

In Board Briefs, we summarize key agenda items and discussion topics from previous Board of Education meetings. Full meeting minutes are usually not available until they are approved by the board members at a subsequent meeting. The community is encouraged to attend each meeting and the board welcomes questions and comments. Previous Board Briefs can be found on the district website [here](#).

August 10, 2015 Board of Education Meeting

After an executive session, the meeting was called to order and the July 1, 2015 board meeting minutes were approved.

The Superintendent's Monthly Report and Other Items

- Under the direction of Dina Bloomfield and Maria Cammarano, summer school students presented selections from the summer stock musical production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!"
- Peggy Grosso, Coordinator of Educational Services, offered an update from the Nutrition Advisory Committee. This committee explores new ways to promote a healthy lifestyle for students.
 - o More vegetarian options have been added to dining selections
 - o A new salad bar has been added at the high school
 - o Flavored waters are now available
 - o Fresh cut fruit offerings have been added
 - o The waffle station that was previously located in the high school cafeteria has been reinstated, but without the ice cream
 - o Leftover whole fruit is being donated to a local food pantry daily
 - o The breakfast cart started this past spring at South Woods was a success and will also be offered this year at HBT
- Language Committee Update: The first section of summer school Spanish was offered to students this year.
- Tech Committee Update: Some programs are being piloted.
- Food Allergy Committee Update: Will reconvene in the fall.
- Athletic Facilities Committee Update: Program comparisons, field and equipment quality assessments and turf field exploration; will hold its first meeting in the fall.
- Construction Update:
 - o 32,000 sq. ft. of roofing was replaced at the high school and the project is close to completion
 - o Several bathrooms were renovated
 - o 19,000 sq. ft. of sod was added to the high school athletic field
 - o Site/asphalt work was completed throughout the district, including a large portion of the South Woods driveway
 - o Capital improvement projects include new playgrounds at Robbins Lane and South Grove Elementary Schools
- Superintendent Dr. Thomas Rogers updated the board on a letter the District sent to the Town of Oyster Bay regarding the permitting of a heliport

operating near Thompson Middle School. Dr. Rogers said the District expects a response within approximately two weeks.

- Dr. Patricia Rufo, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that the projected tax levy increase for the 2015-16 school year presented to the public in Spring 2015 would remain at the same rate - .91 percent, which is below the state's tax cap. This calculation is determined by the adopted budget after utilizing state aid and other available funds. The remainder of the budget must be raised through school/property taxes. Each taxpayer's individual share (and thus change in tax rate) is determined by the Nassau County Department of Assessment and based on total taxable assessed value of your property.

Audience to the Public

- No members of the audience addressed the board.

Unfinished Business

- A trustee moved to make voter registration forms available to all age-appropriate high school students. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

- Various resolutions were approved including appointments, transfers, reassignments, resignations, retirements, purchases and bids.
- Around July 20, 2015 there was a partial ceiling collapse in the A Wing of the high school, which required immediate action. The ceiling was removed, abated and replaced.

Discussion Items

- A trustee motioned to inform parents/guardians via a letter of their child's class assignment for the upcoming year; if the class is within three students of being split into an additional section, the parent will be given a provisional teacher assignment, but informed of this possibility. The motion was approved by the Board.
- A trustee asked Superintendent of Schools Dr. Thomas Rogers to report on the presence of computer coding instruction at present, along with potential recommendations for its enhancement.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the board of education is Monday, September 21 at 8 p.m. at South Woods Middle School.