

In Board Briefs, we summarize key agenda items and discussion topics from previous Board of Education meetings. Full meeting minutes are usually not available until approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The community is encouraged to attend each meeting, and the Board welcomes questions and comments. Previous Board Briefs can be found on the district website [here](#).

### **January 13, 2020 Board of Education Meeting**

After an executive session and the Pledge of Allegiance, the regular monthly public meeting was called to order. The Board approved the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting. The Treasurer's Report was delivered and approved.

#### *The Superintendent's Report and Other Monthly Items:*

- Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Recreation Drew Cronin introduced the fall championship athletes and coaches.
- Mr. Cronin provided an overview of the Syosset Athletics and Physical Education program including program updates, new elective course offerings, tying social emotional wellness to physical wellness, integration of technology, professional development for staff, the Athletic Advisory Committee, benefits of the facilities upgrades to the Athletic program, new safety initiatives and the focus on character building.
- Dr. Rogers stated the District will be conducting an awareness campaign for the 2020 Census, which is a questionnaire that all community members are asked to complete. Dr. Rogers emphasized the importance of responding to the Census, which will help the District get its fair share of federal funding for the next 10 years.
- Dr. Rogers reported the enrollment study requested by the Board is almost complete. The Town provided some new information just last week that will be incorporated into the analysis. The report is expected to be complete by the next monthly Board of Education meeting.
- Dr. Rogers conveyed he received an email from Nassau County stating there is a plan in place for implementing stop-arm cameras, and the County is now asking Districts to fill out an application form indicating if there is interest in participating. Based on past conversations with the Board, Dr. Rogers will respond confirming the District's intent to participate.
- Dr. Rogers announced the District will be eliciting public feedback on the topic of the high school start time through an online tool named Thought Exchange, which allows for an online mediated conversation where the entire community can share their thoughts and opinions. The tool will be open to all segments of the community, including students, parents, staff and community members.
- Dr. Rogers provided an update on the air conditioning projects. Costs have been driven up by an increased demand for air conditioning in school districts. While the bid for elementary schools was acceptable, the District is recommending re-bidding the high school job in an effort to get more favorable results. The recommended plan is for less work to be done by contractors and more work

to be done by in-house District staff who are certified to do commercial AC work. The work can be done just as effectively in this manner, though it will take longer to complete. Therefore, the plan is to use the window units from the elementary schools to cool the high school classrooms while the work is being done.

#### *Audience to the public*

- No community members addressed the Board at this meeting.

#### *Discussion Items:*

- Phase 2 Air Conditioning:
  - Board Trustees discussed the cost difference of District staff completing some of the work vs. contractors, additional time required to complete the job using a blend of District staff and contractors, and staff roles throughout the project.
- A motion was made to purchase at least one LED message sign for the District. The motion was approved. A second motion was made to delay the selection of a location for the sign until a later time. The motion was approved.

#### *New Business*

Various resolutions were approved relating to staff appointments, transfers, reassignments, resignations, retirements.

The Board approved a number of resolutions related to the management of the District, including committee meeting minutes and policies, policy reading, and approval of student club charters.

The Board approved a number of resolutions related to financial operations of the District, including authorization for contracts, awards of bids, rejection of a bid, authorization for change orders, authorizations for cooperative contracts, the disposal of obsolete equipment and books and the acceptance of donations.

#### *Next Meeting*

- The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020 at South Woods Middle School, beginning at 8 p.m. A Budget Information Meeting will be held at the beginning of the monthly meeting.