

WHITE PLAINS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
White Plains, New York

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, August 14, 2017

Education House
7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Opening of Meeting:
Pledge of Allegiance
Mission Statement
Moment of Silence in memory of former staff members Joan Brisson and Cleveland Brown
Announcements by the Board President and Board Members

- II. Communications:

- III. Public Participation: (The Board will entertain comments from the public on any issue, with a time limit of three minutes per person and a maximum total of 25 minutes.)

- IV. Superintendent's Report:

- V. Summary Action Items:
 1. Recommended approval of the minutes of the Reorganization and Regular Meetings of July 10, 2017.
 2. Recommended approval of the following donations:
 - \$10,000 from Ruth Barnett for the Philip Barnett Memorial Scholarship Fund
 - A violin from Charles Savigny for Ridgeway School
 - Art supplies from Mimi Leibman for various schools
 - Golf balls from Bruce Grobe for the Golf Team
 3. Recommended approval of consultant agreements with the following, as per attachments:
 - American Reading Company, for professional development
 - JCY-Westchester Community Partners, for Reading Buddies Afterschool Program
 - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, for Read180 coaching
 - Jill Singer Graphics, for newsletter production (renewal of contract for RFP)

4. Recommended approval to add Curbside Films, Inc. to the list of organizations permitted use of facilities.
5. Recommended approval to arrange for the appropriate program and services for students with disabilities, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 327 cases.
6. Recommended approval to arrange for the appropriate program and services for students with disabilities, as recommended by the Committee on Preschool Special Education: 49 cases.
7. Recommended approval of a resolution regarding a stipulation of settlement of an impartial hearing for student #502937, as per attachment.
8. Recommended approval of an update of the District Plan for Special Education, 2017-2019.
9. Recommended approval that all employees previously granted a conditional appointment and who have not received clearance from the State Education Department be granted another conditional appointment for 20 days.

Civil Service Staffing

10. Recommended approval of the Provisional appointments of the following:
Jennifer Maggio, Payroll Clerk, Education House, effective 8/15/17 (replacing K. Rodriguez)
Phillip Stamatis, Athletic Trainer, High School, effective 8/15/17 (replacing M. Mirabella)
11. Recommended approval to amend the Provisional appointment of Sergio Alfonso, Transportation Coordinator, Managerial & Confidential, Education House, to a Probationary appointment, effective 8/7/17-2/23/18.
12. Recommended approval of a resolution to create a .4 Registered Professional Nurse position, effective 8/15/17.
13. Recommended approval of the Probationary appointments of the following Registered Professional Nurses, effective 8/31/17:
Patricia Alfini, Church Street (replacing B. Dershowitz-Santarelli)
Noreen Gosdin, Middle School-Highlands (replacing P. Robbins)
Phyllis Roth, Districtwide (.4 of full time) (new position)
14. Recommended approval of the 52-week Probationary appointments of the following Food Service Helpers:
Maria DiMiceli, 3.75 hours per day, High School
Martha Freitas, 3 hours per day, High School
15. Recommended approval of the increase in hours for Gabriella Santana, Food Service Helper, High School, from 3 to 4 hours per day (replacing S. Dashnaw).

16. Recommended approval of the Temporary appointments of the following Cafeteria Recess Monitors, 3 hours per day, effective 9/5/17 (new positions):
 - Yesenia Arellano, Mamaroneck Avenue School
 - Tasia Bannister, Ridgeway School
 - Barbara Gelston, Post Road School
 - Sheila Fields, Mamaroneck Avenue School
 - Geraldina Miele, Church Street School
 - Zulay Zulez, Church Street School
17. Recommended acceptance of the resignations of the following:
 - Sheldon Cooper, Security Assistant, High School, effective 7/28/17
 - Donna McCloskey, Teaching Assistant, Mamaroneck Avenue School, effective 8/31/17
 - Beth Ragone, Teacher Aide, Ridgeway School, effective 6/30/17
18. Recommended acceptance of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Claire Strati, Security Assistant, High School, effective 9/16/17.
19. Recommended approval of the temporary salary adjustments of the following, in accordance with Article IX of the CSEA contract:
 - Jason Dantes, Custodial Worker, High School, effective 7/20/17-7/31/17
 - James Hall, Custodial Worker, High School, effective 7/5/17-7/14/17
 - Jaime Valencia, Custodial Worker, Ridgeway School, effective 6/26/17-7/12/17

Teacher Staffing

20. Recommended approval to rescind the request for a leave of absence for Astrid Colon, Teaching Assistant, George Washington School, effective 8/31/17.
21. Recommended approval of an increase in hours for the following Teaching Assistants, from 6 to 6.5 hours, effective 9/5/17:
 - Stella Boyer, Ridgeway School
 - Jody Conroy, Middle School-Eastview
22. Recommended approval of requests for leaves of absence for the following Teaching Assistants:
 - Linnea Fargo, Mamaroneck Avenue School, effective 8/28/17-1/31/18
 - Gabe Robles, Mamaroneck Avenue School, effective 8/28/17-6/30/18
23. Recommended approval of the Probationary appointments of the following Teaching Assistants:
 - Beth Ragone (Replacing N. Barnes)
 - BA - SUNY/Purchase (Liberal Studies)
 - Current Assignment: Ridgeway School (6.5 hours)
 - Probationary Period: 9/5/17-9/4/21

Natalia Gutierrez (Replacing M. Lalli)
BA - City College of New York (History)
MS - City College of New York (Bilingual Childhood)
Current Assignment: Church Street School (6.5 hours)
Probationary Period: 9/5/17-9/4/21

Jennifer Liriano (Replacing D. Halpern, reassigned)
BA - Lehman College (Business Administration)
Current Assignment: Ridgeway School (6.5 Hours)
Probationary Period: 9/5/17-9/4/21

Angela Occhipinti (Replacing L. Farella, reassigned)
BA - Western New England University (Psychology)
Current Assignment: Church Street School (6.5 hours)
Probationary Period: 9/5/17-9/4/21

Civi Quintanilla-Martinez (Replacing N. Fioravanti, reassigned)
BS - Mercy College (Behavioral Science)
MA - Mercy College (Counseling) (currently attending)
Current Assignment: Post Road School (6.5 hours)
Probationary Period: 9/5/17-9/4/21

Rafael Pearl (Replacing J. Holmes)
City College of New York (English) (currently attending)
Current Assignment: Church Street School (6.5 hours)
Probationary Period: 9/5/17-9/4/21

Christine Dunn (New Position)
BA - City College of New York (Theatre/Dance)
MS - Columbia University (Deaf/Hard of Hearing & General Ed.)
Current Assignment: High School (6.5 hours)
Probationary Period: 9/5/17-9/4/17

Brittany Grahame (Replacing M. Chen, reassigned)
BA - SUNY/Albany (Sociology)
Current Assignment: Ridgeway School (6.5 hours)
Probationary Period: 9/5/17-9/4/21

Donna Keane (Replacing D. McCloskey)
BA - Binghamton University (Political Science)
JD - New York Law School (Law)
Current Assignment: Mamaroneck Avenue School (6.5 hours)
Probationary Period: 9/1/16-8/30/20

24. Recommended approval of the leave replacement appointments of the following Teaching Assistants:

John Bivas (Replacing G. Robles)
BA - Adelphi University (Physical Education)
Current Assignment: Mamaroneck Avenue School (6.5 hours)
Dates of Service: 9/5/17-6/30/18

Matthew Ciraco (Replacing L. Fargo)
BA - LeMoyne College (Spanish)
MA - University of Granada (Spanish)
Current Assignment: Mamaroneck Avenue School (6.5 hours)
Dates of Service: 9/5/17-1/31/18
25. Recommended approval of the revised salary step for Regular Substitute Linnea Fargo, Elementary Education, Mamaroneck Avenue School effective 8/29/17-1/31/18.
26. Recommended approval of the revised resignation date for Suzanne Carroll, Instructional Specialist, Post Road School, effective 8/29/17.
27. Recommended approval of the resignation of Johna Barrow, Music Teacher, Districtwide, effective 8/1/17.
28. Recommended approval of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Janet Rivera, School Psychologist, High School, effective 8/25/17.
29. Recommended approval of the unpaid leaves of absence for the following:
Linda Briceno-Ziegler, Elementary Education Teacher, Ridgeway School, effective 8/29/17-1/31/18.
Luz Mendoza, Elementary Education Teacher, Post Road School, effective 8/29/17-6/30/18
30. Recommended approval of the unpaid childcare leave for Kaitlin Bennett, Elementary Education Teacher, Post Road School, effective 8/29/17-6/30/18.
31. Recommended approval of the Part-time appointments of the following:

Michelle Maier (Reappointment)
BA - Manhattan College (Business Management)
MA - Manhattanville College (Childhood & Special Education)
Certification: Initial, Childhood Education 1-6; Students w/Disabilities 1-6
Current Assignment: .8 Special Education Teacher, George Washington School
Dates of Service: 8/29/17-6/30/18

Carol Tito (Reappointment)
BA - Lehman College (Education/English)
MS - Iona College (Education/English)
Certification: Permanent, English 7-12
Current Assignment: .2 English Teacher, High School
Dates of Service: 8/29/17-6/30/18

Caridad Guerrero (Reappointment)
BA - Barnard College (Economics)
MA - City College of New York (Middle School Mathematics)
Certification: Permanent, Mathematics 7-12
Current Assignment: .6 GED/TASC Bilingual Instructor, Rochambeau School
Dates of Service: 8/29/17-6/30/18

32. Recommended approval of the Regular Substitute appointment of:

Michelle Meade (Replacing K. Bennett)
BA - Marist College (Communications)
MA - Fordham University (Elementary Education)
Certification: Permanent, Childhood Education Grades 1-6
Current Assignment: Elementary Education Teacher, Post Road School
Dates of Service: 8/29/17-6/30/18

33. Recommended approval of an additional .2 payment to Kara Ross, Library Media Specialist, High School, for the effective period of 1/4/17-4/7/17.

34. Recommended approval of the Probationary Appointments of the following:

Michelle Repa (New position)
BA - Iona College (Elementary Education)
MA - College of New Rochelle (Creative Teaching & Learning)
Certification: Permanent, Mathematics 5-6 & 7-12, Pre-K, K & Grades 1-6
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Current Assignment: Math Specialist, Districtwide
Probationary Period: 8/29/17-8/28/20

Michelle Alibrandi (Replacing M. Rio)
BA - Fashion Institute of Technology (Marketing)
MA - Mercy College (Childhood Education)
Certification: Professional, Childhood Education 1-6
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Current Assignment: Elementary Education Teacher, Mamaroneck Avenue School
Probationary Period: 9/13/16- 9/12/20

Silvia Lloyd (Replacing E. Walsh)
BA - Buffalo State College (Communications)
MA - University at Buffalo (Library Info Systems)
PhD - St. John Fisher College (Executive Leadership)
Certification: Permanent, Library Media Specialist, SDA
Tenure Area: Library Media Specialist
Current Assignment: Library Media Specialist, Post Road School
Probationary Period: 8/29/17-8/28/21

Kensey Keller (Replacing K. Dwyer)
BA - SUNY/Brockport (Art)
MA - St. John Fisher College (Special Education)
Certification: Initial, Childhood Education Grades 1-6
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Current Assignment: Elementary Education Teacher, Church Street School
Probationary Period: 8/29/17-8/28/21

Christina Luft (Replacing D. Leston, reassigned)
BA - Pace University (Professional Studies)
MA - Long Island University (Early & Childhood Education)
Certification: Professional, Early Childhood B-2 & Childhood 1-6
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Current Assignment: Elementary Education Teacher, Church Street School
Probationary Period: 8/29/17-8/28/20

Alyssa Mendes (Replacing J. Barrow)
BA - Manhattanville College (Music Education)
MA - New York University (Music Education)
Certification: Initial, Music Education
Tenure Area: Music
Current Assignment: Music Teacher, Districtwide
Probationary Period: 8/29/17-8/28/21

Karen D. Cook (Replacing S. Carroll)
BA – University of Colorado (Psychology)
MA – New York University (Early Childhood & Elementary Education)
Certification: Permanent, Pre-K, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Current Assignment: Instructional Specialist, Post Road
Probationary Period: 8/29/17-8/28/20

35. Recommended approval of compensation for the following, as per attachments:
 - a. 2017-18 Professional, Curriculum and Technology Development Activities, and Miscellaneous Stipends
 - b. 2017-18 Interscholastic Co-Curricular Appointments
 - c. 2017 Summer School Appointments

36. Recommended approval of the appointment of districtwide per diem Substitute Teachers, per diem Substitute Teaching Assistants, Building Substitute Teachers, Test Scorers, Substitute Clerical Support, Substitute Security Assistants, Substitute Nurses, Substitute Food Service Workers and Substitute Custodial Workers as per attachment.

** For staff referenced above as "classroom teacher" or "building principal" as defined in 30-2.2 or 30.3.2 of Part 30 of the Regulations of the Board of Regents, such appointments are conditioned upon meeting the requirements of the Education Law and applicable Regulations such that to be eligible for tenure, the classroom teacher or building principal must have at least three (3) years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings during the probationary period and may not receive an ineffective rating in the final year of probation.*

VI. Other Action:

1. Recommended approval of the administrative appointment of:

Gaetano Vitiello (Replacing S. Hall)
BA - Iona College (Adolescent Education & English)
MA - Mercy College (School Administration)
Certification: Initial, SBL; Professional, ELA 7-12
Current Assignment: Administrator for Home Bound Instruction, Superintendent's Hearings &
High School Student Activities
Probationary Period: 8/15/17-8/14/21
2. Recommended approval of amendments to the employment agreements with Debbie J. Hand, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and Ann Vaccaro-Teich, Assistant Superintendent for Business, as per attachments.
3. Bids & Contracts: Renewal of Extension of Oil tank monitoring systems and oil tank repair; extension of architect and construction manager contracts; Capital Markets Advisors, LLC Fiscal Advisor appointment; Food Service provider contract extensions; BOCES Services agreement.
4. Recommended approval of counsel's recommendation for a resolution pertaining to tax certiorari settlements and appropriation of tax certiorari reserve, as per attachment.
5. Recommended approval of Capital Project Change Order for Eastview Interior Renovation.
6. Recommended approval of a resolution regarding an agreement with Verizon for fiber cabling at all district facilities.
7. Recommended approval of the 2017-18 Local Assistance Plan for Church Street School.
8. Recommended approval of the 2017-18 Professional Development Plan for the White Plains City School District.

VII. Board Discussion:

1. Board Committee Reports