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# Board of Education Notes January 25, 2024 Meeting

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## **Announcements and Correspondence**

• The meeting opened with student ambassadors from Denton Avenue Elementary School leading the room in saying the pledge of allegiance, followed by a presentation thanking the Board for everything they do for the district. Next up was a number of announcements from the High School representatives: Friday, January 26th marks the final day of midterms, with a new quarter beginning the following week; the upcoming Winter Ball event has been cancelled; the Model UN Club recently held a successful mini-conference in partnership with the High School's AP Human Geography class and will be attending another conference on Saturday, January 27th; the High School's Youth Against Cancer group will be holding a bake sale fundraiser event on February 8th. The Middle School's performance of *The Wizard of Oz* musical last weekend went over extremely well. There was an announcement that the next Board of Education meeting will see the start of budget season presentations—additionally, the district's facilities team was shouted out for the great job they did with the renovation projects that were included in the 2023-2024 budget.

## **Student Recognition**

• Four students from the High School—Hiuyi Cheng, Heemali Kalpeshkumar Patel, Rebecca Bover, and Kishan Shanmuganathan—were recognized for being named Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars.

• Twenty-one student musicians from the High School were selected to participate in the NYSSMA All-State Music Festival in December 2023.

## **New Staff Members**

• Two staff members were introduced as probationary educators: Meredith Matson as the Director of Social Studies and John Renza as a new Middle School music teacher.

## **Questions/Comments from the Public**

• The PTA District Council Representative thanked the Board for their support and announced two upcoming PTA events: the Harlem Wizards Fundraiser will be on March 2nd and a Parent University event hosted by the Parent Education Committee and Tech Boosters will be held on March 25th.

**The Board proceeded to vote on and approve all new business.** For a full list of items, [please see the full agenda by clicking here.](#)

• The calendar for the 2024-2025 school year has been officially adopted and [can be viewed by clicking here.](#)

• The Board Meeting is available in its entirety at: <https://www.youtube.com/@herrickslivestream>

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 8th, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Searingtown Elementary School.