

THE BOARD REPORTS

Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

January 14, 2019

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Joseph Ricca** asked for a moment of silence in memory of **Josephine Barone**, School Office Manager at Highlands School from 1956 to 1987; **Adele Handlers**, Teaching Coordinator at the New York Hospital Program from 1988 to 2004; **Arthur Howard**, Science Teacher at Highlands and Biology Teacher at the High School between the years of 1960 and 1983; and **Gail Robinson**, a Substitute Teacher at Mamaroneck Avenue School for the last six years.

LONG-RANGE PLAN: Dr. Ricca presented an Updated Long-Range Plan, 2018-19 through 2022-23. He thanked the Board, Cabinet and staff for their work which connects all the various elements of the district. The plan is critical in order to maintain fiscal stability while providing programs for students. He briefly touched on the areas of the Financial Landscape, Instructional Priorities and Long-Range Planning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Ricca mentioned the new bus tracking system available to parents which provides information on the location of their child's bus and the route. He also reported on recent Safety and Security meetings and also on interesting high school activities such as the Memory Project and Art Gallery. White Plains Basics, for preschool education, will be launched this fall and work is in progress on corrective action related to the Dual Language report and a Social Studies curriculum review. The new process for paperless Board Meetings has begun this month with the implementation of BoardDocs.

HUMAN RESOURCES: The Board appointed **Daisy Rodriguez** to the position of Principal at Eastview Middle School. She comes to White Plains from Perth Amboy High School where she is currently Principal. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Manhattanville College, two Masters' Degrees, from Mercy College and College of St. Rose, and is currently working on her Doctorate from Seton Hall University. Board President **Rosemarie Eller** welcomed her to the district.

Resignations for the purpose of retirement were accepted from **Joseph D'Emilio**, Account Clerk, **Jody Raynor**, Senior Custodian, Church Street School, Teaching Assistants **Janine Bassano**, Eastview, **Bridget Cedrone**, Mamaroneck Avenue School and **Karen Hilliard-Searcy**, High School, and **Andrew Shea**, School Social Worker at the High School.

Lisa Bucci was appointed to a Probationary position as Elementary Education Teacher at Mamaroneck Avenue School.

DONATIONS: Dr. Ricca thanked **Exxon-Mobil Corporation's** Alliance Program for two \$500 donations, to George Washington and Mamaroneck Avenue Schools.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: January 28: Special Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.
February 11: Regular Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.

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