

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.

May 7, 2015 Board of Education Meeting

Recognitions

The Board of Education recognized PVC Middle School Assistant Principal Michael Plotkin, who was named Assistant Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State. Mr. Plotkin was presented with this award in Albany on May 8.

In addition, the Board honored three outstanding students: Class of 2015 Valedictorian Caroline Barnes and Salutatorian Emily Grossman, and junior Emma Chesire who was awarded first place in the 2015 Congressional Arts Competition for Congressional District 17, sponsored by Representative Nita Lowey.

Adoption of Resolutions

The Board adopted two resolutions: (1) A resolution expressing the Board's opposition to the Board of Regents' hasty implementation of a new teacher and principal performance evaluation system, which places excessive and undue reliance on state required tests; and (2) a resolution declaring that the District will not participate in field testing of Grade 3 ELA or Grade 7 Math for the 2014-2015 school year . The resolutions will soon be posted in their entirety to the district's website under "Board of Education" and then by clicking "Recently Approved Resolutions."

Board Approval for Memorial Site

The Board approved the placement of a memorial site in memory of Lacey Carr near the district office, close to Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School . CHHS senior Daniel Vlad, as his Boy Scout Eagle Scout project, will be working with District administration as well as his Scout colleagues to complete this project..

Public Budget Hearing

The Board conducted its public budget hearing for the District's 2015-2016 school budget. Information about the budget is available on the District website and at the District office and each of the schools. As a reminder, the community will vote on the budget and for board trustees on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Polls will be open from 6 a.m.- 9 p.m. at Croton-Harmon High School.

Library Budget

Yvonne Cech, director of the Croton Free Library, presented the Croton Free Library budget to the Board of Education. The community will also be voting on the Library budget on May 19th.

Policies

The Board of Education adopted the following policies and policy rescissions:

- Policy 4321.3 - Allocation of Space for Special Education Programs
- Policy 4321.8 - Appointment and Compensation of Impartial Hearing Officers
- Policy 4321 - Programs for Students with Disabilities under the IDEA and Education Law Article 89
- Policy 5281 - Playing Up
- Policy 5281-R - Playing Up Regulation
- Policy 8130 - Emergency Plans (for recession)
- Policy 8130-R - Emergency Plans Regulation (for recession)
- Policy 9135 - Suspected Child Abuse by District Personnel (for recession)
- Policy 9570 - Affordable Care Act Compliance

New Website

The Board announced that the district will launch its new website the week of May 11. Teachers and staff have been working on creating more useful webpages to provide information to parents and the community, and that work will continue even after the new website “goes live.”