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**Scarsdale Board of Education
Meeting Highlights
August 24, 2017**

Special Meeting

At 6:30 p.m. the Board of Education convened a Special Meeting, and moved into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters.

Business Meeting

At 7 p.m. Scott Silberfein, Vice President of the Board of Education, convened the Business meeting, reporting that all Board members were present except Board President William Natbony, who was delayed. Mr. Silberfein noted that this is an exciting time as teachers, building staff, and student athletes are all getting ready for the new school year.

Dr. Thomas Hagerman, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed the community members in the audience to the second Board meeting of the 2017-18 school year, noting that extensive information would be presented during the evening's meeting concerning current and proposed capital projects.

Drew Patrick, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Leadership Development, presented the Personnel Report, including probationary and substitute teacher appointments and assignment changes.

Stuart Matthey, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Facilities, presented an update on capital improvement projects underway in the District authorized by the 2014 Bond, at Edgewood School, Heathcote School, Scarsdale Middle School, and Scarsdale High School. His report may be seen [here](#).

Mr. Matthey and Dr. Hagerman provided an overview of the planning process for a 2017 Bond, including convening a Greenacres Building Committee and a District Facilities Committee, both of which will begin meeting in early September.

Mr. Matthey then introduced Kristen Nannini of JC Broderick & Associates, who gave an overview and update on the SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) process, which includes determining whether an existing building is eligible for the state/national register of historic sites. If a building is eligible, then the State Parks Department must review renovations to assure that the work is consonant with the existing architecture. Ms. Nannini explained that the optimal outcome would be a "negative declaration," meaning that there is no negative environmental impact.

Mr. Matthey then introduced representatives of BBS Architects & Engineers, the District architects (Roger Smith, Kevin Walsh, and Fred Seeba), to give an update on their work, including 3-D renderings of the proposed renovation at Greenacres. They also presented an overview of the Energy Performance Contract. Following the BBS presentation, James Wojcik and Gary Gonzalez of Park East Construction gave a presentation on how they will conduct oversight and management of construction logistics, phasing, and costs, with a primary focus at all times on safety for students and staff. The presentations may be seen [here](#).

Following those presentations, Chuck Bastian, President of Bernard P. Donegan, municipal finance specialists, presented a financial impact report based on the BBS proposals. That report may be seen [here](#).

Community members were invited to address the Board, and five did so:

- Greg Loten, 6 Montrose Road, commended the Board for its work on the 2017 Bond Planning.
- Gabriel Streche, 122 Brewster Road, posed questions about the bond repayment schedule and renovation safety precautions, and urged closure of Huntington Road.
- Attorney Ted Teyber of the White Plains law firm Zarin & Steinmetz addressed the Board on behalf of a community group concerned about health and safety issues for the proposed Greenacres renovation.
- Carlos Ramirez, 1183 Post Road, speaking as Co-President of the Scarsdale Forum, invited the community to attend a meeting of the Forum on Thursday, September 7, concerning the Scarsdale Schools.
- Michael Levine, 54 Walworth Avenue, commended Park East for its presentation.
- Gabriel Streche, 122 Brewster Road, speaking a second time, requested further information about the composition of committees under formation.

The Board approved items on the consent agenda, including the Personnel Report presented by Mr. Patrick.

The Board heard an explanation by Mr. Patrick about Stop Loss health insurance. Mr. Matthey and Jeffrey Martin, Business Manager and Treasurer, provided an explanation of the budget transfers requested. The Board voted to approve the Stop Loss insurance renewal and the budget transfers as presented, as well as an appeal to the State Review Officer on a particular case.

Community members were again invited to address the Board. The attorney from Zarin & Steinmetz rose to address the Board, and was reminded that he was to communicate with the Board through the District's attorneys.

Mr. Natbony noted that a report on written communications to the Board was included in the meeting agenda online. In response to community questions, he reported that the Greenacres Neighborhood Association had been included in the formation of the Greenacres Building Committee, and noted that information about the possibilities of a Huntington Road closure was available on the District website. Dr. Hagerman added that the District continues to explore partial closure options.

Mr. Natbony conducted a wrap-up of the meeting and Mr. Silberfein announced upcoming Board meetings on September 11th, September 23rd, and October 16th. He also commended District staff and consultants for the considerable amount of work completed over the summer on the 2017 capital projects proposals.

The Board adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

The meeting may be viewed [here](#).

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