

# THE BOARD REPORTS



## Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

July 8, 2019

**REORGANIZATION MEETING:** Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Joseph L. Ricca** took his Oath of Office along with Board Members **Sheryl Brady** and **Charlie Norris**, re-elected in May for three-year terms of office. The Board also re-elected its officers – **Rosemarie Eller**, President, and **Charlie Norris**, Vice President. Action was taken on various resolutions required for the District to conduct business in 2019-2020.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** **Dr. Ricca** asked for a moment of silence in memory of **Devonnia Jones**, a Teaching Assistant at Post Road School from 2004 to 2018; **Sandi Cangialosi Marino**, Principal of Ridgeway School from 1999 to 2004; **Jodi Nestle**, Assistant Principal at Post Road School from 2005 to 2009; and **Phyllis Zuber**, Home Economics Teacher at Eastview Middle School from 1962 to 1992.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Ricca reported on an excellent school year and a 95% graduation rate for the Class of 2019. He noted the successful rollout of Earth Science for all eighth graders and thanked **Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Dr. Debbie Hand** and **Principal Ernie Spatafore** and his Highlands team for an excellent job.

Summer school is off to a good start and interviews for the new Ridgeway Principal are progressing. Two new High School student liaisons to the Board have been named for the coming school year: **Esteban Barrero** and **Lauren Elmer**.

Dr. Ricca presented a Level 2 Board Excellence Award from the **New York State School Boards Association** to Board Member **Sheryl Brady** for “continuing to expand her governance knowledge and skills through NYSSBA training activities.”

He also announced the District winners in the **White Plains Hospital ExSTEPTional Challenge**, an annual wellness activity. District teams from **George Washington, Church Street** and **Rochambeau Schools** took first, second and third places among the community teams.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS:** The Board approved a new contract with **Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph L. Ricca** for a period of five years, from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024. This replaces the previous four-year term. Dr. Ricca said he is grateful to the Board for its confidence in him and for the opportunity to serve the community and its children.

Amendments to agreements with the four Assistant Superintendents were also approved.

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