



THE BOARD REPORTS

Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

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

November 8, 2021

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: **Superintendent Dr. Joseph Ricca** welcomed Post Road Staff and congratulated the new **Girls Who Run Club** at Post Road which recently completed its first 5K run. He commended athletic teams --- Cross Country, Soccer, Field Hockey, Volleyball and Swimming and Football – for their successful fall seasons and expressed great pride in our athletes for their excellent behavior on and off the field. He thanked **Athletic Director Matt Cameron**, coaches, parents and students for this.

Dr Ricca introduced High School Liaisons **Kyleigh Falvey** and **Taryn Becerra**, who reported on events throughout the District.

In an update on COVID-19, Dr. Ricca said that case numbers are fairly flat now and close to 90% of Westchester County has been vaccinated. He thanked the **County Department of Health** for allowing the District to partner in the advent of pediatric vaccinations and said all the slots were filled within the first 90 minutes. There will be more opportunities in the near future. **Board Member Dr. Randy Stein** mentioned that pharmacies will also be offering vaccinations for young children. **Board Member Rose Lovitch** cautioned about the mistaken belief of some that young children are not at risk and cited two recent cases. Dr. Ricca added there are currently discussions about the future of masking.

Dr. Ricca wished everyone happy holidays and recognized our veterans who are being celebrated this week.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: **Board President Rosemarie Eller** also congratulated the fall teams, including the Swim team which achieved several records and great results at the recent State Meet, and the Football team which won its Division. She attended the UN Environmental Conference where Dr. Ricca spoke and the UN Flag Raising where one of our students sang the National Anthem. **Board Member Sheryl Brady** attended the New York State School Boards Convention and other events, including a webinar on emergency relief funding, the High School Little Theater production on 9/11, UN Day, meetings on Equity and PTA Council. Mrs. Eller commended the PTA Council for their excellent work.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT: The Board approved the temporary appointment of **Tara Daly** as Interim Assistant Principal of the Middle School-Highlands Campus, replacing **Michael Eaton**, who is serving as Acting Principal. Ms. Daly had been serving as a Social Studies Teacher at the school.

RETIREMENT: The Board accepted the resignation for the purpose of retirement of **Malula Gonzalez**, Coordinator of the Hispanic Outreach Program at the High School.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: December 9: Special Meeting, 5:30 P.M. Human Resources
Committee (Executive Session),
December 13: Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M. High School Auditorium
Scholar Athlete Recognition

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