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In Case You Missed It

Summary of September 14 Board of Education Meeting

Please note that this overview does not constitute the official minutes of the meeting, which will be available later this month. This is a brief overview.

Board of Education Meeting Locations

Dr. Harrington opened the meeting with a welcome to the newly renovated School #6 Auditorium where all regular Board of Education meetings will be held from now on.

Opening of School

Dr. Harrington reported that the opening of schools went smoothly. There are 148 fewer students enrolled compared with last year at this time. The Superintendent and Board of Education will continue to monitor enrollment.

Construction Update

An update on all construction projects can be found in the September 14 BOE Meeting Agenda, found on our website's Board of Education section: http://oceansideschools.org/BOE/agenda_and_minutes.htm. The construction report begins on page 9.

Water Testing Update

The district has completed all water testing and a report can be found [here](#).

School #6 Art, Physical Education & Music

Following a request from parents last year, kindergarten students at School #6 will receive art, music and physical education instruction this year on a regular cycle from teachers certified in those areas.

Summer Programs and Camp Invention

Dr. Jill DeRosa, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Student Services and Community Activities, reported that summer programs were well attended and enjoyed by students of all ages.

Maria Bavaro of DOCA and elementary school teachers Kelly Marzocci and Eileen Votke gave an overview of Camp Invention, a week long program that introduced elementary school students to hands-on projects incorporating science, technology, engineering, art and math. The Oceanside School District had the highest Camp Invention enrollment of any district on Long Island.

Two students, Aliyah and Arianna Shamin, gave their feedback on how much they enjoyed Camp Invention.

Dr. Harrington thanked School #4 Principal Joanna Kletter for her inspiration in recommending that the district offer Camp Invention to students.

Policy Updates

As part of its regular annual review of policies, the Board of Education reported on several policies that have been updated. The policies and proposed changes can be viewed in the Board of Education September 14 meeting agenda:

http://oceansideschools.org/BOE/agenda_and_minutes.htm

Agendas and minutes from meetings are posted on the Board of Education section of our website. As per procedure, policy changes were announced and discussed; voting will take place at a later Board of Education meeting.

International Trips

Dr. Harrington announced that after significant research, discussion and thought, district administration has recommended to the Board to place a moratorium on international student trips until further notice. Dr. Harrington stated that while these trips provide valuable learning opportunities for students, the safety of students and staff is a priority. The district will continue to monitor how global events may impact decisions about such trips going forward.

District Report on Assessments

Diane Provvido, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Research, reported on results of state assessments and regents exams. The presentation can be found [here](#).

Special Education Audit

Debi Kienke, Executive Director of Special Education, presented results from the State Education Department's audit of the special education program. The report can be found [here](#). Overall, the feedback was very positive and highlights included:

- The district's programs and instruction are impressive
- CSE meetings are inclusive and well-managed
- Prior Written Notice letters are well-written
- Staff is highly qualified and demonstrated targeted instruction toward IEP goals
- Records are complete and accurate

The audit team offered recommendations for further strengthening the program. The presentation from the BOE meeting can be found [here](#).

Opportunity for the Superintendent

Dr. Harrington reported that School #5's Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) was named the best 2016 PARP program in the state by the NYS PTA. Here is the video from the program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Eoo8LcEyYo>

In addition, Dr. Harrington invited the community to come out for the OHS football team's Friday night game under the lights at the OHS football field.

Opportunity for the Board

Board of Education trustee Robert Transom reported that fellow trustee Seth Blau has been named president of Oceanside Kiwanis.

In addition, Kiwanis is honoring Jeff Risener, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics and health education teacher Sara Dowler for their contributions to substance abuse education, awareness and prevention in the community through DAWC.

OFT Donation

The Oceanside Federation of Teachers presented a donation for \$1000 to Oceanside Community Service.