

THE BOARD REPORTS

Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

January 9, 2018
(Postponed from January 8th)

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Joseph Ricca** asked for a moment of silence in memory of two retired staff members. **Paul Raymond** taught Math at Eastview Junior High and the High School from 1969 until retiring in 1983. **Ann Ruocchio** was a Business Teacher at the High School from 1953 to 1987.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Reporting on the college application process, Dr. Ricca congratulated High School seniors for their early acceptances to colleges. They include **Yale, Cornell, MIT, Columbia** and **University of Pennsylvania**, among others.

Artwork of nine senior students of High School Teacher **Michael Chiariello** will be on display at the Katonah Museum of Art between January 21st and February 11th. Student artists are: **Yasmeen Badoo, Ethan Halpern, Heather Hofmann, Allie Lambert, Gabriella Lepe, Jessie Levin, Kelly Marx, Lauren Reid** and **Samantha Weiner**.

Dr. Ricca thanked **El Centro Hispano** for inviting him to participate in the Three Kings Celebration last weekend.

PRESENTATION OF LONG-RANGE PLAN: Dr. Ricca said this five-year plan is part of the governance priorities for the District, developed by the Cabinet, and includes instructional priorities, a demographic study update, facility/capacity study, capital planning, a strategic plan and a communication plan. He said this is an ongoing process and a big undertaking but one of our most important projects. He reviewed the fiscal challenges, financial landscape and guiding principles. Detail was provided on instructional priorities and planning.

PERSONNEL: **Angela Alvarez** was given a probationary appointment as a Bilingual Speech Teacher at George Washington School.

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

The Friends of White Plains Public Schools for \$6,095 for seven grants

Several staff members for \$100 for the High School Art Department, in memory of a colleague's mother

Katia Castillo for a violin for the High School Music Department

Geri Alvarez, Lorraine Trovato-Cantori and **Christopher Bartley** for gift cards and headphones for Rochambeau School

Retired teacher **Thomas Flaherty** for restoration of a Winslow Homer painting for Eastview School

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

February 12: Regular Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.

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