



Re-Cap!

April 10, 2019
Woodmere
Education Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Mitchell Greebel, *President*; Melissa Gates, *Vice President*; Cheryl May, Scott McInnes, Judy Menashe, Debra Sheinin, Daniella R. Simon

Public Hearing on Code of Conduct Policy

There were no public comments on the policy.

Adoption of 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

A special meeting was held for the Board of Education to adopt the 2019-2020 proposed budget and the property tax report card, which were unanimously approved. The proposed budget of \$123,318,721, representing a 2.95 percent increase in both the budget and tax levy, will be presented to District voters on May 21, 2019.

Work Meeting

- The Treasurer's Report was made available to the Board of Education. There were no questions.
- Dr. Secaur introduced Ms. Joanne Fennessy, who provided an update on the mathematics department. She reviewed the cultural shift that has taken place in the mathematics department during the past two years and discussed summer curriculum writing, professional development and Response to Intervention development. Ms. Fennessy discussed the TERC Investigations 3 program, which is used in the teaching of mathematics at the elementary level. She also reviewed the curriculum development at Woodmere Middle School and the scopes and sequences at Hewlett High School. The District's Response to Intervention plan is being revised to include mathematics in addition to English Language Arts. Ms. Fennessy shared the wonderful student results from the Long Island Math Fair, the AMC 8, the AMC 10, and the AMC 12. The District had top scorers at all levels. She continues to share mathematics information with the community through PTA meeting presentations, Arts Below Sunrise, the District and school websites, STEAM Nights, and letters to parents. A visit from the Tri-State Consortium is expected within the next year. A board member asked if teachers can return quizzes and tests with more regularity. An audience member asked if occupational therapists would be helpful as members of the Rtl Committee.

- Dr. Lo Verde provided an update on the Special Education Department. She defined the term special education and, shared information about the Committee on Preschool Special Education and the Committee on Special Education. Dr. Lo Verde shared that the regulations require the District to provide Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE). She explained the District's responsibility to students with disabilities from the District's five schools, as well as the seven non-public schools serviced. She shared information regarding the number of special education students serviced District-wide. Dr. Lo Verde also explained the District's continuum of services, which include all related services, resource room, integrated co-teaching, hybrid programs, 15-1-1 classes, 12-1-2 classes, 8-1-2, and 6-1-2 classes. She shared follow-up information from the Tri-State Consortium visit, which included the recommendation to increase student voice in CSEs and IEP meetings. Dr. Lo Verde reviewed the success of the Discovery Students who participated in the UCP Trivia Challenge, and the great work of the Best Buddies and Bulldog Buddies programs. A board member asked about the possibility of students opting in to the Discovery Program in the first semester. Dr. Lo Verde said recommendations for change must be reviewed and that budget implications would be involved. An audience member asked about the classification rate for the District and how it compares to other districts. Dr. Lo Verde stated that New York State reports HWPS classification rate as 14%, which is aligned with state expectations.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Request for Proposals for Special Education.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Schedule of Contracts. A revision will be made to item 4.1 Amendment-Special Education Related Services prior to submission for approval. A question was raised about the increase in the contract for Marra & Glick Agency Behavioral Consultants. Dr. Lo Verde explained that there is an increase in the need for behavioral services and that the District has received strong feedback from the providers at Marra & Glick.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Schedule of Bids, which included Electrical Repairs and Maintenance, and Slate Roof Repairs.
- Mr. Frontario presented the following reports:
 - ⇒ Transfers of Appropriation (two items were reviewed)
 - ⇒ Budget Status Report
 - ⇒ Revenue Status Report
 - ⇒ Fund Balance
 - ⇒ Schedule of Gifts (one from HES PTA and one from SEPTA for the HHS Special Education Department)
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the resolution for the Acceptance of Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the proposal for the establishment of the Hannah (Honey) Casden Memorial Scholarship.

- Dr. Secaur reviewed the proposal for six students and one advisor from Hewlett High School to attend the state level competition for National History Day in Cooperstown, New York from April 28-29, 2019.
- Dr. Secaur discussed the proposal for seven students and two advisors from Woodmere Middle School to attend the state level competition for National History Day in Cooperstown, New York from April 28-29, 2019.
- Dr. Secaur discussed the proposed for 14 students and two advisors to attend the National History Bowl/Bee competition in Arlington, Virginia from April 26-28, 2019.
- Dr. Secaur discussed the proposal for two Hewlett High School students and one advisor to attend the DECA International Career Development Conferences in Orlando, Florida from April 27-May 1, 2019.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the proposal for several members of the Varsity Girls Track and Field team to attend the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from April 24-25, 2019.
- Dr. Marino reviewed the Nassau BOCES proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year. The proposed budget is \$22,190,616.
- Dr. Marino reviewed the candidates for the BOCES Board of Trustees. There are three seats open and no challengers. Ronald Ellerbe, Fran Langsner, and Robert B.A. Schoen will run unopposed.
- Dr. Marino reviewed the members of the Board of Registry for the May 21, 2019 election.
- Dr. Secaur presented the following policies for initial review:

Policy #0100 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination

Policy #0115 Student Bullying, Harassment, and/or Discrimination Prevention Intervention

Policy #4526.1 Internet Safety

Policy #4511 Attendance

Policy #5465 Child Abuse in an Educational Setting

- Dr. Secaur presented the following policy for final review:

Policy #5300 Code of Conduct

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:40 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 8:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center
- Annual Budget Hearing, Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 6:00 PM Woodmere Education Center
- BOE Work Meeting, Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE: All agendas and supporting documentation for the April 10, 2019 Work Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).