



THE BOARD REPORTS

Highlights of the White Plains Board of Education Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Rosemarie Eller, *President*; Cayne Letizia, *Vice President*;
Sheryl Brady, Valerie Daniele, James Hricay, Rose Lovitch, Charlie Norris

August 7, 2023

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Superintendent of Schools Joseph L Ricca asked for a moment of silence in memory of elementary teacher Irene Yavitz who taught at Mamaroneck Avenue, Ridgeway and the Intermediate Schools, from 1969 to 1993.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Ricca congratulated Frank Stefanelli on his retirement and spoke about how knowledgeable and professional he has been in his role as Director of Facilities and Operations and how well he has trained his staff. Board President Rosemarie Eller said Mr. Stefanelli has a wealth of experience which will be greatly missed.

Dr. Ricca said summer programs are going well and he looks forward to the Summer School Graduation on August 28th.

CODE OF CONDUCT: The Board approved the Code of Conduct for 2023-24. Minor revisions were made in the Code and a public hearing was held on it last month. Dr. Ricca thanked Assistant Superintendent Deborah Augarten and her committee for updating the Code.

PERSONNEL: The Board appointed Emory Davis as Coordinator of Social Studies, 7-12. He comes to White Plains with eight years' experience at the High School of Art and Design in New York.

The Board accepted the resignations for the purpose of retirement of Frank Stefanelli, Director of Facilities & Operations, Education House, effective 1/3/24, Luis A Gonzalez, Custodial Worker, Middle School Eastview, effective 8/31/23, and Evelyn Gonzalez Smith, School Social Worker, Church Street School, effective 12/31/23.

Three new staff members were appointed to probationary positions: Tina Bernstein, Math and ELA Teacher, Middle School-Eastview, Jade Jacobs, Library Media Specialist, High School, and Tonianne Rigano, Library Media Specialist, Middle School-Eastview.

DONATIONS: Dr. Ricca thanked the following donors for their generous gifts:

Friends of White Plains Public Schools for \$3,000 to help fund the auditorium murals at Church Street School.

Andrea Robinson (\$20), Kevin Suggs (\$50), Antoinette Jones (\$75) and Amaparo Ara Elizondo (\$150) for the Dorothy Ann Peters Memorial Scholarship
Lorraine Trovato-Cantori for a book donation, "Kelly's Last Dance."