

# THE BOARD REPORTS

## Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

November 19, 2018

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Joseph Ricca** asked for a moment of silence in memory of **Ann McKinstry**, a Math Teacher at the Highlands School for 25 years. Ms. McKinstry retired in 1996.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Ricca introduced High School representatives **Pilar Ceron** and **Jackson Reynolds** who provided information about events at the High School. Everyone agreed that the "Trunk or Treat" event was a great success.

Dr. Ricca congratulated students on recent accomplishments:

- National Merit Commended Students, **Daniel R. DeGenaro**, **Eli S. Lichtblau**, **Kristina Z. Radulovic** and **Aaron J. Weiner**. Two students, **Isabela M. Kent** and **Samuel D. Brown**, were honored in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.
- The Women's Swim Team has had an exceptional season, with outstanding performances by **Ava Iannetta**, **Luisa Nierhoff**, **Salma Reya**, **Alexa Reyna** and **Kayla Shannon**.
- High School Senior **Louis Melendez** was named White Plains 2018 Youth of the Year and was selected to represent the Hudson Valley as a 2018-19 member of the Youth Leadership DemocracyReady NY Coalition.

Dr. Ricca also mentioned the upcoming introduction of BoardDocs and also the new Visitor Management Policy to be implemented in January.

**TURKEY BOWL EVENT:** **The First Annual Mike Leone Turkey Bowl Charity Tournament** was approved for use of facilities on Thanksgiving Day at Highlands School. A flag football tournament was held, with proceeds going to fight Amyloidosis, which took the life of Mike Leone, a beloved coach and community member.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** The Board accepted the resignation for the purpose of retirement of **Madonna Rivera**, School Office Manager, Post Road School.

Probationary appointments were given to the following: **Gina Aufiero**, Social Studies Teacher, and **Timothy Henkels**, Science Teacher, both at the Middle School-Highlands.

**DONATIONS:** Dr. Ricca thanked these donors for their generosity:

**The Friends of White Plains Public Schools** for \$14,250 for various programs

**Margaret Kirk** for \$150 for the Charlie Jenkins Memorial Fund

**Hugh Lippman** for 2 shredders for the High School

**Drs. Alan and Elizabeth Legatt** for chemistry equipment for the High School

**Elaine & James Glover** for a violin for the High School

**Liza Torres** for Halloween costumes for Mamaroneck Avenue School

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



**Board President Rosemarie Eller** and the Superintendent wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: December 6: Special Meeting, Education House, 6:30 P.M.  
Human Resources (Executive Session)  
December 10: Regular Meeting, High School, 7:30 P.M.  
Scholar-Athlete Recognition

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