

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights” November 18, 2014

President’s Report...

BOE President Anthony Paolano’s report included the following:

There has been a lot happening throughout the district since our last meeting. All of the buildings celebrated Halloween with various activities, including a Halloween parade at Goosehill Primary. At Homecoming, our football team beat Oyster Bay. Lloyd Harbor School celebrated the 23rd Little Apple Fun Run. And West Side is a work in progress on their 225th Anniversary festivities.

This year, our Athletic Director, Mr. Bongino, will hold a Varsity Awards Ceremony at the PAC on November 24 at 7pm for the Fall Sports. We can be very proud of some of the accomplishments that our Cold Spring Harbor teams had!

The Board of Education on Veterans Day made our annual inspection tour of West Side, Lloyd Harbor, Jr/Sr. High School and earlier this evening, Goosehill. This is the time that the building principals can make recommendations directly to the BOE as it pertains to their individual needs and improvements. It allows the BOE to get an understanding and be able to prioritize the various potential projects to be considered in our budgeting of our Capital Reserve Funds. Thank you to all the building principals and our director of buildings and grounds, Mark Margolies, for all of your preparation, input and explanations. The BOE will be meeting shortly to discuss the potential projects with our Superintendent of Business, Bill Bernhard, Mark Margolies and our architect, John Grillo.

Tonight, our “Focus on Teaching and Learning” will be the CSH 2013-2014 school report card, presented by Lydia Bellino, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

Finally, an update with our teacher’s negotiations; the BOE sent a letter to the entire community presenting factual information about the teacher’s contract. On behalf of the BOE, please be assured that we are committed to a fair settlement that is aligned with the long-term fiscal health of the district and is also reflective of the needs of the entire community.

At this time of year, I want to recognize all of the parent associations, and thank them for all of the work that they do. Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

Superintendent's Report...

Dr. Judith A. Wilansky's report included the following:

You may have read a troubling story in today's *Newsday* entitled, *College? Yes, but No* which explores data published from the National Student Clearinghouse, an organization that ostensibly tracks whether students who intend to matriculate in college, actually do so. In Cold Spring Harbor's case, the report indicated that for the class of 2012, the school reported to the State Education Department that 96.5% of the class had reported that they would be matriculating at either a 2 or 4 year college, but the National Student Clearinghouse data indicated that only 79.2% of the students were enrolled within one year of graduating high school.

One might read the article and conclude one of the following:

- A) *the district had misreported the number*
- B) *that students did not attend when the fall rolled around*
- C) *the student did not succeed in their first year at college*

None of these conclusions would reflect well on the Cold Spring Harbor schools.... which is why we took the time today to examine the data listed on the National Student Clearinghouse.

This is what we discovered.

Under the Family Education Right to Privacy Act, students may block their data from being included in the National Student Clearinghouse Directory. If one reads the fine-print in matriculation paperwork - and many of our families do - they may choose to exercise this right.

In 2012, we had 167 graduates and the Clearinghouse reports data for 132 students. We generated a list of the remaining students, and based on our most current knowledge (i.e. *today!*) we can assert that 27 of the 35 unaccounted students attended college that fall – and are still in attendance as of today. So much for the National Student Clearinghouse. Data is valuable only when it is accurate. Sorry, community *Newsday* readers, for the false alarm.

On another note, tonight, we officially conclude the 2013-2014 school year with the presentation of the Annual Report, which provides an overview of the school year with regard to student performance, district goals and noteworthy events in the schools, athletics and district departments. Also, Mrs. Bellino will be sharing the annual report card. Once again, we examine quantitative data with an eye of what can be learned and, of course, how to continually improve student performance.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving!

Focus on Teaching and Learning...

2013-2014 School Report Card

Presentation on Cold Spring Harbor 2013-2014 School Report Card

Lydia Bellino, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

Board Actions...

Appointments:

Dana Cohen - P/T Teacher Aide (Recess) at LH (Jan 23 – June 30)

Benjamin Bertuch, Janet Anne Brancaccio, Christina Defranco and Brittany Francke – Substitute Instructional Personnel effective Nov. 19 for the remainder of the school year.

Revised Co-Curricular appointment HS for Natural Helpers: the position will be split by three (3) employess: *Robin Deluca-Acconi, Christopher Homer, and Tina Velez.*

Revised Co-Curricular appointment HS for Peer Mentor Club: the position will be split by *Robin Deluca-Acconi and Maureen Blechschmidt.*

Grace Jiminez – Leave Replacement Reading Teacher WS Sept. 3 – Nov. 25.

Maria Ball – Teacher Aid GH effective October 20 – June 30.

Caroline Kennedy – Long-Term Substitute HS L.O.T.E. effective Oct. 23 – January 27, 2015.

Erika Bauernfeind – Teacher Assistant WS. This is a three-year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant effective Oct. 14, 2014 – Oct. 13, 2017.

Winter II Coaching assignments at CSHHS for the 2014-15 school year approved:

Wrestling JH Anthony Servidio

Wrestling JH Nick Fengler

Volleyball JH (B) Michelle Gaufman

JH Basketball (G) Ben Zuk

JH Basketball (G) Patty Connolly

JH Winter I Track Kristen Wilkens

V Wrestling Asst. Anthony Servidio

JV Wrestling Dominick Leon

[Jarret Ealy](#) – Boys Basketball Volunteer effective Nov. 17 – Feb. 13, at the request of Michael Bongino, Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics. Mr. Ealy has been CPR/First Aid trained and has been Fingerprinted by NYSED.

[Joanne Bradley](#) – P/T Clerk Typist DO effective Nov. 26 – Jan. 20th.

Contracts:

[Christopher McKee](#) (Revised) – The Contract for Services between the District and Christopher McKee, LH Musical Director for the 2014-15 school year was revised. (5th grade and 6th Grade musicals).

[Catherine Maloney](#) (Rescinded) - The Contract for Services between the District and Catherine Maloney, LH Musical Producer for the 2014-15 school year, was rescinded.

Donations:

1. The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the [donation by the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation in the amount of \\$84,288.36](#) which will be used for the purpose of expanding the use of technology in the classroom.
2. The Board of Education accepted the [donation of \\$1,657.06](#) to be used by the Athletic Department for the purchase of tarps for the baseball fields [from the Special Fund in Memory of Drew Kleinknecht](#).
3. The Board of Education accepted the [donation of thirteen microscopes](#) to the Lloyd Harbor School [from the Lloyd Harbor Parent Teacher Group](#) (LHSPTG).
4. The Board of Education accepted [Tyler Verrachi's Eagle Scout project](#) to raise approximately \$2,000 to purchase new benches and landscape an area on the Laurel Hollow side of West Side School.

Additional Business Matters:

Building Condition Survey Agreement: the Board of Education approved an agreement with John Grillo, Architect, to conduct the required New York State Education Department 2015 Building Condition Survey of all school buildings in the Cold Spring Harbor Schools.

Change Order: the Board of Education approved change order No. 1 with GTS Construction Corp. of Bethpage, New York, the Roof Replacement Contractor on the Jr./Sr. High School reconstruction project, SED #58-04-02-06-0-007-043, for a reduction in cost of \$5,250, for underutilized allowances in original contract.

Special Education Reports:

1. The Board of Education of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District approved the terms and conditions of the following contract between the District and the following agencies or independent providers:

FL Chamberlain School7

Harmony Heights

Barry McNamara

South Huntington Union Free School District

Other Matters:

1. Field Trip - French Club

The Board of Education approved the French Club trip to Montreal, Canada scheduled for March 5, 2015 to March 8, 2015.

2. Field Trip - Model UN Club

The Board of Education approved the Model UN club trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania scheduled for January 29, 2015 through February 1, 2015.

3. Field Trip - High School Orchestra & Chorus

The Board of Education approved the High School Orchestra and Chorus students trip to Williamsburg, Virginia scheduled for March 26, 2015 through March 29, 2015.

4. Field Trip - High School Band

The Board of Education approved the High School Band Music Festival trip to Six Flags Amusement Park/Great Adventure scheduled for May 22, 2015.

Policies:

1. Policy 1500 - Public Use of School Facilities

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2. Policy 1500-R - Public Use of School Facilities Regulation

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Upcoming Meetings...

December 9th - Board of Education Meeting – 8pm
No Board of Education Work Sessions in December

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)

For the full Board of Education Agenda, please log onto our website.