

WHITE PLAINS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
White Plains, New York

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, December 11, 2017

White Plains High School – B-1 Room
7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Opening of Meeting:
Pledge of Allegiance
Mission Statement
Moment of Silence in memory of former staff members Mildred Aronoff, Gayle Ayer, Bernadette Liotta and Christine Pacewicz
Announcements by the Board President and Board Members
Recognition of Steve Rabinowitz
Presentation of Scholar-Athletes

- 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 Regular Meeting of November 13, 2017.
 2. Recommended approval of the following donations:
 - \$1,000 from Burlington Stores for Jeannette Castilla's classroom at George Washington School
 - Personal dictionaries for each third grader from the Mid-Westchester Elks Lodge #535
 - Backpacks for various schools from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Pi Iota Omega Chapter
 - Two laser printers from Barish & O'Brien for use districtwide
 - Various contributions (as per attachment) for the Family Technology Night
 - Contributions to various scholarship funds from Constance DeFilippis, Ronald Weinstein and Paul Schonewolf
 - A trombone and a clarinet from Mark Griffin for George Washington School

3. Recommended approval of a contract with Manhattanville College/Centro Hispano for tutoring services.
4. Recommended approval to arrange for the appropriate program and services for students with disabilities, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 39 cases.
5. Recommended approval to arrange for the appropriate program and services for students with disabilities, as recommended by the Committee on Preschool Special Education: 13 cases.
6. 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

7. Recommended acceptance of the resignations for the purpose of retirement for the following:
Laurie O'Neil, Registered Professional Nurse, Districtwide, effective 9/1/18
Employee # 339, effective 2/13/18
8. Recommended approval of the resignation of Sheila Fields, Cafeteria Recess Monitor, Mamaroneck Avenue School, effective 11/28/17.
9. Recommended approval of the Probationary appointments of the following Custodial Workers, effective 12/12/17:
Aland Cotrina, Middle School-Highlands (Replacing S. Davis)
Elvin Leon, Ridgeway School (Replacing C. Rattray)
Jared Edwards, Middle School-Highlands (Replacing J. Alvarez)
10. Recommended approval of the increase in hours for Jay Dell'Orletta, Food Service Helper, High School, from 4 hours to 5.5 hours per day, effective 12/21/17.

Teacher Staffing

11. Recommended acceptance of the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Rose Kwik, Teaching Assistant, Mamaroneck Avenue School, effective 2/15/2018.
12. Recommended acceptance of the resignations of the following Teaching Assistants:
Linnea Fargo, Mamaroneck Avenue School, effective 11/27/17
Aline Fogle, Church Street School, effective 12/16/17
Kayleen Lugo, George Washington School, effective 12/11/17
13. Recommended approval of the Probationary appointments of the following Teaching Assistants:

Robert Guerra (Replacing J. Colantuno)
BS - Manhattanville College (Physical Education & Health)
Current Assignment: Mamaroneck Avenue School
Probationary Period: 12/12/17-12/11/21

Matthew Ciraco (Replacing L. Fargo)
BA - LeMoyne College (Spanish)
MA - University of Granada (Spanish)
Current Assignment: Mamaroneck Avenue School
Probationary Period: 12/12/17-12/11/21

Jenitza Marte (Replacing K. Lugo)
AAS - Westchester Community College (Human Services)
Current Assignment: George Washington School
Probationary Period: 12/12/17-12/11/21

14. Recommended approval of the unpaid childcare leave of absence for Stacey Schriro, Teaching Assistant, Rochambeau School, effective 12/4/17-1/26/18
15. Recommended approval of the extension of the unpaid childcare leave end date for Tiffany Eletto, Elementary Education Teacher, Middle School-Eastview, from 2/1/18 to 6/30/18.
16. Recommended approval of the extension of the unpaid childcare leave for Sara Klausman, Elementary Education Teacher, Mamaroneck Avenue School, effective 2/1/18-6/30/18.
17. Recommended approval of the appointments to tenure of the following, effective 1/31/18:
Michael Lafiandra, Elementary Education Teacher, Middle School-Eastview
Danielle LoMedico, Special Education Teacher, High School
John Orrego, Social Studies Teacher, High School
18. Recommended approval of a resolution to require a Section 913 medical examination for Employee #1398.
19. Recommended approval of a settlement agreement and general release for Employee #1398.
20. Recommended approval of the resignations of the following:
Linda Briceno-Ziegler, Elementary Education Teacher, Ridgeway School,
effective 2/1/18
Danielle Commisso, Speech Teacher, Districtwide, effective 1/2/18
21. Recommended approval of the extension of the leave replacement appointment of:

Tina Bernstein (Replacing T. Eletto)
BA - Brooklyn College (Accounting)
MA - Brooklyn College (Elementary Education)
Certification: Professional, Childhood Education, Grades 1-6, Early Childhood Education
Birth-Grade 2
Current Assignment: Elementary Education Teacher, Middle School-Eastview
Dates of Service: 2/1/18-6/30/18

22. Recommended approval of the Probationary appointments of the following:

Sara Reynolds* (Replacing E. Fernandez)
BA - SUNY/Plattsburgh (Special Education & Childhood Education)
MA - Fordham University (Special Education & Early Childhood Education)
Certification: Professional, Students w/ Disabilities; Initial Childhood Education 1-6
Tenure Area: Special Education
Current Assignment: Special Education, Middle School-Eastview
Probationary Period: 1/2/18-1/1/21

Jennifer Villani* (Replacing A. Andrade)
BA - Concordia College (Biology)
MA - Hunter College (Education)
Certification: Professional Biology, 7-12
Tenure Area: Science
Current Assignment: Biology Teacher, High School
Probationary Period: 12/14/17-12/13/20

23. Recommended approval of a grievance settlement with White Plains Teachers Association for Employee #3725.
24. Recommended approval of compensation for the following, as per attachment:
- a. 2017-18 Professional, Curriculum and Technology Development Activities, and Miscellaneous Stipends
 - b. Extended Day Appointments
 - c. Summer Curriculum 2017 Revision
25. 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 Treasurer's Report for October 2017, as per attachment.
2. Recommended approval of counsel's recommendation for a resolution pertaining to tax certiorari settlements, as per attachment.

3. Recommended acceptance of the Greater NY Wipro Leadership Mini-Grant for 2017-18.
4. Recommended approval of a program review of the Dual Language Program by the Center for Applied Linguistics, and a budget modification to cover charges, as per attachment.
5. Recommended approval of an emergency resolution regarding electrical system repairs and replacement at Rochambeau School and a SEQRA resolution, as per attachments.

VII. Board Discussion:

1. Board Committee Reports.