

THE BOARD REPORTS

Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

June 11, 2018

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES & 25-YEAR STAFF: **Superintendent Dr. Joseph Ricca** and **Board President Rosemarie Eller** presented certificates to 45 retirees and 25-year staff members. A reception in their honor, sponsored by PTA Council, was held before the meeting. Dr. Ricca expressed appreciation to these people for the “time and talent they have given to the district, its children and their families.”

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT: This required hearing, prior to the annual adoption of the Code of Conduct, **Assistant Superintendent Deborah Augarten** reviewed proposed changes and introduced eighth grader **Sara Sanger**, who participated in the committee which provided input. Ms. Sanger spoke about the changes being recommended in the dress code, to make it more gender-neutral. There was no public comment and the code will be on the next agenda for adoption.

ADMINISTRATIVE TENURE: Tenure was awarded to three administrators, **Gary West**, Director, Fine Arts K-12 and Elementary Summer School; **Matt Cameron**, Director, Athletics 7-12; and **Valerie Cadet**, Assistant Principal, Middle School-Highlands. Each of them thanked the Board and administrators for their confidence in them and said they looked forward to serving the district for many years ahead.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Dr. Ricca mentioned the beginning of the new Strategic Planning process which will take place in August, with participants from all the various constituencies of the district.

DONATIONS: Dr. Ricca thanked the following for their donations:

ExxonMobil Educational Alliance for \$500 for George Washington School

Bruce J. Grobe for golf balls for the Athletic Program

Kurtz Family Fund for \$10,000 for the Margaret L. Kurtz Scholarship Fund

Dr. David Elcott and Rabbi Shira Milgrom for \$1,000 for the Acts of Loving Kindness-Chesed-Award

Jessie Ossorio for \$650 for the Joseph Rivera Memorial Scholarship Fund

Various donors for \$1,025 for the Pasquale Evangelista Scholarship Fund

Various donors \$1,660 for the Liz Fink Hidalgo Scholarship Fund

Andrea Robinson for \$240 for the Dorothy Ann Peters Memorial Scholarship

Jason Bayuk for \$500 for the Barbara O’Garro Memorial Scholarship Fund

CDW-G for an HP Chromebook for Family Technology Night

Sandra Serrano for a \$200 gift card award for Rochambeau School

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

