

**Board of Education Report to
Property Owners Associations
September 9, 2019**

Board of Education Meetings and Topics for 2019/2020

Regular Sessions*

Date	Location	Topic
Tuesday, September 24	High School	
Tuesday, October 22	Hemlock School	Building Tour – 7:00 p.m. Hemlock School Presentation
Tuesday, November 19	Locust School	Building Tour – 7:00 p.m. Locust School Presentation
Tuesday, December 17	Stewart School	Building Tour – 7:00 p.m. Stewart School Presentation
Wednesday, January 22	High School	
Tuesday, February 25	High School	2020/2021 Proposed Budget Discussion
Tuesday, March 24	High School	2020/2021 Proposed Budget Discussion
Tuesday, April 21	High School	Adoption of 2020/2021 Budget BOCES Budget Vote/Election of Board Members
Tuesday, May 19	High School	Budget Vote
Tuesday, June 16	High School	

Work Sessions*

Date	Location	Topic
Tuesday, September 10	High School	Focus for the Year – Administrative Priorities
Monday, October 7	High School	Teacher’s College Reading Workshop K-5
Wednesday, November 6	High School	Mental Health
Tuesday, December 3	High School	Status of Capital Projects/Future Needs/Reserves and Security/Facilities Study
Tuesday, January 7	High School	Student Achievement Report
Tuesday, February 4	High School	2020/2021 Proposed Budget Discussion
Tuesday, March 10	High School	2020/2021 Proposed Budget Discussion
Tuesday, April 7	High School	2020/2021 Proposed Budget Discussion
Tuesday, May 5	High School	Budget Hearing; STEAM Update
Tuesday, June 9	High School	

*All meetings begin at 8:15 p.m.

Important Dates

- September 21st – Homecoming
 - Parade - 1:00 p.m. – beginning on 7th Street
 - Football game - 3:00 p.m.

Links to District Resources

- Graduation Newsletter [On the Line](#)
- District Calendar and Parent Guide [2019/2020 School Calendar](#)

School Opening

- We welcomed 3,936 students on September 3rd.

New Administrative Positions

- Nanine McLaughlin – Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Leadership Development
- Kevin Steingruebner – Interim Principal, Garden City High School
- Martin Malone – Acting Assistant Principal, Garden City High School
- Mandi Stefankiewicz – Assistant Principal for Guidance and PPS, Garden City High School
- Eric Nezowitz – Interim Principal, Garden City Middle School

Safety and Security

- The District continues to keep Safety and Security as a top priority. We will have a full time security specialist on site who will be working closely with each building with a continued focus on training.
- The installation and training of the One-Button Lockdown was completed in each building.
- The vestibules and the visitor management systems will be completed this year. The kiosk is being manufactured, which will take several weeks. Electrical outlets under the greeter desks need to be installed along with running the cable data wires.

Capital Projects

The following is an update on all district projects that have been substantially completed or in progress:

- **Replacement of the hot water heater at the high school** – in progress with an anticipated date of completion this month.
- **Faculty room bathrooms at Stratford** - the faculty bathrooms were functional for opening of school. There is an extensive punch list, and we are waiting on the permanent cabinetry.
- **Roof Projects at Homestead and Stratford** – the trim work at Homestead and the outstanding work Stratford are scheduled to start again this weekend with a completion date of October 15th.
- **Masonry Projects at Stratford and Stewart** - the masonry work at Stratford is complete. Weather permitting, the work at Stewart is expected to be completed this week.
- **Other Facilities Projects**
 - **Administration** – completed the abatement of the records and supply rooms.
 - **High School Auditorium** – installed new carpet and painted the auditorium.
 - **High School Duct Cleaning in the Main Gymnasium** – completed.
 - **High School Sand Tunnel Abatement** – completed.

Cameras on Buses

We recently completed planned installation of interior camera and GPS tracking systems on our buses.

Based on the very recent new legislation regarding the installation of cameras on stop arms of busses or exterior cameras, the district will be looking into the extensive requirements, cost and financial commitment, and coordination with the GCPD in order for the Board to make a decision.

LIRR Expansion Project

- The replacement of the Nassau Boulevard Bridge was anticipated to start Monday, August 5th and continuing for approximately five weeks. Nassau Boulevard will be limited to a single, southbound lane. Northbound traffic will be directed to follow a detour / traffic management plan that will guide drivers during the partial closure in using alternate routes. At least one pedestrian sidewalk under the bridge will be available during the construction period. Please continue to check our website as this project may impact transportation.
- The second project is the creation of an underpass on New Hyde Park Road at the current grade crossing at the LIRR railroad tracks on the Main Line. Beginning at the end of October 2019 (per current schedule), through completion of the project in the summer of 2020, New Hyde Park Road will be closed. The current plan calls for a two-lane (one lane north and one south) temporary access road to the west of (the closed) New Hyde Park Road. The temporary road will also have a sidewalk for pedestrians.

There is a link to the project on the District's website. Please continue to check our website as this project may impact transportation. [LIRR Third Track Project in Garden City](#)

Commendations

- Two of our students from Garden City High School have been named *Long Island Scholar Artists*: Kristen Flynn for Media Arts, and Grade DeAngelo for Visual Arts. Each year, the Long Island Scholar Artist program recognizes students who excel academically and in the areas of either music, visual arts, dance, theater, or media arts. These students will attend an Induction Ceremony at the Tilles Center on September 11th.
- Stewart School has been participating in the Pennies for Patients since 2009. Pennies for Patients is one of the largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding research, finding cures and ensuring access to treatments for blood cancer patients. They plan to recognize Brenda McCarthy, reading teacher, for her inspiring commitment and dedication having led Stewart School to raise over \$160,000 since 2009.