

Minutes of May 9, 2018 Officer and Director Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7:33 with the pledge of allegiance . We then introduced the student ambassadors for 2018-19:

The following hand out was provided to all ambassadors and the audience:

## **WPOA STUDENT AMBASSADOR 2018-2019**

### **Spring 2018**

#### **Update 5/9/2018**

**The WPOA knows this is a busy time of year with finals, papers and all the other activities you are involved in. Here is a schedule of meetings our officers will attend in the coming weeks. Please choose or pick other ones on the Village web site. Please write a paragraph after each meeting you attend (one or two a month) and we can have you report at our meetings. Ideally you will have a journal of meetings at the end of the year**

**BOT May 10 8:00 PM**

**Recreation Commission May 16, 7:30 PM Location??**

**ADRB May 22, 7:30 PM**

**EAB May 23, 7; 30 PM**

**Traffic Commission May 24 7:00 PM**

**BOT May 24 8:00 PM**

**WPOA June 6 7:30 PM Senior Center**

**BOT June 7, 8:00 PM**

**Library Board June 11 Library 7:30 PM (Library)**

**ZBA June 19 7:00 PM**

**BOT June 21 8:00 PM**

**WPOA will also have social activities, which will be released after tonight's meeting which you can help with, or put flyer out in targeted areas.**

#### **Projects:**

**Ambassadors will pick one project this year to work on targeting a WPOA opportunity:**

**Newsletter**

**Information Technology**

**Membership Drive**

**Katharine (Kat) Jushchenko junior GCHS**  
**William (Will) Welch junior Chaminade**  
**Jessica Toscano senior Sacred Heart**  
**Deirdre McVicar junior GCHS**  
**Harry Murphy senior GCHS**

Ambassadors introduced themselves and provided some insight into their interest with the WPOA program. After a picture, the students and parents were excused.

The Treasurers Report continues to show a healthy balance but much of our funds go to pay postage. Trustee Bolebruch came up with an idea to have members opt out of mailings` with exception of January membership drive. Membership committee will review this recommendation.

The traffic issue at New Hyde Park Road and Stewart Avenue returned with a partial resolution. No turn on red with pedestrians presents has worked in other parts of village so we will assess this addition to the intersection, The impact of the LIRR 34rd Track brought much discussion and led to a planned meeting in June. The open permit letters from our villages Building Departments also became an informative discussion. As this permit material is placed on a computer system, it is in the interest of the homeowner to close out these permits so any future sale of home has a smooth a smooth closing. The social calendar was discussed with agreement on July 31 Pool date and delaying other events until the fall.

As this week's WPOA general meeting conflicts with the School Board meeting, Bill Holub wanted to get you an update:. His report follows:

The May BOE public session includes the public hearing on the proposed 2018-19-school budget. The annual budget vote and trustee elections take place on Tuesday, May 15th from 6:00am to 9:00 pm, in the high school gym. On that day, primary and elementary students will also be able to vote for field day snacks; they can cast their ballots from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the high school gym. The annual district art exhibit will be held at the high school from 3:00 to 9:00 pm on the same day. In addition, the elementary string ensemble will perform at 6:00 pm, and the high school jazz band will perform in the high school cafeteria between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!

By now, all residents should have received the 2018-19 School District Budget brochure, containing detailed information on the budget proposal for next year, voting and absentee ballot information, as well as capital projects proposed and in progress, highlights of many student accomplishments and our rich educational programs, and comparative data. In brief, the school district's tax levy cap for next year is 3.54%, and the proposed budget of \$115,805,283 is tax cap compliant. Education is a labor intensive endeavor; it is no surprise that the main budget drivers are increases in salaries, health care and pension contributions-- which are subject to collective bargaining and/or many government mandates. Also playing a significant role in next year's budget is this year's unexpected influx of over 100 new students at the primary/elementary level and a number of new special education and ENL (English as a New Language) services requiring additional staff or out-of-district placements. Other than property taxes, the District's largest source of revenue is state aid (roughly 5% of total revenue), which overall, is projected to decrease by \$120,000 from the current year. Federal aid is also projected to decrease slightly. In addition to our ongoing cost-cutting measures and zero-based budgeting practice, strategic reductions in staffing (net 4.1 FTE reduction) were required to produce the tax cap compliant budget.

Despite these challenges, the proposed budget continues support for: all current curricular and co-curricular programs; current class size guidelines; textbook replacements; district-wide STEM initiatives and Project Lead the Way; the continuum of special education programs and services;

upgrades in security and technology; the 5-year capital plan; in and out-of-district transportation requirements and bus replacements; and ongoing maintenance of 9 district buildings and all fields and grounds.

Also on the May 15th ballot, are 3 Trustee positions; each candidate is running unopposed: Stefanie Granville for the Estates seat, Michael Cassaro for the East seat, and Tom Pinou, current BOE Vice President, for the At-Large seat.

As we move toward concluding the year there are many things that take place in May--spring concerts in all schools, honor society inductions, high school science research symposium, kindergarten orientation, field days and AP exams. Please visit the school district web site for the calendar of events and news from all of our schools.

Next month, at the BOE June 5th work session, there will be a discussion of the recommendations resulting from the security audit commissioned by the Board earlier this year. Building and transportation safety was the focus of the review conducted by the outside consultant, Covert Investigations, along with representatives from the Dept. of Homeland Security and the Village Police Commissioner Jackson. Certain preliminary recommendations were able to be included in next year's capital budget: 1) an upgraded visitor management system, 2) additional security cameras and strobes, and 3) GPS/cameras on buses. The final BOE public meeting of the school year is on Tuesday June 12th, also 8:15 pm at the high school. Our annual retiree and long-term employee recognition reception at 7:30 pm will precede the meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE on MAY 15th!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill