



# 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

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September 14, 2020

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Joseph Ricca** asked for a moment of silence in memory of **Lorenzo McMillian**, Special Education Teacher at Rochambeau School from 1986 to 2013.

WELCOME: Board President **Rosemarie Eller** welcomed everyone to the start of a new, albeit unusual, school year, and the first “live” meeting of the Board. Next month, on October 5<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will be in person for the public as well as on Zoom. Watch for necessary instructions and mandated protocols.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Dr. Ricca expressed appreciation to the many people who have enabled the District to open schools successfully during extraordinary times. In particular, he thanked **Nurse Coordinator Maggie Racioppo** and **Facilities Director Frank Stefanelli** for all of their work. He mentioned that our remote and hybrid programs appear to be moving forward and we will continue to strengthen these as we proceed.

Dr. Ricca said that the Budget Calendar for 2021-22 is currently being developed and a Community Input session will take place in October. Further word on that will be forthcoming. He also noted two important items on tonight’s agenda: the revised Strategic Plan for 2020-2023, and a resolution by the Board, requesting that the Governor seek a waiver from the U. S. Department of Education for New York State assessment requirements under the Every Students Succeeds Act.

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

**Westchester Medical Center** for 2,700 masks and hand sanitizer

**Sarah Sanchez** for a Yamaha Organ for the High School Music Program

**The White Plains Substitute Teachers Association** for \$2,306.40 for the Jim Barrego Scholarship Fund

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October 1:	Special Meeting, 5:30 P.M Human Resources Committee (Executive Session)
October 5:	Regular Meeting, 7:30 P.M., White Plains High School Auditorium and on Zoom: <a href="https://lhric-org.zoom.us/j/93205194063?pwd=OThLeHBjMHZDVkZnOWY0QXNcM2JVdz09">https://lhric-org.zoom.us/j/93205194063?pwd=OThLeHBjMHZDVkZnOWY0QXNcM2JVdz09</a> Passcode: 387190

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