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August 13, 2019
Woodmere Education Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

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

The August meeting of the Board of Education combines the work meeting agenda with the regular meeting agenda.

- Mr. Greebel led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Meeting

Administrator Reports

- Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Ralph Marino. The District is hard at work preparing the buildings for the start of the school year. The four summer programs were very successful. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The final survey report has been posted on the District Website. He is currently working with the unions, the Center for Adult Life Enrichment, the PTA, and BOE to complete this year's implementation team. He also provided a construction update. HES has had good progress on HVAC, roofing, masonry, and window work. WEC is currently undergoing masonry work. The HVAC project at FECC is more complex than HES. Everyone working hard to have the building ready by the end of August.
- Dr. Secaur presented the Curriculum and Instruction update. His office is preparing for the new school year. All of the student achievement data has been received for the 2018-2019 school year. He will begin discussing data with appropriate administrators to identify areas needing improvement. Results show that over the course of the last five years, the rate of mastery on Regents exams has risen from 47% to 55%. The rate of mastery on Advanced Placement exams has risen from 66% to 79%, and the Advanced Regents Diploma rate has risen from 64% to 72%. Dr. Secaur will provide an in-depth look at achievement data at the October 2 work meeting.
- The Business Report was given by Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. Louis Frontario. The business office is preparing for the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Four of the District's seven funds are closed. He attended a shared services meeting on July 10. HW will begin a cooperative bid with Lawrence for some bus routes. The new part-time bus dispatcher will begin work on August 19.
- Dr. Lo Verde provided a report on Special Education. Her office has been busy interviewing for several positions throughout the District. The Special Education Summer Program was very

successful. The students really enjoyed themselves and the staff ensured that all participants had a positive experience. Dr. Lo Verde's office has completed all state reports and their grant has been submitted. They are also preparing for the new school year.

- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources report. He introduced one of the District's new special education teachers, Ms. Megan Kearney. One of the highlights of the summer has been his visits to the Summer Playschool Program. He attended the New York State Public Employees Labor Relations Conference, which proved to be extremely valuable and informative. His office staff is currently receiving training on the new Front Line substitution management program. The HR office is still recruiting for several positions, including the Assistant Principal position at HES.

Board Committee Reports

- Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Board Member Reports

- Mr. Critti reported that he recently attended the Summer Law Conference, which was very informative.
- Mrs. Gates reported that she recently heard Commissioner Elia speak. The commissioner will be leaving her position at the end of August. She also has the opportunity to hear Regent Roger Tilles speak.
- The Consent Agenda was approved.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 7:30 PM Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE:

All agendas and supporting documentation for the August 13, 2019 organizational meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).