

Board of Education “Meeting Highlights”

April 9, 2019

President’s Report...

BOE President Ingrid Wright’s report included the following:

I would like to begin tonight by congratulating our very own Valerie Massimo, principal of Lloyd Harbor School, who was named Western Suffolk BOCES 2018-2019 Administrator of the Year. Ms. Massimo’s work with the design and use of Creative Learning Labs as well as her work with technology in our district was specifically cited. Ms. Massimo has been a leader in creating student-centered classrooms in order to enhance teaching and learning. She has also proven to be a team player that is willing to share her passion with teachers, administrators, students and other school districts looking to expand their capacity in technology and redesign of classrooms. Congratulations Ms. Massimo on this achievement! Our school community is honored and lucky to have you as a member of our leadership team.

Spring has begun. I would be remiss not to acknowledge and thank Mark Margolis for his leadership and our entire grounds crew, led by Joe Amendolare, for their tireless work on our school campuses. Over the past three weeks I have visited our elementary schools and attended numerous athletic events at our high school. I am so impressed by how beautiful our fields look and the condition of our outdoor campus. This past weekend, I attended the Nassau County Coaches Invitational Track Meet held at our high school. I can’t begin to tell you how many compliments I received about our facility. Our grounds crew’s work does not go unnoticed. Our campus and school facility are a bright light not only for our students, but also for our residents and entire community. Thank you to our grounds crew for their hard work and dedication put forth each day.

Tonight, we will be approving the resignation of Ms. Fern Chase, AIS Coordinator and reading teacher at the elementary level and Ms. Paula Gozelski of the LOTE department at the high school for the purpose of retirement. I would like to thank these members of our teaching staff for their tremendous contribution and years of service to our school district and look forward to honoring them at our retirement reception at next month’s Board meeting.

Later this evening, we will get an update from our Capital Projects Committee with regard to their work in planning for a potential bond referendum. Special thanks to the residents who have already filled out our bond survey and I encourage others to take the time to fill out this very important survey. The survey is on our website and available until the end of April.

Superintendent’s Report...

Robert C. Fenter’s report included the following:

Good evening. Tonight, we will be hearing from our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and our Director of Humanities as they update the Board on the important efforts to enhance reading and writing in the Cold Spring Harbor School District. These efforts are part of our continuing emphasis as a school district to address the new standards, called the Next Generation Standards, in a variety of subjects, but specifically tonight in the areas of English Language Arts and Social Studies. I would like to thank Mr. Simon, Ms. Donohue, and all of our leaders and teachers who have been working so diligently to address

this effort, for it is through this work that our students are engaging in greater levels of inquiry, research, and writing. It is my hope that, after you hear from our leaders this evening, that you will have a great sense of confidence that our work has a clear path and that you will continue to see a progressive approach towards formal research and writing in the coming years. Looking forward to an informative presentation.

I also wanted to take a moment to echo Mrs. Wright's acknowledgement of the honor recently received by Valerie Massimo, being named Model School Administrator of the Year. This morning, I was at Lloyd Harbor when we received visitors from another Long Island School District, during which the Superintendent pulled me aside and quietly said, "What you are doing here is amazing". He then went on to commend Valerie for her extensive work in the areas of flexible seating and classroom design. Congratulations, Valerie, and thank you for all of your leadership in this area.

Also, tonight we will be accepting the resignations of several of our teachers for the purpose of retirement. I would like to thank these very talented and dedicated educators for their many years of service and look forward to acknowledging their considerable efforts at our May Board of Education meeting.

Focus on Teaching and Learning....

Writing and Research Update

Kurt Simon, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Theresa Donohue, Director of Humanities

Snack Shack Reconstruction Phase II--

Board Actions...

Resignations:

Fern Chase, Reading teacher, LH, for the purpose of retirement was accepted with deep appreciation for her many years of service to the District, effective June 30, 2019.

Paula Gozelski, LOTE teacher, HS, for the purpose of retirement was accepted with deep appreciation for her many years of service to the District, effective June 30, 2019

Dr. Robin Deluca-Acconi, Social Worker, HS, was accepted, effective April 1, 2019.

Meridyth Hansen, Director of STEM, was accepted, effective June 30, 2019.

Appointments:

Randi Solis: Teacher Assistant, WS. This is a four-year probationary period in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant.

LH Grade 6 Musical and Grade 5 Musical positions approved:

Christopher McKee - Director, **Jessica Beja** - Assistant Director, **JoAnn Albino Conley** – Choreographer, **Yuriy Zacharia** and **James Thompson** - Sound/Lighting – Split, **Laura Cirino** - Set Design, **Sandra Rivadaneyra** - Stage Manager, **Ashley Danielski** - Asst. Stage Manager. (Stage manager and Assist. Stage manager TBD for Grade 5 Musical)

Anne Connell, 10-Month Office Assistant be voluntarily reassigned from CSHJSHS Main Office to Faculty Secretary.

Contract for Services:

The Contract for Services between the District and [Lauren Gallagher, Guest Speaker for the Parent Leaders Brunch](#), on May 3, 2019 was approved.

Health Care Contracts:

The Health Care Contracts between the District and the following teacher retirees, were accepted as submitted: [Gerald Felker, Judy Innella, and Mary Jean Caputo](#).

Health Services Contract:

1. Health Services contract approved with Syosset School District for 7 students attending private schools.
2. Health Services contract approved with Jericho UFSD for health services for 6 students attending private schools

Contracts:

The Board of Education approved the terms and conditions of the following contracts:

The Center of Discovery 2019-2020

Stipulation (amended) student #30009

Long Island Tutorial Services 2019-2020

MKSA 2019-2020

Additional Business Matters:

1. **Adoption of Proposed 2019-2020 Budget and Property Tax Report Card**
RESOLVED, that the Budget Estimate to be submitted to the voters and filed pursuant to law shall be the budget presented at the Budget Hearing to be held on May 14, 2019 in the total amount of \$70,274,817, as set forth in the printed document entitled, "Proposed School Budget 2019-2020," and that the budget proposition as set forth in the published legal notice be placed on the ballot at the May 21, 2019 Annual Meeting.
2. **Disposal of Equipment** - West Side cello stand an old security desk
3. **Technology Lease Agreement** - The Board of Education, subject to approval of the 2019/20 school budget, approved a five-year lease agreement with Western Suffolk BOCES not to exceed a five-year total cost of \$658,187 for the purchase of computer and technology equipment as outlined in the Cold Spring Harbor School District technology plan, as per the attached documents.
4. **Appointment of Election Officials** - The following were appointed for the Budget Vote and Board of Education Election on May 21, 2019
Chief Inspector: James J. Stucchio
Inspectors and/or Clerks:
 1. Lourdes Banks
 2. Jim Clark
 3. John Lewin
 4. Lily Montalbano
 5. Arthur Parsons
 6. John Pfeffer
 7. Timothy Swanson

Policies:

Policy 4144 - Tutoring for Remuneration by School Staff - First Read

Donations:

Seahawks Booster Club - The Board of Education approved the generous donation from the Seahawks Booster Club to reconstruct the Snack Shack (Phase Two), as presented to the Board at the March 12, 2019 regular meeting.

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

Upcoming Meeting(s)...

April 29th – Meet the Candidates Night, 8pm – District Office

April 30th – Board of Education Work Session, 7:30pm

May 14th – Board of Education Hearing, 8pm

May 15th – Final Day Voter Registration, 9am – 9pm District Office

May 21st – Annual Budget Vote & Board Election, Jr./Sr. HS Field House, 6am – 10pm

Meetings are held at the Francis Roberts Community Center (District Office)

75 Goose Hill Rd., Cold Spring Harbor

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