



**Hastings-on-Hudson
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

Members present

Doug Sundheim
Jeremy Galland
Silvia Robles
Alexander Dal Piaz
Damaris-Lois Lang
Doreen Bucher
Maureen Lennon-Santana

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Alex Dal Piaz, President

2. STUDENT REPORT

A. Student Report

Gus Renzin and Elianna Carvalho, Student Liaisons
Student Report

Athletics:

Congrats to the track team for a great league meet this Sunday. Boys placed third, coming on two points behind Irvington, and Girls won the Meet. Senior Sorin Kacymarczyk also broke the school record in the weight throw. Boys and Girls Basketball for their wins this weekend. It will also be a big

Some Big Science Research News:

Senior Luca Forest was named today at 12:00 as a regeron Science talent Search Scholar. After a year in Ms. Shandroff's Science Research Class, and lots of work with Dr. Stephens, the Chair of the Mathematics Department, Luca spent the summer interning at a hedge fund, while at the same time working on his project which focuses on the impact of economic stability on political stability. Luca used complex statistical models to analyze the relationship between factors like GDP, Unemployment, and Inflation on Political Stability according to the World Bank. Luca is one of 300 students in the nation chosen for this distinction. He will receive a check for 2,000 dollars, and so will the Hastings Science Research Department. Luca will also be considered for advancement in the competition. 40 finalists will be chosen at the end of January and will be invited to Washington where they will spend a week presenting their projects and competing for prizes that range from 20 to 250 thousand dollars.

Share:

Another Successful midnight run this weekend: more and more underclassmen are signing up; a great sign for the future of the organization and a testament to the Hastings community's commitment to service.

One Acts:

I'd like to finish the report by giving just an enormous shout out to the cast and crew of the one act. They will be performing this Thursday and Friday, but, at least in my opinion, they are already a massive success. Without any adult involvement; Hastings students have put together a fantastic show, writing, adapting, directing, and acting in their own short skits. Catie Cho, a senior, and Juniors Lionel Muench and Eric Ghalib have led the program, giving high schoolers the opportunity to realize their creative passions. So to all those involved in the one act: break a leg!

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public Comment

- No public comment

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Curriculum Review Cycle Development

Melissa Szymanski, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, presented the following Curriculum Review Cycle Development to the Board:

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5. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

A. Update & District Highlights

Superintendent Report

Friday Night Lights in Cochran 2023

- Friday Night Lights is getting Hastings spirit and connections moving. The Athletic Department, coaches, teams, families, the Hastings Booster Club and the PTSA have joined forces to plan, promote and implement a run of athletic events and celebrations every Friday in the Cochran Gym through February 10. The Costello Games kicked things off last Friday - celebrating the memory of beloved Coach John Costello.
- Andrew Wendol Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics:

"John Costello served as a Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director during his 31 year career at Hastings. Although he coached many varsity sports during his tenure, basketball was his true passion. He had a remarkable 457-255 career record, which included 7 League Championships, 4 Sectional Championships, 1 Eastern Regional Championship, and 2 times Westchester Coach of the Year honors. Coach Costello was inducted into the Hastings Sports Hall of Fame, the Westchester Sports Hall of Fame, & the New York Basketball Hall of Fame. The respect & affection for John and his legacy is a source of pride for the Hastings Community!"

- All fans entering the gym were asked to contribute canned food or household products to benefit the work of the Hastings Food Pantry. A special thank you to the HOH basketball teams and Hastings Youth Council for their leadership in ensuring compassionate connections across Hastings. The schedule of Friday events was included in the Hastings Weekly, my Community Update on Friday 1/6 and on Hastings UFSD's / Hastings Booster Facebook pages.

Inaugural Valley Cup- First Time for Hastings to Host

- On Saturday, January 7, for the first time ever, Hastings hosted the Valley Cup. An affiliation with Hastings High School Academic Challenge, the Valley Cup is the highest Quiz Bowl honor bestowed upon a Hudson Valley team, similar in stature to, but unaffiliated with, the former Tri-State Trophy of MSG Varsity's The Challenge.
- The Valley Cup is the brainchild of Hastings Juniors Benny Feldman and Owen Linder. 36 teams from 19 schools came to Hastings High School to compete in the Quiz Bowl on Saturday. In addition to 10 of the regular opponents from schools in Westchester, there were 9 schools that came from Long Island, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Students in other districts who finished highly will qualify for Northeast Regional Championships and the High School National Championship Tournament.
- Thank you to Hastings High School LT Team, Academic Challenge Team Advisor Michael Wilson, students Benny Feldman and Owen Linder, and all others who helped to plan and execute the event, making Hastings the perfect venue for some friendly competition.
- If interested, statistics from the Valley Cup can be found at hsquizbowl.com.

News from the Athletic Department: Boys and Girls Indoor Track & Field

- The Hastings Athletic Department is excited to share some tremendous news about our Boys & Girls Indoor Track & Field program. Congratulations are in order to all of our student-athletes and coaches. All of their

hard work and dedication is paying off and they should be very proud. We are honored to have you represent Hastings!

- At the Section 1 Indoor Track & Field League 3B Championship Meet on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at the Armory, the Hastings Girls team defended their league champion title from last year and once again earned the League Champion Title for the 2022-2023 season. The Hastings Boys team had a great showing, placing 3rd, just 2 points away from 2nd place.
- It's been a season filled with broken Hastings school records (see below), and the boys took down one more school record at the League Meet in the weight throw with Sorin Kacmarczyk throwing 33'10" -- breaking Patrick Lacy's record set earlier this season.

New Records

- In the high jump, sophomore Sammy Guilfoyle tied Kelechi Iheagwara's mark of 4' 8" from 2002.
- The school record in the weight throw was broken not once, but three times this season. First by senior Sorin Kacmarczyk at 30'5", then again by junior Patrick Lacy at 30'75", and now again by Sorin Kacmarczyk with a 33 '10" Throw.
- To read more, refer to Andrew Wendol's 1/9 announcement.

Upcoming Events & Other Resources

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration Virtual, Essay, Poetry, Art Slam

- On Monday, January 16, the River Towns residents will come together to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 's Birthday Breakfast to commemorate the legacy of Dr. King and to be truly inspired by government officials, community leaders, guest speakers, and students.
- For the past two years, due to the pandemic, and mindful of keeping our community safe, we have brought you our program virtually. This year, the event will remain virtual. As part of our 10th Anniversary celebration, students from the River Towns are invited to continue to use their creative energies through various media to express their impressions of today's most challenging social issues. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in a better future for our community, our country and the world through civic engagement, (including exercising the right to vote). This year, students have been asked to help keep Dr. King's dream alive by submitting an essay, poem, or artwork for one of the following themes.
- For more information, please refer to the Hastings Weekly.
- I will be sharing a preview of a personal reflection (Dr. King: Then, Now & Forever) in my Friday Letter which will also be shared at the breakfast.

Portrait of a Hastings Learner: Reflection Video & More Info on the Way

- The Portrait work is very much still in motion. More updates will be shared district wide, along with a link to the BOE presentation, an invitation to participate in the Action Step Planning Committee, and reflections from some of the Core Team members involved in the work sessions. Stay tuned!

When to Keep Your Child Home Checklist

- Usually the best place for your child is in school, but there are times when keeping them home to rest or arranging for an appointment with your healthcare provider is recommended. If your child becomes ill while at school, arrangements will need to be made to have your child picked up. A checklist was formulated in collaboration with the District Medical Director. It was shared today with the community today and will live permanently on the Health page of our district's webpage. If you have not already done so, please take the time to review the document.

Other Noteworthy Events/Topics

- Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD Food & Nutrition News
- P-CoC Points: January 2023, Volume 4 Number 1
- Special Education: OPWDD - Front Door Information Sessions
- High School One Acts - Thursday, 1/12 & Friday, 1/13
- Senior Internship Parent Meeting - Thursday, 1/12
- Junior Post-Secondary Meetings Beginning 1/17
- Youth Employment Services (YES): 2023 Summer Job Information
- First Grade Family Telescope Night - Thursday, 1/26
- Dimensions of Gender: Parent Information Session - Tuesday, 1/31
- Kindergarten Registration for 2023-24 School Year is Now Open

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Report from Business Official

Maureen Caraballo, Business Official, presented the following Facilities Planning Update to the Board:

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7. BUSINESS

A. Business Items

1. Warrants.
2. e2e Exchange, LLC, Invoice.
3. Recommendation for the disposal of Samsung J6201 TV (Tag #20112165).
4. Approval for National Procurement Vendor - OMNIA Partners.
5. LHRIC proposal for APPR support.
6. Recommendation for the disposal of equipment.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the business items.

Motion by Damaris-Lois Lang, second by Maureen Lennon-Santana.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

B. Placement and/or Services for CSE and CPSE

CSE 12109, 10824

CPSE: 12584

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, the Board accepts the classifications and arrangements for the placement and/or services for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Damaris-Lois Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

8. PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

A. Appointment

1. Schedule B appointment requests. (Enc)
2. Appoint Hastings High School/Farragut Middle School Special Education coverages (internal) effective 1/20/23-3/3/23 as follows:
 - Period 1-SS 8 ICT (FMS) Joe Epstein .2 FTE
 - Period 4-Eng. 10 ICT Josh Blum .2 FTE
 - Period 6-LRC 10 Britney Stampf .2 FTE
 - Period 7-ENG 10 ICT Jan Melillo .2 FTE
 - Period 8-LRC 10 Robyn Royal .2 FTE

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the appointments.

Motion by Doug Sundheim, second by Doreen Bucher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

B. Amendments

1. Cheryl Jett, Teacher Aide at Hastings High School extend amended appointment to .60 FTE to January 31, 2023. She will return to 1.0 FTE effective February 1, 2023.
2. Matthew Williams, extend appointment date of Permanent Building Substitute at Hillside Elementary School to effective dates September 29, 2022-January 27, 2023.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the amendments.

Motion by Doug Sundheim, second by Doreen Bucher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

C. Leaves of Absence

In light of updated legal advice, we will no longer include the New York State Covid Paid Leave request information under Leaves of Absence on the Hastings-on-Hudson Board of Education agenda. The process of returning sick days for Covid positive employees will continue internally. This change in protocol is effective immediately.

9. MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2022.

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 20, 2022.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Damaris-Lois Lang.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Damaris-Lois Lang, Doreen Bucher, Maureen Lennon-Santana

10. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Second Public Comment

- No public comment

11. AGENDA REVIEW

A. Agenda Review

- Dr. McKersie gave a quick overview of the upcoming topics for the next Board of Education Meeting.

12. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

A. Comments

[Click here to view the Board Comments](#)

13. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment

Melissa DeLaBarrera

Submitted by:

Melissa DeLaBarrera

District Clerk