

# THE BOARD REPORTS

## Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

July 5, 2011

**REORGANIZATION MEETING:** Board Members **Rosemarie Eller** and **Randy Stein**, elected in May for three-year terms, took their Oaths of Office for the coming year. In the election of officers, President **Rosemarie Eller** and Vice President **Charlie Norris** were re-elected to their offices and took their oaths. The Board then acted on various resolutions required to conduct district business in the 2011-2012 school year.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Christopher Clouet** asked for a moment of silence in memory of three former staff members:

**Florence Murdich** worked in the Accounting Department at Education House for 15 years until her retirement in 1981.

**Lillian Rosenfeld** taught at Eastview Junior High, from 1958 to 1973.

**Madeline Russo** was with the district for 21 years, beginning as a Clerk Typist, then moving on to become Office Manager at the North Street School and then Secretary to former Superintendents **Arthur Antin** and **Jerry Marcus**. She retired in 1987.

**RECOGNITION:** Dr. Clouet presented a Certificate of Appreciation to **Dr. Anthony Marano**, who recently retired from his position as Medical Inspector for the district. A 1952 graduate of White Plains High School and member of its Hall of Fame, Dr. Marano was thanked for his dedication and commitment to the students and families of the White Plains Public Schools. Dr. Marano thanked everyone for coming out for this occasion. He said it has been his pleasure to serve the community and he has truly enjoyed it.

**DONATIONS:** Dr. Clouet thanked **Eddie Sands** for \$1,500 and the **White Plains Football Association** for \$1,200 for the purchase of a golf cart for the High School football program.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Clouet spoke about the expansion of the Chinese exchange program, forming friendships with schools in Beijing and Shanghai, in addition to the relationship already established with the Suzhou, China, High School. Thirteen students from Beijing are currently visiting in White Plains and being hosted by families here.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** **Rosemarie Eller, President; Charlie Norris, Vice President; Peter Bassano, Sheryl Brady, James Hricay, Donna McLaughlin, Randy Stein**

PERSONNEL:

The Board appointed the following Probationary teachers, to begin in the fall: At the Highlands Campus of the Middle School **Maria Pennacchio** will teach Spanish and **Ian Hall** will teach Earth Science. **Mengmeng Wang** will teach Mandarin Chinese at both the Eastview and Highlands Campuses of the Middle School, and **Katie Weiss** will teach Science at Eastview. **James Fiddes** will teach Science at both the High School and Highlands Middle School.

Five Teaching Assistants were appointed to tenure: **Kelly Ann Becker, Sarah Havlin, Daysi Bonilla, Diana Bastidas and Natasha Dormeus.**

**Carol Stein** was appointed School Business Administrator/Treasurer.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Revisions to the Districtwide School Safety Plan and Code of Conduct were approved by the Board, and the latter clarifies restrictions on use of cell phones in the schools, among other regulations.

**MBF Investigative Services** was awarded a contract to continue to provide services related to residency.

Community members **Timothy Donahoe** and **Steven Rabinowitz** were reappointed to the Board of Education Finance/Audit Committee for 2011-12. Board members commented that these two gentlemen have brought new perspectives to this important area of district operation and have been very helpful with the budget vote.

Two tax certiorari refunds were approved, totaling \$316,000, to start off the payouts for the new fiscal year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: July 18: Special Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.  
August 22: Regular Meeting, Education House, 7:30 P.M.

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