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November 10, 2014

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Increasing enrollment and a need for more space was at the forefront of Monday's meeting. During Mr. Finello's Superintendent's Report, he spoke of the framework for scheduling and introduced Principal Eric Casale to speak on this. Mr. Casale presented last year's budget projections and confirmation that those goals were met in regards to the addition of several staffing positions to meet the growing student population. Mr. Casale remarked that "Enrollment has significantly gone up" and scheduling is always a juggling act. Just this year, there has already been a marked increased enrollment in second grade, which has made the classes increase in number of students. There are currently 76 students in the three second grade classes. Mr. Casale also noted that there is a possibility to return to a nine-period day next year. There also continues to be a shortage of space as our school is currently operating at "101% capacity." The fact of increased enrollment along with the move to a nine-period day brings with it some scheduling problems as well as will bring these space issues to the forefront. Mr. Casale commented that the need for increased capacity has been brought up over the past four years and needs to be considered once again. Several audience members commented on the importance of looking at space once again in the school and how to reconfigure the building to maximize the campus to accommodate the need for increased instruction space. Mr. Finello commented that "You have to take a look at increasing space wisely. You're really running two schools on one campus," he stated. Mr. Finello said that the architect Roger Smith from BBS Architects will be invited to next month's meeting to speak of his knowledge of expansion based on his surveys from last year. For more information, Mr. Casale's presentation can be found on the school's website under "Board of Education" -- "Budget Information" and is listed as "2014 Worksession 4." The architect's assessment from last year can be found under "Board of

Education" -- "Presentations at Board Meetings" and is listed as "Spatial Analysis BBS Architects."

In other news, PTA president Lisa Matz reported on last month's junior high Halloween dance, which had a great turnout of 171 students. The top three costume-winners were awarded \$20 giftcards to the East Hampton movie theatre. Mrs. Matz also reported on the first bocce ball tournament that was held two weeks ago. The event was "very gratifying" and was well-attended by different classes and grade levels. "Each student was so happy to go home with a medal." There are hopes to have another bocce tournament in the Spring which would include students from Southampton. There are also plans to use the bocce ball court as a physical education unit for all students. The first book fair of the year was also successful. According to Mrs. Matz, sales were up 22%. A total of 120 books were donated to classrooms with a total value of approximately \$1,000. The Turkey Trot was also discussed. Maps were displayed showing the routes for grades kindergarten through second and grades 3-8. Bottles of water have been donated by Hamptons Marathon. Students who raise money will be entered into a raffle to win a Nike Fuel Band. Mrs. Matz remarked that the PTA hopes that this will be the "fundraiser of the year!"

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Elizabeth Mendelman spoke about the fourth grade Opera. "Every year it seems to get better," she said. "We're all looking forward to it."

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. Community members are encouraged to attend as school expansion will be discussed.

PERSONNEL

P – 1 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Andrew Foglia, Teaching Assistant, effective November 10, 2014. The salary shall be \$22,580, bi-weekly plus benefits.

P – 2 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Activity Stipends for the 201415 school Opera as attached.

FINANCE – Motion by consent Agenda

(1) Information Items

(1) Warrants # 1113

(2) Budget Transfer # 4

(B) Resolutions –

F – 1 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's report dated November 10, 2014.

F – 2 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the Claims Audit reports as follows:

Warrant # 10 \$880,356.71

Warrant # 11 \$737,625.98

Warrant # 12 \$1,424,771.29

F – 3 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation, with gratitude, of “Finish Line” equipment from the Booster Club, a value of \$950 for the Turkey Trot to be held on November 24, 2014.

F – 4 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, the donation of a pallet of water from the Hamptons Marathon for the Turkey Trot to be held on November 24, 2014.

F – 5 Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts, with gratitude, a donation from Chris Cohan, Manager of the Art Barge, for tickets for the fifth grade trip to the Museum of Modern Art.

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education as attached.

Mission Statement

“Springs School is dedicated to providing a foundation for personal and social growth in order to develop students of exemplary character who become responsible, productive and caring citizens.”