

**WHITE PLAINS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**White Plains, New York**

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Monday, April 9, 2018**

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

**AGENDA**

- I. Opening of Meeting:  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Mission Statement  
Announcements by the Board President and Board Members  
Scholar-Athlete Recognition
  
- 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:  
Update on capital projects
  
- V. Summary Action Items:
  1. Recommended approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2018 and of the Special Meeting of March 19, 2018.
  2. Recommended approval of a revision of the 2018-19 School Calendar.
  3. Recommended approval of the addition of the following to the list of organizations permitted use of facilities: Braveheart M.O.V.E. New York, and John Meltzer.

4. Recommended approval of the following donations:
  - \$1,000 from Friends of White Plains Public Schools for the scholarships for Post Road School 4<sup>th</sup> graders for the Nature's Classroom trip
  - \$5,000 from Mekka Media, LLC, for the High School Science Program (balance of check covers custodial fees for use of facilities)
  - Lunches for 8 students from Sundance Kitchen and Cantina for Rochambeau School's February Director's Challenge
  - A Kit for CPR for Schools for Eastview School from Active International
  - CPR training for Eastview students by Empress Emergency Medical Services staff, plus Legos for Eastview School's Library
  - Office furniture from Joseph Sapio for Eastview and Rochambeau Schools
5. Recommended approval to arrange for the appropriate program and services for students with disabilities, as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 164 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: 36 cases.
7. Recommended approval that all employees previously granted a conditional appointment and who have not received conditional clearance from the State Education Department be granted another conditional appointment for 20 days.

Civil Service Staffing

8. Recommended acceptance of the resignation for the purpose of retirement for the following: Louise Messina, Food Service Helper, Middle School-Highlands, effective 9/29/18.
9. Recommended approval to rescind the resignation of Jason Dantes, Custodial Worker, High School, effective 3/13/18.
10. Recommended approval for the increase in hours for Grace Tassone, Food Service Helper, High School, from 3 hours per day to 3.75 hours per day, effective 4/10/18 (replacing R. Testa).
11. Recommended approval to abolish one Parent Information Center Assistant position, Districtwide, effective 7/1/18 (vacant).
12. Recommended approval to create one Office Assistant II-Spanish Speaking position, Family Information Center, effective 7/1/18.

Teacher Staffing

13. Recommended acceptance of the resignation for the purpose of retirement for the following Teaching Assistants:
  - Diane Sciortino, Ridgeway School, effective 6/30/18
  - Amy Zorovich, George Washington School, effective 8/31/18

14. Recommended approval of the request for unpaid leaves of absence for:  
Kathy Marji, Teaching Assistant, High School, effective 3/22/18-6/30/18  
Devonnia Jones, Post Road, effective 4/24/18-6/30/18
15. Recommended acceptance of the resignations for the purpose of retirement of:  
Torrence Burrowes, .8 Spanish Teacher, Rochambeau School, effective 6/30/18  
Lynne Rose, Art Teacher, High School, effective 7/1/18
16. Recommended acceptance of the resignations of the following, effective 6/30/18:  
Silvia Lloyd, Library Media Specialist, Post Road School  
Luz Mendoza, Elementary Education Teacher, Post Road School  
Brent Mickol, Social Studies Teacher, High School  
Judy Ravina, Dual Language Instructional Coach, Post Road School  
Lauren Vranich, Elementary Education Teacher, Mamaroneck Avenue School
17. Recommended approval of unpaid childcare leaved for the following:  
Lauren Capuano, Elementary Education Teacher, Mamaroneck Avenue School,  
8/29/18-6/30/19  
Kelly Fiscella, Elementary Education Teacher, Middle School-Eastview, effective  
4/11/18-4/22/18
18. Recommended approval of an unpaid leave of absence for Jacqueline Miller, Elementary  
Education Teacher, Church Street School, effective 2/26/18-5/28/18.
19. Recommended approval of the revised leave replacement appointment dates for:  
Emma Goodman (replacing J. Miller), effective 3/1/18-5/28/18.
20. Recommended approval of the Part-Time appointment of:  
  
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: 9/1/18-6/30/19
21. Recommended approval of the Probationary appointments of the following:  
  
Gabriel Robles (Replacing J. Berger)  
BA - Iona College (Childhood Education)  
MA - Manhattanville College (Physical Education)  
Certification: Initial, Childhood Education Grades 1-6  
Tenure Area: Elementary Education  
Current Assignment: Elementary Education Teacher, Mamaroneck Avenue School  
Probationary Period: 9/1/18-8/31/20

Michelle Floam (Replacing J. Markham)  
BS - Vanderbilt University (Special Education & Elementary Education)  
MA - New York University (Early Childhood & Early Childhood Special Education)  
Certification: Professional, Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 6); Students w/Disabilities  
(Birth -Grade 6)  
Tenure Area: Special Education  
Current Assignment: Special Education Teacher, Mamaroneck Avenue School  
Probationary Period: 9/1/18-8/31/21

Deisy Acevedo (Replacing D. Washington)  
BA - Lehman College (Earth Science)  
MST - Richard Gilder Graduate School (Earth Science)  
Certification: Initial, Earth Science  
Tenure Area: Science  
Current Assignment: Earth Science Teacher, Middle School-Highlands  
Probationary Period: 9/1/18-8/31/22

Kristie Trageser (Replacing C. Chapman)  
BS - Virginia Tech (Child & Adolescent Development)  
MPS - Manhattanville College (Childhood Education & Special Education)  
Certification: Initial, Childhood Education 1-6; Students w/Disabilities 1-6  
Tenure: Special Education  
Current Assignment: Special Education Teacher, Ridgeway School  
Probationary Period: 9/1/18-8/31/22

22. Recommended approval of the .2 appointments of the following, effective 2/5/18-3/23/18 unless noted (replacing M. Gillings-Gayle):  
Jennifer Degrathenreed, English Teacher, High School, 1/22/18-3/23/18  
Stacey Farber, Special Education Teacher, High School  
Andrew Litchfield, Special Education Teacher, High School, 1/18/18-3/23/18  
David Roher, Special Education Teacher, High School  
Linda Woodward, Special Education Teacher, High School
23. 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. 2017-18 Extended Day Appointments
24. 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 a contract with Deborah Augarten, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Pupil Services, from 7/1/18-6/30/21.
2. Recommended adoption of the Proposed Budget for 2018-19.
3. Recommended acceptance of Audit Committee Minutes for 11/27/17 and 3/22/18.
4. Recommended acceptance of updated Annual Risk Assessment, approval of District's Corrective Action Plan, and approval of recommended areas for 2017-18 intensive review, as per attachment.
5. Recommended approval of the Treasurer's Report for February 2018, as per attachment.
6. Recommended approval for legal counsel to intervene in all tax certiorari claims.
7. Recommended approval of counsel's recommendation for a resolution pertaining to tax certiorari settlements and appropriation of tax certiorari reserve, as per attachment.
8. Recommended approval of 2017-18 Budget Modifications as per fund balance projections, dated 3/12/18.
9. Recommended authorization for Board of Education President to execute 2017-18 health billing contracts.
10. Recommended authorization for the Board of Education President to execute an agreement with the City of White Plains for an easement at Ralph Field, for a domestic water line.
11. Bids & Contracts:
  - a. Prekindergarten Services for 2018-19
  - b. Renewal of various RFP/Bids
  - c. District signage
  - d. Consulting services for Center for Responsive Classrooms

VII. Board Discussion:

1. Board Committee Reports