

THE BOARD REPORTS

Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

July 6, 2015

REORGANIZATION MEETING: Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Paul Fried** took his Oath of Office, as did the Board Members elected in May for three-year terms. Incumbents **James Hricay** and **Rose Lovitch** were re-elected and new member **Cayne Letizia** will join the Board. **Rosemarie Eller** and **Charlie Norris** were re-elected President and Vice President, respectively. Mrs. Eller welcomed both Dr. Fried and Mr. Letizia to their first meeting and the Board then acted upon various resolutions required to conduct business in the 2015-16 school year.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Dr. Fried asked for a moment of silence in memory of two former staff members. **Adelaide Lee** was an Accounting Clerk at Education House from 1971 to 1978 and **Anna Rabinove** was a Teacher Aide at the Highlands School for 7 years, until she retired in 1997.

RECOGNITION: **Gina Suarez**, District Sales Manager of Coca-Cola Bottling, presented the company's Educator of Distinction Award to High School teacher **Michael Roma**. He was nominated by student **Raina Kadavil** who had been named one of 150 Coca Cola Scholars earlier in the year. Ms. Kadavil said she was honored to receive her award and nominated Mr. Roma because he, like she, is an advocate for change.

PERSONNEL: The Board created the position of Administrator for Home Bound Instruction, Superintendent's Hearings and High School Student Activities, after abolishing a similar Coordinator position. Two new part-time Security Assistant positions were also created.

Three new teachers were given Probationary appointments for next year:

Joanna Smulakowski will Teach Music, Districtwide; **Geselle Garcia** will teach Science at the Highlands Campus of the Middle School and at Rochambeau School; and **Michael Eaton** will be a Special Education Social Studies Teacher at the Highlands Middle School.

The Board reappointed three community members to its Finance/Audit Committee for the 2015-16 school year. **Timothy Donahoe**, **Bevin Lemere** and **Steven Rabinowitz** will continue in their roles of providing insight and expertise to this important committee. Mrs. Eller thanked them for their willingness to serve and said it is a pleasure to work with them.

DONATIONS: The Board accepted the following donations to the district and Dr. Fried thanked the donors for their generosity:

\$400 from the **Target Corporation** for Mamaroneck Avenue School

\$500 from the **White Plains Beautification Foundation** for Mamaroneck Avenue School

A guitar from **David Roher** for the High School Music program

\$200 from **Omega Psi Phi** Fraternity for George Washington School

BOARD MEMBERS: **Rosemarie Eller**, President; **Charlie Norris**, Vice President; **Sheryl Brady**, **James Hricay**, **Cayne Letizia**, **Rose Lovitch**, **Randy Stein**

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COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT: The Board approved an extension of the Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the City of White Plain, also known as the Joint Facilities Agreement. The agreement runs until June 30, 2018. A committee, comprised of District and City personnel, meets monthly to discuss the sharing of facilities and services.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July 13:	Special Meeting, Education House, 7 P.M.
July 22:	Special Meeting, Education House, 6 P.M.
August 10:	Regular Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.

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