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Board of Education Announces Interim Superintendent of Schools

At a Special Meeting held on June 6th, the Board of Education of Garden City Public Schools announced its selection of an Interim Superintendent of Schools effective August 1, 2017. “The Garden City Board of Education is proud to announce that it has selected Dr. Alan Groveman to serve as Interim Superintendent,” stated Board President Angela Heineman. “Dr. Groveman’s appointment was unanimously approved at a Special Board Meeting held last night.”

President Heineman explained, “Since Dr. Robert Feirsen announced his retirement in early April, the Board of Education has conducted an efficient and

productive search process for an experienced educational leader to serve as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the coming year. After an extensive review process, Dr. Alan Groveman has emerged as the best qualified candidate. He has a lifetime of experience in the field of public education, and fully understands the role of Interim Superintendent and the challenges the position entails. He will begin his work in Garden City in July and assume the Interim position on August 1st.”

“Before retiring in 2013, and for 10 of his 40 years, Dr. Groveman served as Superintendent of the Connetquot Central School District in Suffolk County. Prior to that, he was Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Personnel and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance in the Levittown School District, as well as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Schools. Dr. Groveman teaches Business and Finance at the graduate level for St. John’s University, and has consulted with schools and government agencies in areas such as strategic planning, capital projects, special education, and school safety. He is a former President and Honorary Life Member of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association. Since retiring from Connetquot in 2013, Dr. Groveman has served as Interim Assistant Superintendent in the Valley Stream, Sachem, and Lindenhurst School Districts.”

“The Board wants to assure the community of Garden City – parents, students, staff, and residents – that Dr. Groveman will lead Garden City’s award-winning school district with vision and commitment during the transition period. His educational background includes a B.A. in Psychology/Math from the City University of New York, receiving a Masters degree in School Psychology from the University of Rhode Island, as well as earning his Masters in Education and Doctorate in Education Administration from Columbia University Teachers College. In addition to his distinguished career in education, Dr. Groveman has also served with the Commack Fire/Rescue departments and is a board member of the Suffolk County Fire Academy.”

“For over 40 years, I have served the education community in various capacities from classroom to district office, as an advocate with our legislators, and as a member and leader within multiple professional organizations,” shared Dr. Groveman. “It is my intent to work with all segments of the Garden City community to continue and enhance the high quality of the programs and services provided to the students and their families. I look forward to working with each and all of you over the next year to make this happen.”

“The Board has determined that the search for the new, permanent Superintendent will begin in September, 2017,” continued President Heineman. “A Request for Proposals for an executive search consultant to assist the Board in its search for a permanent Superintendent of Schools will be mailed to a select group of firms this month. The Board plans to interview and hire a search consultant this summer. The upcoming search process will include opportunities for input from all stakeholder groups in the community. More information will be provided as the process unfolds. A special page has been added to the district website under the maroon sidebar ‘Board News’ to keep residents apprised of our progress.”

“The Board would like to acknowledge the many initiatives Dr. Feirsen brought to the district in his 12 years as Superintendent. His leadership, knowledge, and dedication will be greatly missed. We wish Dr. Feirsen much success at his new position at NYIT. He leaves behind a legacy of excellence; a vision and commitment to the children of Garden City that has left us forever changed for the better.”

“We invite the community to join with us in celebrating Dr. Feirsen’s retirement, and that of 30 additional dedicated employees, along with recognizing those who have achieved milestones of employment - 20, 25, 30, and 35 years serving Garden City Public Schools - on June 13th, 6:30 p.m. at Garden City High School.”

“We hope you will join us in saying goodbye to Dr. Feirsen at the June 13th Retiree Reception, and in extending a warm, Garden City welcome to our new Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Alan Groveman.”