

The Tuxedo Union Free School District

Tuxedo Park, New York 10987



George Grant Mason School

Ms. Nancy Teed
Interim Superintendent

Ms. Dawn Cupano
Business Administrator



George F. Baker High School

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SUP'S SUMMARY

December 17, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Happy New Year! My goal is to communicate with the community in a timely fashion, enabling those who did not attend the BOE meetings the opportunity to stay informed. Each month, I will provide a brief summary of the happenings at the BOE Meetings.

- The BOE voted to approve Nancy Teed as a Lead Evaluator of Building Principals. This recertification is a mandated requirement under the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) from NYSED. *Update-APPR mandates utilizing student test scores as part of teacher evaluations has had a moratorium put on the requirement until the 2019-2020 school year.
- The BOE voted to approve the acceptance of a non-resident tuition student for the second semester.
- The BOE voted to approve the revision and acceptance of Policy #3103-Employee Compensation.
- The BOE voted to approve the execution of the Iroquois Springs Contract. This contract is an integral component of the Project Adventure Program at the high school. This trip enables all those enrolled in the Project Adventure Program to participate in valuable experiences and gain real life learning.
- The BOE acknowledged the donation of a 36" television for student use in the senior lounge. Thank you to the Kaufer family for the donation.
- The BOE appointed a part time bus driver and a part time custodial worker.
- The BOE accepted resignations from Donna Matthews and RoseLaure Thomason. Thank you Mrs. Matthews for the many years of dedicated service to the Tuxedo Union Free School District.
- Carol Marash was appointed to the position of Musical Director for the spring musical.
- Tom Schweitzer was granted tenure in the area of Health Education.

Business Administrator Report: Ms. Dawn Cupano

Ms. Cupano shared the Business Office is currently in the process of creating and implementing procedural manuals for the Business Office, as per the Corrective Action Plan created as a result of the external audit. The Operations & Maintenance team has been working on the new Fitness Center located in the high school. Keep a look out for the opening of the Fitness Center in early January, 2016.

Superintendent Report: Ms. Nancy Teed

- The district is proud to share that Madeline Doyle, a senior, was nominated by Mrs. Oliva for the Time Warner Cable News Scholar Athlete of the Week! It is reported that Time Warner Cable News will be coming to Tuxedo the first week of January to interview Madeline!!

- High school Assistant Principal, Mr. Eric Sorenson, has made a great pen-pal connection with a NYS 7th grade teacher who is teaching in Taipei, Taiwan. In grades 3-12 (Applied Humanities part of STEM), students will be designing postcards about their experiences with the holiday season or about American culture with a pen-pal from China.
- The State Board of Regents voted on 12/14/15 to delay the use of student test scores in teacher evaluations until the 2019-2020 school year.
- Our K through 6th graders have been participating in the first ever Black Knights Reading Program Challenge, presented to us by the West Point-Black Knights Women's Basketball Team. In just four short weeks students read 85,009 pages!
- Thank you to Dr. Kaufer for organizing and collaborating with Chief Osborn and the Suffern Police Department on the annual toy drive. We anticipate our boys basketball team attending the sorting of the toys on Sunday at the Suffern Community Center.
- The district is very proud and wishes to acknowledge Mrs. Kurian and the strings program. What started with four students has now expanded to students participating in all grades from K to 7th!
- The district has been working with Focus Media to create our postcard mailer. The mailer will be sent out the first week of January, 2016. Open Houses will be held on January 20, 2016 from 9-11:00 a.m. & 5- 7:00 p.m. Those interested in attending will be asked to RSVP to 845.351.4799.

School will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016!