

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.

June 4, 2015 Board of Education Meeting

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized the staff members retiring from the district at the end of the school year, as well as the community volunteers who have helped out this past year. The Board noted that it appreciates all the groups who make Croton-Harmon a wonderful place for children. The Board honored retirees James Foster and Joseph Vetrano from the custodial group, Judith Vetrano and Kathy Kooney from the clerical group and Virginia Vessa and William Austin from the transportation group. Their years of dedicated service to the district are appreciated!

Thank You to Community

The Board thanked the community for its support of the 2014-15 budget. The results from the school board election were officially accepted, and all measures passed.

Math Presentation

PVC Middle School Principal Dr. Barbara Ulm and three math teachers from the school presented an update on the "Math at Your Own Depth" program at PVC. They explained that traditional math programs are teacher-centered and that students move at the same pace. There is usually one test at the end of a unit and students may or may not be proficient in that area when the class moves onto the next topic. Through the Math at Your Own Depth program, the students are assessed prior to and after each unit to gauge their knowledge. The program is student-centered, instruction is differentiated and individualized through technology support. Overall, students take greater responsibility and work toward mastery of the material.

At PVC, the program has been implemented in the sixth grade. School officials have been keeping data of seventh and eighth-grade students who are moving through the different levels of math. Using this data, the school is able to provide students with "next steps" they should take so that each child is learning math in his/her best way.

Board Appointment

The Board approved the appointment of the new Health and Safety Committee members for the 2015-16 school year.

Next Work Session

The next Board of Education work session will be held on June 18. The topic of discussion will be the Student Code of Conduct.