

Welcome to Board Briefs, in which we summarize key agenda items from prior Board of Education meetings and address topics that were brought to the Board's attention. Full meeting minutes are typically not available until reviewed and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting, but we hope that this summary of key items from the previous meeting will 'keep you in touch' with the notable actions of the Board. As always, our community is encouraged to attend our meetings. We welcome your questions and comments.

April 7, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Approximate corresponding video times noted in parentheses

Opening of the Meeting Through Board Reports (7:30 – 9 p.m.)

Class of 2016 Val/Sal Announced

The Board of Education announced that Croton-Harmon High School seniors Duncan McManus and Susan Rykowski have been named the Class of 2016's valedictorian and salutatorian, respectfully.

Ongoing Business (9 – 10:05 p.m.)

After School Program Update

The Board continued its discussion about after school programs. As the community was informed by a K-12 alert about one month prior, the district was notified by our attorneys that we have no authority to run the after school and summer programs as they are now. Since that time, several organizations (both for-profit and non-profit) have expressed interest in running the fall 2016 after school program. In light of this information, the current program will run through the summer of 2016 if it is an option for the program coordinator.

2016-17 Budget Adopted

The Board of Education thanked the business office staff for its hard work on the 2016-17 budget and adopted the \$45,905,975 spending plan. The adopted budget does not include any program or staff cuts and reflects the restoration of New York State GEA funding.

DI Buses Funded

The Board of Education agreed to fund two charter buses for the Destination Imagination Club for the 2016-17 school year.

New Business (10:05 – 10:55 p.m.)

D.A.R.E. Program Updates

The Board received an informative report from Croton Community Coalition Chairperson Laurie Dean and Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School Assistant Principal Michael Plotkin about the D.A.R.E. program. Dean and Plotkin discussed the revamp of the program, which occurred in 2009, including a description of how the program runs, its effectiveness and its costs.

Instructional Personnel (10:59 – 11:30 p.m.)

Superintendent Appointment

The Board of Education reappointed Dr. Edward R. Fuhrman, Jr. to serve as Superintendent of Schools for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.