

THE BOARD REPORTS

Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

August 25, 2014

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Superintendent of Schools **Timothy Connors** asked for a moment of silence for two staff members. **Eleanor Bakalar** was a Reading Teacher at Mamaroneck Avenue School for 20 years and retired in 1982. **Norman Lethbridge** taught at the Highlands School for 40 years, from 1954 to 1994. Mr. Connors also noted the passing of **Ruzbeh Kheirabi**, an employee of the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center (at BOCES), who was assigned to the district's Technology Office for the last two years.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Reporting on the Prekindergarten grant, Mr. Connors said there is tentative State approval for a grant of \$1,073,000 to the district. We are prepared to proceed with providing full-day classes for additional students but must wait for final approval.

Mr. Connors said 15 summer school students became eligible for graduation at the ceremony earlier this evening. He said this was one of the better summer sessions and the hard work of the school leadership was evident.

School opens for students on September 3rd, with a staff conference day on the 2nd. There was a successful retreat for administrators this past week and Assistant Superintendents **Jessica O'Donovan** and **Scott Persampieri** brought some interesting facilitators in for this. Mrs. Eller and Mr. Connors have signed off on the APPR, with one of the stipulations being administrator training. Orientation for new teachers was held today and Mr. Connors is very optimistic about a wonderful school year ahead.

PERSONNEL: Resignations for the purpose of retirement were accepted from **Brigida Carazo**, Food Service Helper at the High School, and **Juan Pareja**, Custodial Worker at the Highlands Campus of the Middle School.

An increase in time was approved for **Albert LaPorte**, who will become a Teacher on Special Assignment, to facilitate instruction in Mathematics in grades 7-12.

Three new probationary teachers were appointed for the coming year: **Kelly McAvoy** will teach English at the High School; **Rochelle Brown** will teach Social Studies at the High School; and **Kenneth Muigai** will be a Learning Facilitator at the Highlands Middle School.

IMPACT OF FASNY PROJECT: The Board asked the Superintendent to convene a committee to review the impact of the proposed French American School project on the School District. The committee will include Board members and others whose purpose would be to identify those issues that might affect our schools.

BOARD MEMBERS: Rosemarie Eller, President; Charlie Norris, Vice President; Peter Bassano, Sheryl Brady, James Hricay, Rose Lovitch, Randy Stein

DONATIONS: Mr. Connors thanked **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity** for its donation of \$150 to George Washington School.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: September 8: Regular Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.

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