

President's Report, March

Good evening and welcome to our March board meeting. Thank you to Dr. Lutinski and Ms. Mahar for another clear and informative budget presentation. We are looking forward to May 21 when the community will have an opportunity to approve our budget, allow the district to utilize the capital reserve funds to make infrastructure improvements, and elect two members of the board of education.

As we mentioned last month, we hope members of our community will consider running for the board of education. Boards of education in New York State have three primary responsibilities: They hire and evaluate the superintendent; they propose an annual budget to voters; and they propose and adopt policy to govern the operations of the school district. Community members are the constituents of the board of education. The board sets the district's goals to reflect the community's values and needs.

Later tonight, you will hear us discussing a board code of ethics as well as the creation of a board operations manual. Since the makeup of the board of education changes almost every year, we are seeking to streamline onboarding and codify our operating procedures. We strive to evolve our practices, ensuring the Rye Neck Board of Education is a welcoming and affirming professional organization and source of pride for our district and community.

Again, we welcome you to reach out to any one of us for information about becoming a board member or for feedback on what it's like to be on the board. You can also visit the "Becoming a Board Member" page on RyeNeck.org for further insight.

Thank you.