



**Hastings-on-Hudson
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

Members present

Doug Sundheim
Jeremy Galland
Silvia Robles
Alexander Dal Piaz
Maureen Lennon-Santana

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. [Call to Order](#)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM

2. STUDENT REPORT

A. [Student Report](#)

**Gus Renzin and Elianna Carvalho, Student Liaisons
Student Report**

We'd like to start off with a shoutout to Ms. Dolan and Ms. Royal, who (feel free to clap) are fantastic educators and specifically asked to be mentioned as such.

School Musical:

Yesterday was the interesting meeting for the school musical that will be directed by Laurie Walton. We had a ton of kids show up to show their enthusiasm for joining either the cast or crew of the production. At the meeting we learned about the audition process as well as general logistics for the show. And we brainstormed possible options for the musical as well. Today it was announced that the musical will be Something Rotten! Auditions will start next Monday and the cast list will come out the following Friday. Everyone is super excited so mark your calendars now the shows are the weekend of April 21st.

Playwrights Festival:

This weekend is the playwrights festival! Run by Rachel Weinberg, Students have 24 hours to write, stage, and design their own play. The first meeting is this Friday where students will get their prompts and then get to writing! The performance is the following evening, Saturday February 11th at 7m.

SADD Club Lunch:

This Thursday members of the SADD club will be attending Westchester County Youth Leadership Task Force and Prevention Club Luncheon where they will gather with other SADD clubs around the county to discuss new collaborative projects.

Science Research:

Two Saturdays ago, Hasting's Science Research Program won some serious medals at the Westchester Upstate Junior Science and Humanities symposium. Hosted by John Jay High School and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense, the competition serves as a venue for more than 300 high school seniors to present their novel research and be judged by experts in their fields. Competitors were separated into local and regional rooms based on topic and written paper scoring. Top scoring students in regional rooms will advance to New York State's symposium which, in turn feeds into the national competition which will be held in Virginia Beach this year. Seniors Julia Rotiroti biology research and Zacharay Navarette's environmental science project both placed in their local

rooms. Ione Shih placed in their regional room, and Jonah Sills and Gus Renzin placed 3rd and 2nd, respectively, in their environmental science rooms and will be traveling up to Albany in Early March to compete in the statewide symposium.

PL Retreat:

PL's went on a second overnight trip to the Taconic outdoor education center where they honed their leadership skills, planned activities for the Freshman, and bonded over s'mores.

Racial Equity Day:

Hastings High School Students were lucky enough this past Wednesday to get to hear from the Innocence Project. Gregory Mingo, a man who was wrongly imprisoned for nearly 40 years, and Tebah Bown, a forensic science policy specialist at the organization, addressed the racial inequalities in the criminal justice system and communicated a powerful message of positivity in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges and principled strategic opposition to discrimination. Students—from Freshman to Seniors—spent close to an hour asking questions, a clear sign of their engagement with the topic. The school-wide assembly was a component of our annual Racial Equity Day which the High School Affinity group, the Race Matters Committee, and a variety of stakeholders lovingly put on each year.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. [Public Comment](#)

1. James Sarfaty - 169 Thompkins Avenue - commented on the Tax Relief for Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMS
2. Aarthi Muthurkishnan - 16- High Street - commented on the Proposed school calendar
3. Susie Caramanica - 6 Prescott Place - commented on the Proposed school calendar

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Budget Update

Maureen Caraballo, Business Official presented a Budget Update to the Board:

[Click here to view the slide presentation](#)

[Click here to view the video presentation and discussion](#)

B. 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

William McKersie, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools presented the 2023-24 Proposed Yearly School Calendar along with a brief overview of how the calendar was formulated.

[Click here to view the 2023-24 Proposed Yearly School Calendar](#)

[Click here to view the video presentation and discussion](#)

5. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

A. Update & District Highlights

Superintendent Report

2.7.23 BOE Meeting

William S. McKersie, Ph.D.

Priority District Updates

I am providing a compendium of updates, some of which may have appeared in last week's Friday Community Letter (2.3.23) and/or *Hastings Happenings* (2.2.23). I want to be sure that these important updates are noted by as wide an audience as possible.

[Portrait of a Hastings Learner](#)

Thanks to Melissa Szymanski's facilitation, we are pleased with our newly formed POHL Action Step Planning Committee. Commitment to this group was enlisted on a voluntary basis, with some additional outreach to encourage participation based on faculty roles that were not originally represented. Members are listed below. Work to create 18-month action steps for the three goals designed by the core team will occur on February 8th and March 21st, guided by Judy Wilson.

POHL Action Step Planning Committee:

- Amy Cazes, Administration, HES
- Mike LaRocco: Administration, HES
- Jada Dickens: Math, HES (Core Team Member)
- Andrea Devarie: Special Education, HES
- MaryKate McCabe: Kindergarten, HES
- Caren Cort: Special Education, HES
- Jennifer Spirelli: Administration, FMS
- Ezra Elliot: Department Chairperson, Art, FMS (Core Team Member)
- Britney Stampfl: Special Education, Coordinator, FMS
- Ken Cotrone: ELA, FMS
- Gina Bellavia: Special Education, FMS (Core Team Member)
- Raquel Reid-McFarlane: TA, FMS (Core Team Member)
- Joan Paradis: SS, Union, FMS (Core Team Member)
- Devita Cruz: SS, FMS
- Meredith Fichman: Science, FMS
- Melissa Hardesty: Administration, HHS
- Melissa Shandroff: Department Chairperson, Science, HHS
- Julie Sullivan: ENL, HHS
- Jenice Mateo-Toledo: DEI/ENL, District (Core Team Member)
- Laura Sullivan: Administration, Special Education
- Melissa Szymanski, Administration, Curriculum & Instruction (Core Team Member)
- Bill McKersie, Superintendent (Core Team Member)

We also have made progress on the POHL InfoGraphic, with two draft versions emerging in parallel from HHS students, as guided by Ezra Elliott, and Jackie Saviano and Chris Yerkes. Melissa will coordinate with Ezra and Jackie on combining these into a single communications approach, with possibly two linked elements.

Science Research Marches On

On Tuesday, January 31, more regional accolades arrived for students in Hastings' Science Research Program. Melissa Shandroff, Science Department Chair and Science Research Teacher, wrote:

I'm excited to report that five Hastings Science Research seniors won awards at the 2023 Westchester-Rockland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (WR-JSHS) at John Jay High School, where 307 science research seniors from 34 regional schools competed this Saturday.

*Senior **Gus Renzin** won 2nd Place in the category of Earth and Environmental Science as a regional speaker for a slide presentation of his original research, "A Novel System for Backyard Composting and Agricultural Intensification." Gus now moves on to compete at Upstate New York JSHS at the University of Albany in March. Gus conducted his research under the mentorship of Hastings graduate Ben Wan of Hastings Compost Services.*

*Senior **Jonah Sills** won 3rd Place in the category of Earth and Environmental Science as a regional speaker for a slide presentation of his original research, "Prediction of Optimal Locations for Photovoltaic Plants Using an ANN Regression Analysis of Plant Performance and Proximate Environmental Variables." Jonah moves on to compete at Upstate New York JSHS at the University of Albany in March.*

*Senior **Ione Shih** won 5th Place in the category of Neurology/Genetics as a regional speaker for a slide presentation of their original research, "Quantifying Activation in the Anterior Cingulate Cortex after Arousal-Related Behavior in Shank2 $\Delta e24$ Mice." Ione conducted their research at Yale University.*

*Senior **Zachary Navarette** won 1st place in the category of Earth/Environmental Science as a local speaker for a slide presentation of his original research "Comparison of the Thermal Efficacies of a Traditional Polyethylene Film Versus a Biodegradable Mulch Film in Soil Solarization." Zach conducted his research under the guidance of his*

mentor at Cornell University.

Senior **Julia Rotiroti** won 2nd place in the category of Medicine & Health as a local speaker for a slide presentation of her original research, "Examining the Accumulation and Displacement of Toxic and Essential Metals in the Kidney, Heart, and Liver of Mice Exposed to E-Cigarette Aerosol." Julia conducted her research under the guidance of her mentor at Columbia University.

Congratulations to these seniors for their outstanding achievement!

Celebrating Black History Month

February 1 marks the beginning of Black History Month. As noted in district communications, we will recognize Black History Month through classes and special programs. Stay tuned for more.

Racial Equity Day Spent with Innocence Project Representatives

On Wednesday, February 1, for Racial Equity Day, the High School was graced by the visit of Mr. Greg Mingo and Ms. Tebah Browne of the Innocence Project. The centerpiece of the visit was a riveting assembly, covered with photos and links to videos in yesterday's Hastings Happenings. Wrongly imprisoned for over 40 years, Mr. Mingo shared his deeply personal experiences, with hope and perseverance his prevailing message. Ms. Browne provided a technical framework, explaining how forensic investigative sciences, including DNA and toxicological evidence, are applied in legal cases, especially when challenging alleged wrongful imprisonment. It was an afternoon of connections, dignity and respect, forged among individuals with varied generations and experiences.

Facing History & Ourselves Professional Development

On Wednesday, February 1, staff members in varying roles at Hastings High School participated in the Teaching for Equity and Justice (TEJ) Professional Learning Series, led by Facing History and Ourselves (FHAO). The professional development program, which spans through the year, is funded by the **Hastings Education Foundation (HEF)** and involves Hastings High School's English, English as a New Language, History, and Special Education departments. **FHAO** is an educational nonprofit that uses lessons of history to challenge teachers and their students to stand up to bigotry and hate. Their approach puts equity, social-emotional learning, and civics under one umbrella and offers educators a unique combination of professional learning, instructional materials, and support. HHS staff are excited to continue professional development with FHAO, and dig into the complexities of being human, to better serve students and continue to create a nurturing environment for them to learn. Stay tuned for more updates.

Food Service at Hillside

Last Monday, January 30, after years of envisioning and planning, Hillside Elementary school introduced its "cafetorium" - an addition to the Multi-Purpose Room. The food service, provided by longtime district partner Chartwells Higher Education Dining Services, has had a gradual opening. Last week, kindergarten, third grade, and fourth grade students could purchase lunch. This week, first and second graders can make purchases. Families can review the [February menu](#) with their children and make selections online.

Annual Social Events at FMS

On Thursday and Friday evening, January 26 and 27, middle schoolers attended their Annual Social events. From a peaceful area with art-based activities and games, to a DJ and dance floor, a bean bag toss and basketball, the occasion had something for everyone. FMS Principal Jennifer Spirelli wrote:

Our Annual Socials provide students with opportunities to build their interpersonal skills, cultivate positive relationships, and practice face-to-face communication absent of cell phones. Overall, they have brought lots of joy to our students.

Thank you to the PTSA for sponsoring the Socials, and to FMS administrators and staff for stepping up as chaperones.

Hastings Theatre Program Presents: *Honk Jr.* (6th Grade Musical)

Last Friday and Saturday evening, February 3-4, sixth graders put on their latest production of *Honk Jr.*, "A delightful adaptation of the beloved fable and the award-winning musical; A heartwarming celebration of what makes us special." Stay tuned for this week's Hastings Happenings (2/9) for a behind-the-scenes look at the cast and crew.

Hastings High School Elbowl Fundraising Project

Hastings High School's Art Club (advisor: April Browne) and National Art Honor Society - NAHS (advisor: Lorraine Solaski) are working on a fundraising project. At the Elbowl-making event, club members will demonstrate and encourage high school students, faculty, and staff to make small decorative bowls with their elbows. These bowls will be fired and glazed by NAHS and Art Club members. Their final projects will be displayed and made available to purchase at the Middle School/ High School Art Show on May 15 (opening night) - May 16th. All proceeds will be donated to the Hastings Food Pantry.

National School Counselors Week

Hastings joins the national celebration of school counselors this week (February 6-10) to say thank you for the expertise and dedication of our school counseling team, reaching across all three schools: Juliann Snyder, HES; Jocelyn Perez, FMS; Danielle DalCero, FMS; Randie Shaw, HHS; Wendy White, HHS; Sharon Quigley, HHS; and, Jeanette Kocur (Director).

A statement from the American School Counselor Association is an apt description of the impact of Hastings school counselors:

National School Counseling Week 2023 focuses public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. [We] thank our school counselors for being actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; for working in partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world; for focusing on positive ways to enhance students' academic, career and social/emotional development; and, working with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. (ASCA, February 2023)

Cory Merchant, Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction

Congratulations is in order for Hastings High School Art Teacher Cory Merchant, who was recently selected as Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). Merchant was nominated by student Liam Shanley, class of 2022, for his dedication and commitment to a standard of excellence and inspiration. Educators of Distinction are outstanding role models and exemplary practitioners who have made a lasting difference in students' lives by encouraging them to strive for excellence, not just in their academic pursuits, but in all their endeavors.

Jon Riss, Ithaca College Choral Composition Contest Finalist

Jon Riss, Director of Choral Activities at HHS & FMS, was recently selected as one of four finalists in the 43rd Annual Ithaca College Choral Composition Contest. This weekend, Riss will be in Ithaca as a "composer" instead of a conductor and will meet with Lansing High School's choir to work with them on a piece that they will sing later in the evening (along with the pieces of the three other finalists - each matched to a high school choir from NY). Good luck to Mr. Riss and thank you for representing Hastings!

Significant Upcoming Events

Hillside's 100 Day Celebration

With programming (and t-shirts) funded by the Hastings Education Foundation, and help from second grade team leader Nina D'Amato and other passionate staff members, Hillside kindergartners, officially the Class of 2035, will celebrate their 100th-day milestone on Thursday, February 9. Stay tuned for this week's Hastings Happenings (2/9) and my Community Update (2/10) which will feature a behind-the-scenes photo montage to bring the community along in the merriment.

Hillside Second Graders - Hastings' History Community Celebration

What started as a presentation on Hastings' history from Natalie Barry, President of the Hastings' Historical Society, propelled second grade students into an assignment where they were asked to create proposals for Hastings' waterfront. For their projects, they were asked to think about: the types of land use, the goods and services that are already available in Hastings, what would benefit the community as a whole, and reasons to support their ideas. Last week and this week, to celebrate their hard work, teachers invited families in to see their children's final proposals. Additionally, students created dioramas of current Hastings' storefronts and services, and also made paintings. Stay tuned for the inside scoop in this week's Hastings Happenings (2/9).

Kindness Week at Hillside

Hillside kicks off Kindness Week next week. The school will also be participating in a kindness challenge. There will be an assembly this Friday, 2/10, where the schools' safety patrol will share more information. Below is a high-level schedule of the spirit days.

- Monday 2/13- **Kick Kindness into Gear/Sock it to Meanness**: silly sock day
- Tuesday 2/14- **Powered by Kindness**: dress as a superhero
- Wednesday 2/15- **Ride the Kindness Wave**: beach gear
- Thursday 2/16- **Words Can't Be Taken Back/Turn Your Back on Bullying**: backwards clothing
- Friday 2/17- **We Dream of Kindness Day**: pajama day

Other Noteworthy Events

Please refer to the *Hastings Weekly* for more information on the following:

- Playwright's Festival (Saturday, February 11)
- Kindness Week at each of the district's three buildings - (February 13 - February 17).
- Valentine's Day We LOVE to Read Parade at Hillside (February 14)
- Lupercalia - HS Latin Celebration (February 15)

Mid-Winter Recess - Schools & Offices Closed Monday, February 20 through Friday, February 24, 2023.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Report from Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

Presented by Melissa Szymanski, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Portrait of a Hastings Learner

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Andrea Devarie: Special Education, HES

Jada Dickens: Math, HES (Core Team Member)

Ezra Elliot: Department Chairperson, Art, FMS (Core Team Member)

Meredith Fichman: Science, FMS

Melissa Hardesty: Administration, HHS

Mike LaRocco: Administration, HES

Jenice Mateo-Toledo: DEI/ENL, District (Core Team Member)

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Melissa Shandroff: Department Chairperson, Science, HHS
Jennifer Spirelli: Administration, FMS
Britney Stampfl: Special Education, Coordinator, FMS
Julie Sullivan: ENL, HHS
Laura Sullivan: Administration, Special Education
Melissa Szymanski, Administration, Curriculum & Instruction (Core Team Member)

Professional Learning Committee

During their January session, members of the Professional Learning Committee engaged in an imagination priming exercise and then participated in our Portrait of a Hastings Learner *Back to the Future* protocol. In this protocol, participants are asked to imagine that it is 2027/28 and the district has been wildly successful in the progress it has made towards reaching its goals. Members of the committee reflected on that success and delineated actions, policies, behaviors, learning structures, etc. that occurred or shifted in the last years to lead the district towards this success. This process will be mirrored with the action step planning committee.

Chair Council

The January Chair Council meeting had a robust agenda, which included planning for the culturally responsive curriculum audit, discussing the process for teachers to propose and register for district Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) offerings, and the upcoming 2023-24 State required shift to computer-based testing.

Facing History

Professional learning with Facing History and Ourselves has begun. As of this update, two of three sessions have occurred. Jenice Mateo-Toledo, in partnership with Melissa Szymanski and Lou Adipietro, has been taking the lead on this work. [This letter](#) was shared with the faculty in advance of the first session on January 27th to outline purpose and expectations. Anonymous feedback from participants has been largely positive.

7. BUSINESS

A. [Business Items](#)

1. Bronxville Union Free School District, contract for educational services.
2. Expenditure and Revenue Reports for December 2022.
3. Warrants.
4. Revised Budget Calendar.

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

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

B. [Placement and/or Services for CSE and CPSE](#)

CPSE: 12420, 12590

CSE: 12444, 10829, 11664, 10480, 10185, 10661, 11689, 10448, 10755, 11793, 12241

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 Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

8. PERSONNEL ([CONSENT AGENDA](#))

A. Appointments

1. Anne Kennedy appoint as part time School Monitor at Farragut Middle School effective February 8, 2023.
2. Stephanie Zvi appoint as Per Diem substitute teacher effective February 2, 2023 for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Schedule B appointment requests as per attached spreadsheet. ([Enc](#))

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

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

B. Amendments

1. Scott Shapiro, English Language Arts teacher at Farragut Middle School. Amend his leave of absence as follows: FMLA with pay December 15, 2022-February 27, 2023. He will return to work on February 28, 2023.
2. Gerard Marciano, amend appointment date of .8 English Language Arts teacher at Farragut Middle School to January 18, 2023-February 27, 2023 to cover a leave of absence.
3. Matthew Williams, amend appointment date of Permanent Building substitute teacher at Hillside Elementary School to effective dates September 29, 2022-March 21, 2023.
4. Kristen Carrasquillo, Special Education teacher at Hillside Elementary School, amend probationary period due to prior conferred tenure. Amended probationary period January 3, 2023-January 2, 2026.
5. Colleen Walker, English as a New Language teacher at Farragut Middle School/Hastings High School, amend probationary period due to prior conferred tenure. Amended probationary period December 12, 2022-December 11, 2025.
6. Ross Abrams, English Language Arts teacher at Hastings High School, amend dates of leave of absence as follows: FMLA with pay July 11, 2022-October 2, 2022, Medical leave of absence October 3, 2022-April 7, 2023 (approximately). His return to work date is April 10, 2023.
7. Sarah Stern, English Language Arts Regular Substitute/Leave Replacement at Hastings High School, amend appointment date to August 30, 2022-April 10, 2023.

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

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

C. Resignations

1. Regina Azzara, School Monitor at Farragut Middle School has provided notice of resignation effective the end of business day January 20, 2023.
2. Lissette Aldebot, Permanent Building substitute teacher at Farragut Middle has provided notification of resignation effective end of business February 14, 2023.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the resignations.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

D. Leave of absence

1. Stacey Sharick, Elementary K-6 teacher at Hillside Elementary School, has requested a leave of absence as follows: Unpaid Parental leave for the 2023-2024 school year. She will return for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Laura Ritch, Teacher Assistant at Hillside Elementary School has requested a leave of absence as follows: FMLA with pay February 6, 2023-March 31, 2023. She will return to work on April 10, 2023.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the following leaves of absence.

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

E. Terminations

1. Amanda Ryan, probationary school monitor has been terminated effective end of business day January 20, 2023.
2. Alyssa Scarpelli, probationary school monitor has been terminated effective end of business day January 20, 2023.

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

Motion by Jeremy Galland, second by Silvia Robles.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

9. MINUTES

A. [Approval of Minutes](#)

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2023.

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2023.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

10. POLICIES

A. [Second Read](#)

Policies for Second Read:

- Policy No. 4531 - Field Trips and Excursions

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopt policy 4531.

Motion by Maureen Lennon-Santana, second by Jeremy Galland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. [Volunteer Fire Fighter Exemption](#)

Maureen Caraballo gave a brief overview of the Volunteer Fire Fighter Exemption opportunity recently proposed by Governor Hocu. Currently, there are approximately 40-45 residents that would be eligible. The exemption for us

would mean about a 1.25-1.5% increase in the tax rate to give this exemption. If the Board wants to discuss this further, she will go back to the Village to see what information they can provide.

[Click here to view the discussion](#)

12. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Second Public Comment
- No public comment

13. AGENDA REVIEW

A. [Agenda Review](#)

- Dr. McKersie reviewed topics for the February 28th Board of Education Meeting:
- Budget Review & Non-Instructional Budget
 - State of the District Mid-Year
 - Unused Inclement Weather Discussion

14. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

- A. Comments
- No Board Comments

15. ADJOURNMENT

A. [Adjournment](#)

1. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Silvia Robles, second by Maureen Lennon-Santana.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Doug Sundheim, Jeremy Galland, Silvia Robles, Alexander Dal Piaz, Maureen Lennon-Santana

Melissa DeLaBarrera

Submitted by:
Melissa DeLaBarrera
District Clerk