

President's Report, August

Good morning and welcome to our August Board of Education meeting. We hope you are enjoying these last days of summer vacation. I want to re-introduce our newest board members, Jason Carmel and Vice President Erica Wagner. We are all looking forward to a productive year together.

I am excited to announce that Rye Neck is embarking on the development of a new strategic plan. Working with highly regarded consultant Judith Wilson, the district will create an ambitious, focused improvement plan. Ms. Wilson will begin by surveying and interviewing stakeholders as well as reviewing school data, trends, and key issues. We are looking forward to sharing more details about the strategic planning process as it gets underway.

As a reminder, the Board of Education meets twice per month, once for a board meeting and once for a planning session. Members of the public are welcome to attend both monthly meetings. There are two opportunities for public comment at each board meeting. While public comments are not part of our planning sessions, we do encourage you to attend and observe. Two members of the board will be available for office hours prior to each planning session. Please make an appointment with our district clerk, Mary Ellen Chiera, if you wish to attend office hours. The entire board can also be reached at boardofed@ryeneck.org.

Finally, I want to bid farewell to our outgoing high school principal, Dr. Tina Wilson. Dr. Wilson has made a positive, lasting impression on our district and we wish her continued success in her new position. Dr. Wilson, we will all miss you very much.

Thank you to the amazing Melinda Folchetti for stepping in as our interim principal for the 2023-2024 school year. Many of you know Ms. Folchetti from her nearly 30 years of experience as an English teacher, senior class advisor and English department chair. Ms. Folchetti brings expertise and energy to her role, and we are confident in her ability to lead our high school through another exciting year.