

# THE BOARD REPORTS

## Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

December 10, 2018

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Joseph Ricca** asked for a moment of silence in memory of: **Marta Abete**, a Librarian in several elementary schools from 1965 until retiring in 1985, **Joseph Falcone**, husband of former Board Member **Josephine Falcone** and father-in-law of current Board Member **Charlie Norris**, as well as former **President George H. W. Bush**.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES: Director of Athletics **Matt Cameron** introduced coaches of 10 Fall Varsity Teams who presented 188 athletes who qualified for Scholar-Athlete status, either individually or through their teams. In accordance with New York State Public High School Athletic Association qualifications, a 90 average or better is required. Teams represented and their Coaches were Cheerleading, **Christine Telesco**; Boys' Cross Country, **Fred Singleton**; Girls' Cross Country, **Carlos Agudelo**; Football, **Michael Lindberg**, Field Hockey, **Amanda Grant**, Girls' Soccer, **Meaghan Chase**; Boys' Soccer, **Jack Gigli**; Girls' Swimming & Diving, **Patricia Gilmartin**; Tennis, **Sue Adams**; and Volleyball, **Caitlin MacDonald**. Several teams had 100% participation by their members. Board President **Rosemarie Eller** congratulated the athletes, their coaches and families.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Ricca introduced High School liaison **Pilar Ceron** who alerted the Board to several upcoming events. Dr. Ricca congratulated **Kelly McAvoy-Giarrusso**, English Teacher at the High School who achieved National Board Certification and said several more staff members are expected to join her in this honor shortly. He provided updates on BoardDocs, the new Visitor Management procedure, the Policy Committee, winter weather monitoring and the 2019-20 Budget, among other topics.

HUMAN RESOURCES: The Board accepted the resignations for the purpose of retirement of **Cathy Culp**, Office Assistant I at the High School, and **Irma Tumas**, Special Education Teacher at the Middle School-Eastview.

DONATIONS: Dr. Ricca thanked these donors for their generosity:  
\$400 from **St. Bartholomew's Church** for recess equipment at Post Road School  
Gifts from **various staff members** for the Rochambeautique

UPCOMING MEETING: January 14: Regular Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.  
2019-20 Budget Parameters

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