

# Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

## December 13, 2016

### **President’s Report...**

BOE President Amelia Brogan’s report included the following:

*I can’t wait to hear the Holiday Performances by our students during our Focus on Teaching and Learning tonight...*

*It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mr. Greg Sloane to his first Board of Education meeting since joining our family as Assistant Principal of Guidance at the Jr/Sr High School. I know the last two weeks have been exhausting for him, as I saw the orientation schedule Mr. Matuk created for you. Although we know you have had the opportunity to meet many people, we also know this is just the start of the process of learning about Cold Spring Harbor schools. In the many months and years ahead, we look forward to working with you.*

*We also look forward to the roll out of our 1:1 initiative in 7th grade. In just two short days, the chrome books will be distributed. The planning and training needed to support this endeavor has been ongoing for over a year. We thank everyone involved for their tireless efforts in moving us forward into 21st century learning. Later this evening, we will hear about new course offerings for next year at the Jr/Sr High School. Of particular interest is a new Research course. It is always amazing the thought and effort that our leaders and teachers put into enhancing and enriching our curriculum, despite the challenges in scheduling these courses because of our small size.*

*As a reminder, we will be holding our Bond Referendum Vote for a Physical Education Center on January 18, 2017 in the Field House at the High School. This Bond Proposition is in the amount of \$4.8 million dollars over a twenty year period and would have a budgetary impact of approximately \$98 per average taxpayer. Further information will be mailed home in January. There will be presentations made at each school’s PTA meeting and other school functions in January. In addition, information regarding the Bond Referendum can be found on our District’s website along with a video of the presentation.*

*The next Board of Education meeting will take place in the New Year. I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season, filled with family and friends. To those of you who are traveling, have a safe trip. See you in 2017!*

### **Superintendent’s Report...**

Robert C. Fenter’s report included the following:

*Good evening. This is the time of year when we celebrate the holidays that remind us of the importance of family, friends and special memories with those in our lives.*

*There is also much to celebrate that is happening in our schools as well. This past weekend, our students at West Side Elementary School performed the musical, Fiddler on the Roof, in a manner that far exceeded any reasonable expectations for their age. The previous weekend saw our cheerleaders competing for the first time as Cold Spring Harbor hosted a competition of*

*schools in the region for this new and emerging sport. In both cases, our students were performing admirably in their respective areas and proved to us all that their hard work and preparation was worth the effort.*

*At Lloyd Harbor I was able to visit a physical education class and saw the unbridled enthusiasm with which our students participate in that class. I have also had the opportunity to visit Goosehill one day a week to share one of my favorite stories with our youngest students about demonstrating good character. I cannot help but be inspired by their energy, enthusiasm, and desire to understand the world. We should feel very confident that this next generation will serve us well in the future.*

*This week I was also able to observe first-hand the use of technology in our junior and senior high school classrooms. I am greatly impressed by how our teachers are incorporating Chromebooks to increase student engagement and collaboration resulting in a deeper understanding of that which they are learning. This is no easy challenge and is a major goal, not only for this Board of Education and our school district, but for schools across our nation. I am so proud of the teachers who are working every day to incorporate this technology into their instruction and thank them for their hard work and dedication.*

*On Thursday evening, our seventh grade students will each receive their new Chromebook to begin taking home each evening as their work tool. This concept is called a 1:1 model of instruction – one device for one student. We have prepared mightily for this effort, both in infrastructure, professional development, and thoughtful planning. We thank the Board of Education for their vision, our leaders for their guidance, our teachers for their significant contributions both in the classroom and as a support for the professional development of their colleagues, our 1:1 Implementation Committee chaired by Mr. Matuk, and, of course, the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation for their tremendous support of this effort. We are very grateful for your most generous support of this important effort.*

*On January 18<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the Field House, our community will have the opportunity to vote on our proposed Physical Education Center that will support all students at the junior/senior high school through their physical education classes and will also provide an important resource to our athletic program. I hope that all members of our community take the opportunity to review the brochure that will arrive in homes in early January that will outline the major features of the new facility. For those of you who were able to attend the several meetings that the Board dedicated to this topic earlier this year, you know that this is a facility that will be of great importance to the health, well-being, and physical fitness of our students. A rendering of the facility is available for your viewing in the foyer area of the Boardroom. Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about this resource for our students. Mr. Bongino, Dr. Bernhard, and I will be speaking to our parent groups in early January to provide a detailed summary of this bond project and will be happy to answer any questions our community may have.*

*So yes, it is time to celebrate the holidays, as well as to celebrate the many wonderful things happening in our schools. Hearing the music of our talented students this evening and viewing the artwork of our honored art student will also provide a great opportunity for us to acknowledge this special time of year. From my family to yours I would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a most peaceful and healthy New Year. Thank you.*

## **Focus on Teaching and Learning...**

### Holiday Performance

High School Chamber Singers  
Under the Direction of Andrea Galeno

High School Brass Quintet  
Under the Direction of Brent Chiarello

## **Recognitions:**

The Long Island Scholar Artist Award  
Presented by: Christine Oswald

Ava Xu

## **Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption**

The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on a proposal to provide a property tax exemption for Cold War Veterans who served on active duty between 1945 and 1991. Following the public hearing, the Board of Education adopted a resolution approving the exemption for certain Cold War Veterans.

## **Board Actions...**

### **Resignations:**

**Patricia Colletta**, for the purpose of retirement of Patricia Colletta, Cook, GHP, was accepted with appreciation for her years of service to the District, effective December 30, 2016.

### **Appointments:**

**Cindy Pipia**, continuation of Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher; T/A through June 30, 2017

### **JH Winter II coaching**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Employee</b>	
Wrestling JH	Anthony Servidio	
Wrestling JH	Nick Fengler	
Volleyball JH (B)	Erica Fischetti	
JH Basketball (G)	Ody Svolos	
JH Basketball (G)	Pete Linderman	
JH Basketball (G)	Lauren Blackburn	

### **Personnel Contracts:**

- 1) Contract for Services - Distinctive Educator's Institute for Teacher Professional Development (Reading K-2) was approved as

submitted.

- 2) Contract for Services - sb Educational Consultants, Inc.  
for the 2016-17 school year for mentor refresher training held on November 10, 2016 was approved as submitted.
- 3) Contract for Services - EMCC  
Educational Mathematics Curriculum Consulting, provider of Mathematics Curriculum Professional Development was approved for the 2016-17 school year.

**Donations:**

The Board of Education accepted the generous donation from the CFA of \$4,700 to cover the costs of updating the weather station at the Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School.

**NYS Audit Report:**

The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the audit report by the New York State Office of the Comptroller for the period of July 1, 2014 through May 31, 2016.

A copy of the report shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk, Cold Spring Harbor CSD and a public notice of the availability of the audit be published within 10 days of such filing in the official newspaper.

**Obsolete Equipment:**

The Board of Education declared obsolete five cafeteria tables located at the West Side School that are unusable due to their condition and obsolete design.

**Contracts:**

The Board of Education approved the terms and conditions of the following contract between the District and the following agencies or independent providers:

*Mid Island Therapy Associates - Sub Allocation*  
*Azimuth Psychological*

**Policies:**

1. Policy 5405  
Policy 5405 - Student Wellness  
First Read
2. Policy 5405-R  
Policy 5405-R - Administrative Regulations - Student Wellness Program  
First Read

**District Wide Safety Plan:**

Pursuant to the 2016-2017 enacted state budget which included amendments to Education Law Section 2801-a and 807 (Chapter 54 of the Laws of 2016), the Board of Education approved the attached District-Wide Safety Plan for 2016-2017 school year.

## **Other Matters--**

1. Discussion - New High School Course Offerings
  1. Introduction to Research
  2. Advanced Computer Programming (ACP)
2. Title Change

The Board of Education approved Dr. Helen Browne's title be changed from Assistant Principal/Director of Secondary Curriculum to Assistant Principal to reflect her current duties and responsibilities.

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

## **Upcoming Meetings...**

January 10<sup>th</sup> –Board of Education Meeting – 7:30pm

January 31<sup>st</sup> – Community Budget Forum 7:30 PM District Office

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) )