

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.

September 15, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Audit Presentation

Chris Melley, from Nugent and Haeussler, presented the Board with his findings after conducting the independent audit of the district for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Melley found that our district is in a sound financial position and in compliance with applicable laws. He commended the business office for its adherence to following generally accepted accounting principles and noted that our debt service was extremely low in comparison to our assets. The Board will vote to accept the audit during the October 18, 2016 work session.

APPR Plan Review

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Deborah O'Connell reviewed our new APPR plan for our teachers, which has received state approval. The administration worked with the Croton Teachers Association to develop the best possible plan that would align with Croton's values. For more details about the plan, please watch Dr. O'Connell's report during the beginning of the meeting when the videotape airs.

Bond Referendum Presentation

Assistant Superintendent for Business Diane Chaissan presented an informational slideshow to help inform the community about some key facts related to the upcoming October 18, 2016 bond referendum. This is in furtherance of the Board's goal to have a well-informed community.

Lead Testing

New York State has passed legislation requiring lead testing in schools, effective immediately. Our district, being proactive, has already conducted some lead testing of our systems and began the appropriate remediation in the limited areas noted to contain lead. We will be following up with remaining untested bathroom sinks and other potentially accessible outdoor spigots.

There will be a community informational meeting for the bond vote on Thursday, October 6, followed by the bond vote on Tuesday, October 18.

The Board of Education's next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3.