

Highland Central School District

AGENDA

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

7:00 pm Open Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING (Policy)

To be held in the Board Room (E-32 @ High School)



CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any topic related to the agenda may be addressed except for personnel or specific student issues.

The school board encourages public participation at its meetings. To allow for efficiency in conducting meetings and to give each speaker a fair opportunity to present his/her views the following shall apply to the public speaking portion of the agenda.

- *Each speaker shall state their name;*
- *Any questions/concerns be submitted in writing with speaker's contact information (name/address/phone number);*
- *Each speaker shall be limited to a time (approximately 10 minutes) which is agreed upon by the Board;*
- *The Board will not permit discussion involving individual personnel or students;*
- *Direct all remarks to chair. Community members may not poll individual Board members nor debate other community members in attendance.*

Members of the community are encouraged to also present their comments in writing. Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of the Board of Education business will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a) **Citizen CPR Training** – Presentation will be completed by high school physical education teachers, John Buonamano and Katie Reid.
- b) **Highland/Ulster BOCES Culinary Students** – Dante Fauci and Karina Rendon, 1st place winners at the New York Prostart Competition.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges reviewing the following report(s):

- a) Claims Audit Report – December 1, 2015 – February 29, 2016
- b) Attendance and Enrollment Report – February 1, 2016 – February 29, 2016
- c) Treasurer's Reports – January 2016
- d) General Fund Budget & Revenue Status Reports – January 2016
- e) Food Service Fund Budget & Revenue Status Reports – January 2016

- f) Special Aid Fund Budget & Revenue Status Reports – January 2016
- g) Capital Project - Energy Performance Contract Budget Status Rept. – January 2016
- h) Claims Audit Report – June 30, 2015 – September 30, 2015
- i) Attendance and Enrollment Report – Period 3 - November 2, 2015 – November 30, 2015

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

a) **Principals' Report:**

Each month the Principals will report on important information and events occurring in their schools.

b) **Approval of Committee on Special Education Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education according to the minutes of the CSE meetings of February 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 29th and March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th, 2016, and the amendment agreement no meetings of February 22nd, 23rd, 25th, and March 2nd, 3rd and 7th 2016, and authorizes the arrangements for such students' special education programs and services.

c) **Approval of Committee on Preschool Special Education**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education according to the minutes of the CPSE amendment agreement no meeting of February 25th, 2016, and authorizes the arrangements for such students' special education programs and services.

PERSONNEL:

a) **Appointments**

BE IT RESOLVED that that Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following appointment as follows:

Employee: Sarah Dudley-Lemek
Position: ADA/504 Compliance Officer;
Attendance Officer;
Residency Officer
Effective: Immediately
Purpose: To replace retirement, Barbara E. Chapman

Employee: Kathleen Valentino
Position: Interim Deputy Treasurer
Effective: March 15, 2016
Purpose: To replace resignation, MaryAnne Lostaglio

b) **Resignation**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the resignation from MaryAnne Lostaglio as Deputy Treasurer effective February 18th.

c) **Substitute Teaching Appointments**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached revised substitute teaching list with an Emergency Conditional Appointment consistent with SAVE legislation requirements.

d) **Non-Teaching Substitute Appointments**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached revised Non-Teaching substitute list with an Emergency Conditional Appointment consistent with SAVE legislation requirements.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

a) **Budget Transfer**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves budget transfer numbers #8139, #8140 and #8186 which is totaling \$226,288.00; budget transfer #8514 totaling \$11,768.00 and budget #8520 totaling 78,000.

b) **Health & Welfare Contract**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the 2015-2016 health & welfare contract for seven (7) students at a cost of \$771.82 per student for a total of \$5,402.74 with the New Paltz Central School District and authorizes the Board President and District Clerk to execute the contract.

c) **Preliminary School Budget for the 2016-2017 School Year** - Discussion

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

New Business:

a) **NYSMMA Fees and Transportation** - Discussion

b) **Correspondence** – Any correspondence received by the Board may be discussed.

Old Business:

PUBLIC HEARING

March 15, 2016

- a) **Attendance Policy** – 2nd Reading
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopts Board Policy # 7110 titled, “Student Attendance Policy”.
- b) **Assessment Committee Response**
- c) **BOCES Annual Meeting & Board Budget Vote**
Annual Meeting – April 4th at 6:30 pm / BOCES Countywide Vote – April 20th

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ADJOURNMENT

Attendance Enrollment
Period 6
02/01/2016-02/29/2016

Grade	Days in Session	Begin Enroll	Pupils Added	Pupils Left	End Enroll	Total Absent	Drop Outs	Percent Attend
K	19	135	1	0	136	169	0	93.46%
1	19	118	0	1	117	122	0	94.56%
2	19	142	2	1	143	132	0	95.14%
3	19	146	0	0	146	168	0	93.94%
4	19	148	0	1	147	136	0	95.16%
5	19	115	1	0	116	141	0	93.60%
6	19	141	1	1	141	155	0	94.26%
7	19	131	0	0	131	128	0	94.86%
8	19	138	1	0	139	174	0	93.41%
9	19	140	1	0	141	143	0	94.66%
10	19	155	0	3	152	188	0	93.62%
11	19	126	0	1	125	165	1	93.11%
12	19	138	1	2	137	245	2	90.66%
Totals		1773	8	10	1771	2066	3	93.88%

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Student Services Office

Enrollment Report 2015-2016

Enrollment	J '04	J '05	J '06	J '07	J '08	J '09	J '10	J '11	J '12	J '13	J '14	J '15	S '15	O '15	N '15	D '15	JA '16	F '16	M '16	A '16	MY '16	J '16
K	136	121	145	113	136	128	139	111	148	154	136	115	134	134	135	135	135	136	0	0	0	0
1	128	139	122	148	134	145	126	133	114	145	147	145	118	116	116	116	118	117	0	0	0	0
2	128	138	147	125	146	135	134	132	137	118	144	146	142	143	143	142	142	143	0	0	0	0
3	151	138	155	151	122	154	137	136	129	137	113	143	147	148	147	145	146	146	0	0	0	0
4	133	146	144	151	149	133	153	137	133	129	131	109	146	147	147	146	148	147	0	0	0	0
5	147	138	155	149	154	144	128	151	141	137	129	133	117	117	117	115	115	116	0	0	0	0
HES	823	820	868	837	841	839	817	800	802	820	800	791	804	805	805	799	804	805	0	0	0	0
6	170	143	138	153	154	151	147	121	155	138	137	129	139	140	140	140	141	141	0	0	0	0
7	143	169	153	142	157	151	152	152	139	158	142	138	134	133	132	131	131	131	0	0	0	0
8	152	142	167	148	143	152	147	155	150	136	162	141	138	139	138	138	138	139	0	0	0	0
HMS	465	454	458	443	454	454	446	428	444	432	441	408	411	412	410	409	410	411	0	0	0	0
9	164	170	151	184	154	151	168	149	159	153	135	162	140	138	138	139	140	141	0	0	0	0
10	140	152	160	147	169	152	143	160	137	157	144	128	159	157	155	155	155	152	0	0	0	0
11	145	151	148	154	133	165	144	137	162	128	142	133	130	127	127	127	127	125	0	0	0	0
12	136	135	145	146	151	135	161	143	137	164	140	144	137	140	138	137	137	137	0	0	0	0
HHS	585	608	604	631	607	603	616	589	595	602	561	567	566	562	558	558	559	555	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	1873	1882	1930	1911	1902	1896	1879	1817	1841	1854	1802	1766	1781	1779	1773	1766	1773	1771	0	0	0	0
Abilities First																						
BOCES 1:12:1	13	8	6	7	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2				
BOCES 1:6:1	11	9	7	3	5	5	8	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1				
BOCES 1:6:2																						
BOCES 1:8:1	4	6	8	5	5	6	5	5	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
BOCES A:PIE																						
BOCES X-Contract	4	2	4	5	3	5	7	9	7	7	11	14	13	14	15	15	15	15				
Center for Discovery	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
CRC - Children's Rehab Center			0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3				
Brookside	4	1	2	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Center for Spectrum Services-Kingston	1	1	2	3	2	2	3	3	4	5	7	6	8	8	7	7	5	5				
Summitt School																						
Kevin G. Langan																						
Home Instruction	32	28	32	34	24	19	15	13	17	17	18	16	15	15	15	15	15	17				
Home Placed by CSE	5	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Hospital or Other Non-School	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1				
Green Chimneys Residential																						
Greenburgh North Castle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Private Placed by Parent	169	191	189	183	157	148	156	155	97	90	95	93	93	90	90	90	91	93				
*Tutoring	9	7	11	6	5	7	4	7	6	5	5	3	2	6	2	2	4	9				
Sub-total	254	259	266	258	229	216	219	211	158	148	155	160	148	149	149	149	145	149	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	2127	2141	2196	2169	2131	2112	2098	2028	1999	2002	1957	1926	1929	1928	1922	1915	1918	1920	0	0	0	0

*Please note: Students in the tutoring line are already counted elsewhere in programs and, therefore, the tutoring numbers are NOT added into the totals.

Attendance Report 2015-2016

Attendance		S '15	O '15	N '15	D '15	JA '16	F '16	M '16	A '16	MY '16	JU '16
	K	96.50%	95.81%	93.94%	90.98%	93.72%	93.46%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	1	96.35%	95.89%	94.97%	95.13%	95.67%	94.56%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	2	97.23%	97.90%	95.56%	93.54%	93.29%	95.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	3	97.02%	96.40%	95.99%	95.36%	96.25%	93.94%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	4	97.47%	96.02%	96.48%	94.88%	95.09%	95.16%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	5	97.17%	97.11%	95.93%	93.46%	94.69%	93.60%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	6	97.53%	96.73%	96.13%	94.03%	95.71%	94.26%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	7	96.60%	95.59%	95.31%	93.09%	95.58%	94.86%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	8	97.46%	94.90%	95.39%	94.16%	95.35%	93.41%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	9	97.01%	96.12%	96.76%	94.20%	95.36%	94.66%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	10	97.30%	94.36%	94.38%	93.13%	94.27%	93.62%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	11	97.93%	95.83%	96.62%	93.05%	94.53%	93.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	12	96.08%	91.87%	90.18%	89.27%	92.70%	90.66%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Average	97.05%	95.73%	95.20%	93.41%	94.79%	93.88%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Suspensions											
HHS	OSS	1	5	3	7	2	9				
	ALC	5	6	6	4	4	5				
HMS	OSS	7	3	1	2	1	2				
	ALC	3	5	4	5	8	7				
HES	OSS	0	0	0	0	1	0				
	ALC	0	0	0	0	1	0				

*OSS = Out of School Suspension

*ALC = Alternative Learning Center, aka In School Suspension

Claims Audit Report

December 1, 2015 to February 29, 2016

I have reviewed warrants during the period of December 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016.

I hereby certify that I have verified the following warrants. These claims have been authorized and paid to the claimants certified in the amount of each

claim allowed.

Claims Auditor Signature:

John Breeland

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Warrant #	Week Ending Date	Check Amount	Transaction #	Claimant Name	PO #	Issue	Corrective Action	Corrected (Y/N)
39	12/4/2015	\$3,000.00	2585	EZ-Pass	16-217	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust remit	Y - ST
39	12/4/2015	\$47.30	2587	HO Penn	16-548	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust remit	Y - ST
39	12/4/2015	\$32.95	2598	Lids	16-657	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust remit	Y - ST
39	12/4/2015	\$199.99	2738	Gallagher	Claim	Wrong amount	Change Amount	Y - ST
39	12/4/2015	\$90.00	2739	Miller	Claim	No Attachment	Attach backup	Y - ST
40	12/10/2015	None						
41	12/11/2015	\$591.38	2932	Proforma	16-727	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust remit	Y - ST
41	12/11/2015	\$1,018.87	2960	Ginsberg	16-325	Wrong Attachment	Change Attachment	Y - ST
41	12/11/2015	\$216.37	2961	Ginsberg	16-325	Wrong Attachment	Change Attachment	Y - ST
42	12/18/2015	\$30.00	2981	Oticon	16-703	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust remit	Y - ST
42	12/18/2015	\$31.29	2982	Phonak	16-704	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust remit	Y - ST
42	12/18/2015	\$40.00	3005	Times	16-665	Wrong information	Change Vendor Info	Y - ST
42	12/18/2015	\$2,333.25	3025	Global	16-363	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust remit	Y - ST
42	12/18/2015	\$50.00	3074	Mid Hudson Transp.	16-571	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust remit	Y - ST
43	12/23/2015	\$145.97	3161	Tractor Supply	16-75	Wrong Invoice #	Adjust invoice	Y - ST
43	12/23/2015	\$24.19	3244	Rockland Bakery	16-209	Wrong attachment	Change Attachment	Y - ST
46	1/8/2016	\$27.99	3253	D&D Auto	16-216	Wrong amount	Change Amount	Y - ST
46	1/8/2016	\$2.00	3357	Dagele	16-735	Blanket PO - needs supervisor sig.	Obtain Signature	Y - ST
46	1/8/2016	\$499.05	3420	Tools Unlimited	16-757	No Attachment	Attach backup	Y - ST
48	1/15/2016	None						
49	1/22/2016	\$26.00	3606	NYS Dept. of MV	16-807	Wrong amount	Adjust invoice	Y - ST
49	1/22/2016	\$75.00	3605	Krista Petrosoff	Claim	Wrong address	Adjust address	Y - ST
52	2/1/2016	\$900.00	3691	Scholastic	16-702	Incorrect Payee and not received	Adjust	Y - ST
52	2/1/2016	\$7,708.00	3697	Abilities First	16-260	No attachment	Attach backup	Y - ST
52	2/1/2016	\$286.04	3705	Optima Environ.	16-787	Wrong address	Adjust address	Y - ST
53	2/5/2016	\$2,000.95	3880	Stadium Systems	Claim	Doesn't add/missing payment	Adjust	Y - ST
54	2/12/2016	\$311.91	3932	HCSO Food Service	Claim	Wrong Attachment	Attach backup	Y - ST
54	2/12/2016	\$351.64	3942	Summit Bobcat	16-836	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust address	Y - ST
54	2/12/2016	\$38.94	3954	Preventawear	16-830	Wrong Remit Address	Adjust address	Y - ST
55	2/19/2016	None						
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HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Report

March 10, 2016

Enrollment:

K: 135 1st: 117 2nd: 143 3rd: 145 4th: 147 5th: 115
Total: 803 (as 3/10/2016)

APPR:

We have 20 faculty evaluations (19 unannounced and 1 announced) and 29 support staff evaluations left to do at the elementary school for the 2015-2016 school year.

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS):

We have incorporated themes for each of the months to make the PBIS work interactive. SELF-CONTROL is the theme for March.

Kindergarten Registration/Screening Status:

To date:

Packets picked up: 69

Packets returned and appointments made for screening: 42

The registrar will be running another advertisement in the local papers in the coming weeks. She has also sent registration information to all the local nursery school programs.

Jump Rope for Heart:

The elementary school raised over \$4200 for the American Heart Association through this year's Jump Rope for Heart program.

New York State Assessments:

Schedules are being created to accommodate the NYS Assessments in Grades 3-5. Due to the new accommodation of unlimited time for any student who is productively working, we will set aside a few locations for those students who need additional time beyond the recommended time frames.

Anticipated Time for Each Test (Minutes)

Grade	ELA			Math		
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
3	60-70	60-70	60-70	50-60	50-60	60-70
4	60-70	60-70	60-70	50-60	50-60	80-90
5	80-90	80-90	80-90	70-80	70-80	80-90

Upcoming Events:

PTA Meeting – Monday, April 4th (6:30 pm)

NYS ELA Assessments – April 5, 6, 7

NYS Math Assessments – April 13, 14, 15

Spring Pictures – April 18

Parents as Reading Partners Program – PTA Sponsored – April 18 – May 13

Make a Change, Make a Difference Week – April 18-22 - Recycling Project to support Rainforest and a Local Charity

Children's Museum Field Trip – Kindergarten – April 20, 26, 27

Staffing:

Type of Staffing	FTE
General Education – Classroom Teachers	35.0
Special Education (Inclusion, 12:1, 8:1, Resource, ESL)	14
Special Area (Art, Music, Library, PE, AIS)	11.6
Special Supports (Psychologist, Social Worker, OT/PT, Speech, Nurse)	8.0
19 Teaching Assistants/ 5 Aides	24.0
2 Secretaries/ 1 Attendance Clerk	3.0
Monitor	1.0
Health Aide	1.0
Security	1.0
Café Monitors (2.5 hrs)	12

**Highland Middle School
Principal's Report
March 10, 2016**

Enrollment:	03/10/16	Staffing:	Teachers	Support Staff
6th grade:	141	Full time HMS:	37	Teacher Assistants: 7
7th grade:	131	Full time travel:	4	Teacher Aides: 3
8th grade:	<u>139</u>	TCLP Grant:	1	
Total:	411	Part Time:	2	Monitors: 3

Calendar:

April 5-7: State ELA assessment
April 8 & 9: State Science Olympiad competition
April 13-15: State Mathematics Assessments

SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE DAY: At the Superintendent's conference day, I met with 6-12 math teachers and we completed a lot of work surrounding the idea of beginning to deeply understand the alignment of curriculum throughout those grade levels. We left that meeting hoping to be able to continue this work and include representatives from grades K-5 as well. At this Thursday's conference day, high school math teachers will meet to detail the skills and standards required to be successful in both Algebra and Geometry, then on Monday the 21st, some math teachers have signed up to work on detailing how the skills taught at each grade level lead up to success in Algebra and Geometry. Our plan is to continue this work until all of our math teachers have an in-depth understanding of the K-12 math curriculum.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: Hot off the presses, our Science Olympiad team took 2nd at the regional competition. The State competition is April 8th and 9th.

LAP: Karen Brooks from Ulster BOCES met with our math teachers for the first installment of our training to more effectively use data to make instructional decisions. The next meeting is on Thursday the 17th during our ½ day Superintendent's conference day. We have several more planned sessions and will continue to use this opportunity to refine our practices surrounding the use of data.

ARABIC GRANT: Ms. Geiger and I interviewed with a representative from TCLP on Monday. The interview went well and we will find out if we will receive the grant for the 16-17 school year around the beginning of April.

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SPECIALIST: Having the additional support person in this area has been very beneficial. Not only is it another set of hands, but it has helped refine and focus our efforts.

PBIS: On our first day back from spring break, we will have grade level assemblies to review expected behavior for the remainder of the school year. One of the important factors of PBIS is that students need to be explicitly taught expectations for behavior. At the beginning of the year we do this in our core classes. These assemblies will be to review and remind students of these expectations.

**Highland High School
Principal's Report
March 9, 2016**

**Student Mobility
Between 2/8/2016 – 3/9/2016**

	Freshmen	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Exited	0	0	2	3
Entering	2	0	0	0

**Enrollment
As of 2/5/2016**

Grade	Class of ...	# Enrolled		
Freshmen	2019	142		
Sophomore	2018	152		
Junior	2017	124		
Senior	2016	136		
Total Enrollment		554		

**Staffing
As of 3/8/2016**

Teachers - HTA	#	Support Staff - HELPA	#
Teachers	36.0	Teaching Assistants	3
Full Time Travel	0.8 Music	Full Time Monitor	1
	0.5 ESL	Part Time Monitor	1 (Lunch/Hourly)
		Secretarial	3

Upcoming Calendar Events

Date	Event	Time
March 17 th	Half Day Students A.M. / Supt Conf Day P.M.	
March 18 th – 28 th	Spring Break – NO School	
April 7 th	National Honor Society	
April 15 th – 17 th	Philadelphia Trip	
April 18 th	Tri M Recital	7:00 P.M.
April 22 nd	Junior & Senior Prom	7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.
April 26 th	College Fair	6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
April 29 th	Blood Drive	8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

High School Mobility from 2/8/2016 to 3/9/2016

The chart below is intended to give a snapshot of student movement:

New Entrants came from:	Exited Students went to:
1- Poughkeepsie	2– 20 Consecutive Absences
1-Hyde Park	3- Signed Out of School (Excessive Absences)

Career & Technical Center Visitation

On Friday March 11th sophomores visited the Ulster BOCES Career and Technical Center to explore the offerings that exist on the Port Ewen campus. The C & T center currently offers 27 career training programs.

Fed Challenge

On March 15th Mr. Manganiello and Mrs. Saylor will be taking a group of students to participate in a competitive and educational opportunity at the New York Federal Reserve bank. Students will present their economic forecast for the United States and for Region 2 which encompasses all of New York and a part of New Jersey. The HHS team plans to recommend a reduction in interest rates. The team will also be predicting the future GDP.

Artist Visit – Len Tantillo

On February 17 Len Tantillo visited to speak with our United States history classes. Mr. Tantillo spoke to students about his career as a historical and marine painter. Mr. Tantillo is widely known for his paintings of the Hudson River Valley and he is the uncle of Christina Saylor.

Foreign Language Night

On March 10th the foreign language department hosted a cultural event that was attended by over 200. The event consisted of food tasting from India, France, Spain, Mexico, Italy, and Portugal. Students performed skits in Spanish and in French during the food portion of the event. In classrooms audience members were entertained by a pizza making lesson spoken in Italian, a fashion show narrated in French, in the Indian culture room students practiced henna art and played carrom, a traditional Indian board game, in the Spanish room salsa dancing was taught. In speaking with a student about the event I asked what he thought we accomplished, his immediate response was, "Unity!"

SUNY New Paltz Library Visit

Mr. Masson's composition class will be attending a field trip to the Sojourner Truth Library at SUNY New Paltz on March 16. Students will learn to access print and digital resources that exist within the library. Additionally, students will be audience to a lecture on research skills and practice by the librarian.

Scholarship Band and Choral Concerts

The district wide music teachers produced entertaining musical events on consecutive Wednesday evenings in the Lem Atkins Gymnasium at HHS. The student performers were skillful in their performance and respectful as audience members. Kudos to the students and staff for their performances!

GSA-Dignity for All Club

The GSA-Dignity for All Club conducted a clothing drive for LGBTQ youth living in * New Alternatives* a homeless shelter in NYC. The GSA-Dignity for All Club selected this shelter as they emphasize harm reduction, youth development and empowerment. New Alternatives assists LGBTQ youth transition out of the shelter/ homeless system and enables them to begin a life of stability and purpose.

The response of the HHS students and staff was absolutely overwhelming! The success of the clothing drive exceeded our boldest expectations and we are investigating donations to * Trinity Place* another LGBTQ shelter in NYC as well.