

# THE BOARD REPORTS

## Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

November 3, 2008

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Superintendent of Schools **Timothy Connors** asked for a moment of silence in memory of three retired staff members: **Audrey Grasso** taught at New York Hospital for 26 years, **Mary Gressler** was a School Nurse at Rosedale and North Street Schools from 1961 to 1978, and **Metha Wagner** taught at Church Street and Mamaroneck Avenue Schools for 21 years.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Connors reviewed October 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment figures which show a slight increase over last year.

Commenting on a recent newspaper article regarding food services, Mr. Connors said the district was named in a 2006 report on food violations, all of which were corrected immediately. There have been no citations in the years since. He added that Food Service Director **Ed Marra** and our Cafeteria Managers do an excellent job in complying with requirements.

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources **Lenora Boehlert**, who chairs the Committee On Undoing Racism, reported that training of staff has been taking place and will enable work to begin in each building. Board members indicated interest in participation and Dr. Boehlert said that will be possible with the cultural competence training planned for after the first of the year.

On the Strategic Plan, Mr. Connors said he and **Teresa Niss** will begin visiting the schools to discuss goals for this year. He indicated that the Core Group will be invited back in May to assess progress. It is hoped that the new Superintendent will participate in this process.

Commenting on the afterschool program, Mr. Connors said the Board was provided with a report on the use of funds – from the General Fund, Federal Grants, and the Contract for Excellence. Evaluations of these programs will be discussed in December.

**AUDIT REPORT:** **Dominick Consolo**, of Bennett Kielson Storch DeSantis, reviewed highlights and answered questions, prior to the Board's acceptance of the independent audit report for the year 2007-08. Mr. Consolo said this is a very positive statement and the district is in excellent financial condition.

**PERSONNEL:** The Board accepted the resignation for the purpose of retirement of **Mary Walsh**, Office Assistant in the Testing Office at Education House for the last 13 years.

**Deborah Fox-Parmeter** was given a probationary appointment as Districtwide Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education.

The Board approved the renewal of contracts with the Assistant Superintendents.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** **Donna McLaughlin, President; Terry McGuire, Vice President; Peter Bassano; Sheryl Brady, Rosemarie Eller; Charlie Norris, Randy Stein**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: **Kerry Broderick**, President of the White Plains Teachers Association, accompanied by members of the union, addressed the Board on the lack of a contract settlement.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- December 3: Special Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.  
Executive Session
- December 8: Regular Meeting, High School, 7:30 P.M.  
Scholar-Athlete Recognition
- December 14: Special Meeting, Location to be determined, 9 A.M.  
Executive Session
- December 17: Special Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.  
Executive Session

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**THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL GAME**

vs.

**STEPINAC HIGH SCHOOL**

will be played at the new

***LOUCKS FIELD AT WPHS***

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM**