



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

February 10, 2020

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Joseph Ricca** asked for a moment of silence in memory of **Dorothy Kelly**, Secretary at Rochambeau School, 1970-1992, and and **Joan Sanger**, Assistant, Arts in General Education Program, 1979-1996.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Ricca thanked the Teachers' Association for its initiative to bring books to our students and expressed appreciation to **State Senator Shelley Mayer** for her recent visit to the District along with other legislators. He congratulated Science Research students who were successful in the recent Westchester-Rockland competition.

BOARD COMMENT: Board members reported on events which they have attended in recent weeks, particularly praising the High School's presentation of *Shrek*. Other activities noted were the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, the Equity Committee meeting, the Special Education Coffee Talk and Eastview's International Night.

INSTRUCTIONAL BUDGET PRESENTATION: Dr. Ricca thanked the Board and District staff for its input in the planning process for next year's budget. He said this presentation continues the long history of White Plains as a student-centered district. Many of the recommendations are reallocations of funds rather than new expenditures. This information will be part of a wider discussion on March 9th, when the Superintendent's Preliminary Budget will be presented. **Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Debbie Hand** then reviewed each subject area and said details on costs will be reviewed on March 9th. She recognized the dedication and commitment of the administrative team and staff to help shape a long-range plan and vision for the future.

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

Friends of White Plains Public Schools for \$600 for the Girls' Math Recognition Lunch

Kim Honig for drawing paper for the High School Art Department

Abby Goldman for a violin for White Plains High School

Sergio Flores for a clarinet for Mamaroneck Avenue School

Fred Voss & Emily Kratzer for \$50 and **Mr. & Mrs. John Kalantazopoulos** for \$100 for the Richard Liebson Journalism Scholarship

Ernestine Glenn for \$2,500 for the E. Glenn Creative Writing Scholarship

Various donors for \$1,043 for the Philip Barnett Memorial Scholarship

John Collins for \$100 for the American Legion Post 135 Scholarship

Sarah Sanchez for a flat screen TV for Education House

PERSONNEL: The Board awarded tenure to **Emily Hogan**, Teaching Assistant at Church Street School. Resignations for the purpose of retirement were accepted from:

Laura Ackerly, Food Service Cook-Manager, Middle School-Eastview
Ivana Amicucci, Assistant Treasurer, Education House
Susan Bailey, Elementary Education Teacher, George Washington School
Shirley (Imani) Bolling, School Social Worker, High School
Enrique Cafaro, Guidance Counselor, High School
Kim Dellava, Teaching Assistant, Church Street School
Brian Gallagher, Special Education Teacher, Middle School-Highlands
Joan Haberman, Special Education Teacher, Middle School-Highlands
Paul Hendrickson, School Psychologist, Districtwide
Linda LoGiudici, Elementary Education Teacher, George Washington School
Yvette Morrell Lewis, Elementary Education Teacher, Church Street School
Paul Mastalinski, Music Teacher, George Washington School
John Piccirillo, Science Teacher, High School
Andrea Presser, Special Education, Teacher, George Washington School
Sandra Rodriguez, Elementary Education Teacher, George Washington School
Fern Satin, Special Education Teacher, Mamaroneck Avenue School
Arthur Segreti, School Psychologist, Middle School-Highlands
Ruth Siegler, Music Teacher, Districtwide
Charles Sincerbeaux, Elementary Education Teacher, George Washington School
Anita Stangarone, Teaching Assistant, George Washington School

OTHER BUSINESS: The Board approved the 2020-2021 School Calendar, with school opening for students on September 8th.

The Board agreed to support the proclamation and efforts by **Moms Demand Action** and **White Plains PTA Council** for the National Gun Violence Survivors Week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

February 24:	Special Meeting, Education House, 7 P.M. Non-Instructional Budget Presentation
March 5:	Special Meeting, Education House 6:30 P.M. Human Resources Committee of the Whole
March 9:	Regular Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M. Instructional Budget Presentation

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