



**BOE/CO
Friday Packet
July 29, 2022**

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Interim Superintendent Note

FWHS Athletic Director Announcement



Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates **2022**

August 30	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Special Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
August 30	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting CO Board Room 501 Kings Hwy East
September 6	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
September 7	3:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
September 13	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting CO Board Room 501 Kings Hwy East
September 20	5:00 PM	Policy Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East
September 21	2:30 PM	Facilities Committee Meeting Superintendent Conference Room 501 Kings Hwy East



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Stephen Tracy, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Board Memorandum

To: The Board of Education
From: Stephen Tracy, Ed.D.
Date: July 29, 2022

I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Gina DiGiacomo has been appointed as the new Athletic Director at Fairfield Warde High School. Ms. DiGiacomo is a long-time member of the FPS family with an outstanding record of service to our students. Please see the attached announcement from Principal Paul Cavanna.

Regrettably, we will not be able to update our Vacancy Report this week, as the recent MUNIS “upgrade” has rendered important personnel information inaccessible. I will be working with our Human Resources team to get this resolved ASAP.

Happy Friday!

Steve

Fairfield Warde High School

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Coordinator, Special Education
Gina DiGiacomo
Athletic Director

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Subject: Fairfield Warde High School Athletic Director Announcement

Dear Warde Families,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Mrs. Gina DiGiacomo as the new Fairfield Warde High School Athletic Director. Mrs. DiGiacomo is a passionate educator with twenty-two years of experience at both the high school and collegiate level. Her knowledge of athletic administration, school counseling, and student management combined with her focus on academic achievement, athletic success, and individual development highlights the diverse skill set she will bring to this position.

Mrs. DiGiacomo started her career as an Assistant Athletic Director at Hofstra University. During her tenure she was involved in all aspects of operating a Division I athletic program. For example, Mrs. DiGiacomo created and directed marketing programs for Division I intercollegiate athletic programs, addressed NCAA compliance and eligibility matters, and developed programs to support the social and emotional well-being of student-athletes.

Following her time at Hofstra University Mrs. DiGiacomo joined the faculty and staff at Fairfield Warde High School. For the last eighteen years she has served our school community as a School Counselor and most recently Dean of Students. During this period she has collaborated with students, families, staff, and administrators to support our student body.

The interview committee was impressed with Mrs. DiGiacomo's enthusiasm for athletics, pride in our school community, vision for the athletic program, and understanding of the importance of fostering a strong culture where student-athletes can strive for excellence. Specifically, her philosophy that high school athletics can be a powerful vehicle to promote learning, build

self-esteem, develop character, and enhance a school community underscored the committee's support of her candidacy.

Mrs. DiGiacomo is thrilled to start her new position and lead our athletic program. She observed, "It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Fairfield Warde High School community throughout the past 18 years as a School Counselor and Dean of Students. The opportunity to become Warde's next Athletic Director is a full-circle moment for me personally and professionally. The experiences I have gained through working with the students and families in my tenure at Warde have shaped me and prepared me to foster an athletic experience that is an inclusive, student-centered, competitive program where student-athletes are supported to excel academically and athletically. I am excited to lead an athletic program that is a source of pride and a connective rallying point for the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the local community while we honor our proud winning tradition of the past and build a great Mustang athletics program for the future."

Mrs. DiGiacomo will be starting in August and will be featured in an upcoming PTA meeting. Please join me in welcoming her to her new role. Go Warde!

Sincerely,



Paul A. Cavanna
Head Principal

