

THE BOARD REPORTS



Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

August 19, 2019

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Joseph L. Ricca** asked for a moment of silence in memory of **Thelma Booker**, Teaching Assistant at New York Hospital for 35 years, until 2005; **Joyce Gilliam Brown**, Elementary Teacher at Church Street and Post Road Schools for 33 years, until 1998; **Ed Hazelton**, Science Teacher at Highlands School for 33 years, from 1970 to 2003; and **Mary Nardelli**, Cafeteria Worker from 1960 to 1980.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Ricca reported on summer activities, including Strategic Planning, Facilities work, the National Night Out and Summer School. Upcoming events are the Summer School Graduation, the Administrators' Retreat, New Staff Orientation and School Opening on September 3rd. He also congratulated Teachers' Association President **Kara Lyons** who was appointed to the Commissioner's Advisory Council for Teachers.

PERSONNEL: Five teachers received Probationary appointments: **Liesh Miraj** will teach Computer Science at the High School; **Alexandra Archer**, Elementary Teacher at George Washington School; **Julia Rose**, LOTE Spanish at the Middle School-Highlands; **Natasha Mirando**, Special Education at Church Street School; and **John Predovan**, Special Education at the Middle School-Highlands.

DONATIONS: Dr. Ricca thanked the following donors for their generosity:

Mark Stagg for \$4,000 for the Mark Stagg and Steve Shell Business Achievement Scholarship

Robert Tuck for \$50 for the Liz Fink Hidalgo Scholarship Fund

Dr. & Mrs. Neal Mettler for \$200 for the John & Francis Mettler Memorial Scholarship

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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| August 26: | Special Meeting, Education House, 7 P.M. Executive Session for Board Retreat |
| September 5: | Special Meeting, Education House, 6:30 PM Human Resources Committee of the Whole |
| September 9: | Regular Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M. |

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