

# 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***

### ***January 14, 2016 Board of Education Meeting***

Please see the most recent happenings of the Board of Education Meeting that was held on January 14, 2016. This summary is completed in order to provide information to the community in a timely fashion, enabling those who could not attend the meeting the opportunity to become informed of the discussions held.

- The BOE approved the give back of (1) one Emergency Closing Day (Friday, February 12, 2016), providing the district does not utilize **more than** (2) two Emergency Closing Days prior to that date. Notice of this give back day will be sent to all parents/guardians in the near future.
- The BOE approved the following high school courses: STEM Job Shadowing, STEM Capstone Internships, STEM Kinetics, STEM History of Sports, and STEM Intro to Environmental Science.
- The BOE approved the appointment of Matthew Takeuchi to the titles of: Attendance Officer and the General Petty Cash Fund (HS).
- The BOE approved the following appointments: Rosemary Hall as a 1:1 Aide, Kristin Smith as a Substitute Teacher and a .49 FTE Math Teacher, Matthew Takeuchi as Temporary Probationary Typist, Peter Head as Musical Director, Thomas Schweitzer as Fitness Club Advisor as well as the termination of the .4 FTE Math Teacher.

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### ***Public Participation***

John McNamara-resident of Tuxedo made the following inquiries and/or requests:

- ☛ Has an analysis been completed on the comparison to the TUFSD employees who earn more than \$100,000 versus other districts?
- ☛ Request to be provided a head count of FTE (Full Time Equivalent) positions in the George Grant Mason School, George F. Baker HS and overall district-wide as well as student counts.
- ☛ Are additional salaries awarded to an employee when tenure is granted?
- ☛ When does planning for the next budget begin?
- ☛ How is the district measuring the marketing campaign and are the funds taken from the donation?

Mr. McNamara was informed that information regarding completed negotiated contracts of other districts will be provided to him as well as the head count #'s of FTE's and student counts in district. There are no additional salaries awarded to a teacher when tenure is granted. The Board informed Mr. McNamara that the planning for the next budget has already begun and information will be presented to the public as per the Budget Calendar that is posted on the district website. Mr. McNamara was informed that the district will review the results of the Open Houses that are scheduled in conjunction with the marketing campaign to determine outcomes. The outcomes will be measured by incorporating the numbers of families who

complete applications to register their child(ren) in the district. The monies designated to the marketing campaign are from the Mulford Donation to the district.

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***Business Administrator Report: Ms. Dawn Cupano***

Ms. Cupano shared that the district was contacted by the State Comptroller's Office and notified the draft of the audit report will be available in two months. When the district receives the draft, it has ninety days to complete a Corrective Action Plan. Ms. Cupano noted that in the event the district completes the Corrective Action Plan earlier than the ninety days before the State Comptroller's Office posts the report, the public will have the opportunity to see it. The Corrective Action Plan will include ensuring appropriate policy, completion of procedural manuals, and use of Reserve Funds. Ms. Cupano noted the Governor's Executive Budget was released on 1/13/16 and the State Aid Runs were made available. She noted concerns with the increases listed on the State Aid Runs particularly those associated with student counts. Ms. Cupano cautioned the board that she would like to confirm these amounts and has placed a call into the state to verify before the State Aid \$ is incorporated into the budget.

♦Mrs. Vernon noted that as part of the audit committee, she and the other committee members are clear on the areas the district needs to improve upon. She continued to explain that this audit is completed by the state every five years.

♦Mrs. Petrosky noted that this is not the only audit the district undergoes; rather, there are multiple audits that are completed during some school years.

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***Superintendent Report: Ms. Nancy Teed***

☉The district is once again proud to share that Madeline Doyle, a senior, was named Time Warner Cable News Scholar Athlete of the Week! Madeline participated in an interview with Time Warner Cable News and it will air this Saturday (1/16/16) at 5:45 p.m. and continually throughout Saturday night into Sunday morning. The interview will be posted on the Time Warner Cable News website on Monday 1/18/16 at:

<http://www.twcnews.com/nys/hudson-valley/sports/scholar-athlete.html>

☉ The Black Knights Women's Basketball Game at West Point on 1/9/16 was truly exciting. The student readers of Orange County who read the most pages during the challenge were recognized. Tuxedo students and families dominated the crowd on both sides of the basketball arena.

☉ The Open House for the Tuxedo STEM Academy will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> (9-11 a.m. & 5-7 p.m.) and February 10<sup>th</sup>. (5-7 p.m.) The district has received 40 inquiry calls and RSVPs have been noted for each respective Open House.

☉ Update on marketing campaign with Focus Media- very positive feedback from direct mailer that was distributed on 1/4/16. Continued marketing strategies will be implemented prior to the second Open House.