



News & Notes

following the Board of Education Meeting of June 6, 2023

Board of Education Recognition Night

The Board of Education opened its meeting Tuesday night by recognizing departing Board members, recent retirees, tenure recipients, ECASB award recipients, and the Top 3 graduating students of the Class of 2023. The presentations were followed by an ice cream reception. Here are the people who were honored ...

Departing Board Members



Board of Education President Jennifer Michalec and Superintendent Dan Pacos presented certificates of appreciation to departing student representative Emma Coventry (top) and trustee Kristen Bauer (bottom).

Personnel Actions

Temporary Appointment of ...

Abigail Wesley, Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services (effective 6/06/23).

Provisional Appointment of ...

Michelle Krieger, Manager of Information Processing (effective 7/1/23).

Probationary Appointment of ...

Adam Didier, Social Studies teacher (effective 8/29/23).

Appointment of ...

Lynn Ruszczyk, Accountant RPT (effective 6/1/23).

ECASB Recognition



Board of Education members Kathleen Chiavetta (right) and Michael Franey (not pictured) were recognized for receiving the Erie County Association of School Boards' Rising Star Award, which recognizes Board members who attend between 7-9 ECASB meetings or programs in a single year.

Impact Recognition



Jacinta Garcia, "My Brother's Keeper Academic & Cultural Competence Coordinator," (at right) was recognized for her profound impact upon WGH MS and the District. Her efforts include organizing a presentation with West Point's Major Patrick Sorenson for middle and high school students, and collaborating with the Tri-District, Seneca Nation Behavioral Health Unit and Title VI for ongoing support and recognition for Native American students. She has presented on how to support Indigenous students in public schools and on First Indian Boarding Schools. She worked closely with the Belouga CEO to create Indigenous studies professional development courses and a localized Indigenous studies program for classrooms. She also coordinated with Dr. Darryl Tonemeh to speak with Title VI students.

Also recognized was **Sheri Caro** (not present), for her exemplary leadership and professionalism in education at William G. Houston Middle School, including taking the lead on implementing NYS Science Investigations at the school, and her work in building up social-emotional support at WGH MS.

Retirement Recognitions



Board of Education President Jennifer Michalec and Superintendent Dan Pacos (center) presented certificates to recent instructional staff retirees (from left) Julie Farrell, speech therapist; Elizabeth Farrell, school counselor; Darlene Zwawa, special education teacher, and Tina Cislo, home economics teacher.

Not present: Diane Tighe, occupational therapist.



Board of Education President Jennifer Michalec and Superintendent Dan Pacos (at left) presented certificates to recent non-instructional staff retirees Nancy Ells, senior clerk typist (retiring 12/31/23) and Roy Dieter, grounds worker (retired 12/30/22). Not present: Charlotte Acksel, bus driver; John Page, senior custodian, Marcella Schuetrum, bus attendant, and Teresa Stojanovich, personal care aide.

Tenure Recognitions



Also recognized were staff members who have received tenure. Superintendent Dan Pacos and Board of Education President Jennifer Michalec presented certificates to (left photo, from left): Tracy Wing, library media specialist; Kylie Mathis-Wadsworth, special education teacher; Mindy Farley, elementary teacher; Amanda Gravius, special education teacher; Arlene Miller, teaching assistant; Dana Myers, reading teacher; Erin Eno, music teacher, and (in photo at right) Colleen Politowski, elementary principal. Not present: Tara Imiola, teaching assistant, and Zachary Marshall, physical education teacher.



Scholastic Achievement Recognition



The Board of Education recognized Lake Shore's Class of 2023 students who were honored at the Scholastic Achievement Dinner in May:

Riley Fleming, who received Third Honors; Maxwell Zielonka, Salutatorian, and Erin McGarrity, Valedictorian.

LIFE!!!

Science came alive when students witnessed the process of baby chicks hatching in Jennifer Linsley's class at William G Houston Middle School. While doing a Life Cycle unit, Personal Care Aide Carissa Littlejohn brought in her egg incubator and brooder with 20 eggs. "After an incubation period of about 20 days, the students got to watch the magic unfold before their eyes," says Ms. Littlejohn.

"It was an incredible experience for many students and faculty who stopped by throughout the day to watch, and even picked out some names. The students birthed 13 baby chicks of all different varieties. It was truly a magical experience for all who participated."

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