr. Jim Hardy for broadening our student’s perspective, awareness and problem solving skills, while leading in this hands-on science and engineering project.

Additionally, in science, 9th grade students enrolled in our Science Research Program recently visited with (3) Nobel Prize winners at the CSH Lab...allowing them to connect their introduction to this curriculum to the pinnacle of scientific career success, which can happen literally, just around the corner. Tonight, the Board will consider a motion to expand our Science Research Program from grades 10-12 with a few words from Principal Bolen.

We can also look forward to a Nobel Laureate speaking at our Science Research Symposium in May. So, on top of Thomas McGee, CSH’s first ever Siemen’s Competition semi-finalist, we have a lot of other items underway in science right now, and many more to go.

This evening the Board will consider the establishment of a reserve fund for our employee retirement obligations (ERS). Establishment of the fund does not require that it be funded...It does, however, offer the district the flexibility to manager our future liabilities. We are hopeful that Governor Cuomo considers and approves the pending legislation that would permit the establishment of a Teacher Retirement Reserve Fund, thereby allowing the district to consider it as an option as well. (Fingers crossed, email the governor)

Winter sports are underway with our 1st home basketball game just finishing up right now. I’m sure you can look for a tweet of the final score from Mr. Bongino. After our last Board Meeting, our football team completed a spectacular 8-0 regular season with a great playoff run. Sadly, they were defeated in the County Championship game. I would like to congratulate Coach Mandreski, his staff, Mr. Bongino, and especially the players on giving us so

much excitement this season. All of our fall teams made the playoffs and they all should all be very proud of themselves.

And lastly, I would like to welcome Mr. Beja and congratulate him on leading the High School theater production of “You Can’t Take It With You”. We can look forward to the next effort, “Beauty and the Beast”, which will play in February.

Superintendent’s Report...

Robert C. Fenter’s report included the following:

Over the course of the past several weeks, I have had the opportunity to once again spend quality time in each school in our district to see the wonderful work of our leaders, teachers, and students. With each visit, I was reminded of the work that we do on a daily basis to support the learning needs of our students by helping them to grow in their knowledge, skills, and, also importantly, their willingness to take on new challenges. From Creative Learning Labs, to FLES, AIS, counseling groups, art, music, maker space, writing, research, small group instruction, design and build exercises with the LMS, Turkey Trots, robotics, television appearances, teaming, conference de-briefings, Chromebooks, and more - these days were packed with evidence of the fine leadership of our principals, directors, and leaders, as well as the fine work of our teachers to provide such exciting learning opportunities for our students. We thank the Board for their support of all that is happening in our schools that bring us such tremendous pride.

While each of my visits to our schools provided me with great appreciation for that which we do, I wanted to highlight one opportunity that I had to interact with our 2nd grade students at the West Side School. The principal and teachers at West Side are aware that I am a former social studies teacher and that I love the subjects of history and culture. The students were beginning a study of the topic of ‘Traditions,’ a concept very important to developing an understanding of our place in our society and how our traditions often connect us to the larger world. This can be a very big leap for our youngest students. In addition to having the opportunity to share some traditions from my family, including how we celebrate the first day of school for our children, we also had the opportunity to read a book about how different nations and cultures celebrate birthdays - it was a fun way to see that not all societies have birthday cake and blow out candles. We saw that, in fact, some societies have one birthday for everybody and celebrate with horse races!

It is by spending this quality time in our schools that I am able to learn and appreciate the work that we are doing and to see how our district goals are being addressed. I am pleased to say that, in my days in our schools this year, I saw evidence as I visited each and every classroom that we are working towards our district goals - goals that serve the needs and interests of our students. My thanks to our leaders, teachers, support staff, and, of course, our Board of Education who provides the support necessary to accomplish all that we are doing.

Wishing everybody a happy holiday and new year ahead!

Focus on Teaching and Learning....

Holiday Performances

*Cold Spring Harbor Chamber Singers
Under the Direction of Mark Beja*

*Cold Spring Harbor Brass Ensemble
Under the Direction of Brent Chiarello*

*Cold Spring Harbor Wind Ensemble
Under the Direction of Brent Chiarello*

*Cold Spring Harbor String Ensemble
Under the Direction of Tanya Chanphanitpornkit*

Presentation...

***Presentation of Audit Report
Presented by: Nawrocki Smith***

Board Actions...

Resignations:

Joseph Servidio: the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Joseph Servidio as full-time custodian was accepted effective December 30, 2017 with deep appreciation for his many years of service.

Frank Papillo: the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Frank Papillo, Security Guard, effective January 7, 2018, was accepted with deep appreciation for his many years of service.

Appointments:

Jonathan Malone – Teacher Assistant WS. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant effective November 27, 2017 through November 26, 2021.

Stephanie Carlstrom – Teacher Assistant HS. This is a four-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant effective December 4, 2017 through December 3, 2021 subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

Junior High Winter II Coaching Assignments approved:

JH Wrestling (B) Anthony Servidio
JH Wrestling (B) Nick Fengler
JH Volleyball (B) Meredith Martino
JH Basketball (G) Ody Svolos
JH Basketball (G) Lori Messina
JH Basketball (G) Lauren Blackburn
JH Basketball Coach (B) Lisa Fugazzi

Taylor Imbasciani – Student Teacher HS was appointed in the English Department at CSHHS working under the direction of Ms. Raniere and Ms. Glynn for the period January 1 through May 31, 2018.

Other Matters...

1. **Professional Development Plan** - the Board of Education adopted the Professional Development Plan as submitted.
2. **Field Trip - Model UN Club** - the Board of Education approved the Model UN Club's trip to attend the Conference of Model UN Delegates in New York City on March 2, 2018 through March 5, 2018.
3. **Field Trip - Girls Track** - the Board of Education approved the Girls Track Team trip to compete in the Yale Invitational on January 19, 2018 through January 20, 2018 in New Haven, Connecticut.
4. **Field Trip - Girls Track** – Revision: the Board of Education approved the revised travel dates for the Girls Track Team Trip to Myrtle Beach to April 2, 2018 through April 8, 2018. The team will be competing at the Beach Run Invitational. The trip was originally approved on the August 29, 2017 agenda.

Discussion - New High School Course Offerings...

Advanced Science Research Honors II-IV

Additional Business Matters:

1. ERS Reserve – the Board of Education approved the establishment of the reserve
2. Pitney Bowes Contract - the Board of Education approved the contract with Pitney Bowes.

Policies:

SECOND READ & ADOPTION

1. Policy 4532 - School Volunteer (Discussion Tabled)
2. Policy 5151 - Homeless Children
3. Policy 5151-R - Homeless Children Regulation
4. Policy 5420 - Student Health Services
5. Policy 5420-R - Student Health Services Regulation

FIRST READ

1. Policy 4526.1-R - Internet Safety Regulation
2. Policy 5150-R - School Admissions Regulation
3. Policy 5460 - Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
4. Policy 5460-R Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
5. Policy 5500 - Student Records
6. Policy 5500-R - Student Records Regulation

Special Education Contract:

The Board of Education approved the terms and conditions of the following contract between the District and the following agencies or independent provider: [Bonnie O'Connell](#)

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

Upcoming Meeting(s)...

January 9 –Board of Education Meeting – 8pm

January 30 – 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