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August 14, 2018

**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

Regular Meeting

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

Administrator Reports

- Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Ralph Marino. Dr. Marino reported that he has visited all of our buildings and that the custodial and maintenance staff are working hard to prepare for the opening of school. He provided an update on the ongoing construction projects. The work at HHS is complete, except for the gym roof because of a materials delay. The playgrounds at FECC, HES, and OES are progressing. The HES and FECC playgrounds may not be completed in time for school opening. The weather and availability of materials has caused a delay. The OES library, nurse's office, and music rooms are progressing. The HVAC work at HES and the window replacements at FECC and WEC are underway. Dr. Marino mentioned that he will be reporting on the status of the HW 2025 initiative later in the meeting.
- Dr. Secaur presented the Curriculum and Instruction update. He recently attended an Ed Camp for education leaders, where he presented a workshop to assist other districts on how to host Ed Camp. He attended a professional development seminar with Alba Gallegos and Joanne Fennesy on the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. His office is busy planning for Superintendent's Conference Day, which will take place on August 30. The new teacher induction program is ready for implementation. He will be working with building-level administrators on achievement data over the next two weeks. Some AP results and 3-8 test results have been delayed.
- A Business Report was given by Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. Louis Frontario. The Business Office is preparing for the upcoming audit and assembling the needed documents. The auditors will be in the District during the last week of August and the first week of September. A webinar of School Transparency was attended by several members of the Business Office. He recently met with attorneys regarding charitable funds. The law was updated this year to allow school districts to establish charitable funds and authorize real property tax credits. The search for a new Bus Dispatcher is underway. In the interim, two consultants are assisting Mr. DiBartolo in the Transportation Office.

- Dr. Lo Verde provided a report on Special Education. She and Dr. Tina Smith attended the New York Council of Special Education Conference. NYS is requesting that school districts focus on specific areas of improvement. Our District needs to concentrate on placing students in the least restrictive environment. They are awaiting approval on the special education grant submitted in July. The summer program is coming to an end and the Special Education office is busy preparing for the opening of school.
- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources report. It is a very busy time in the Human Resources office. Many personnel decisions are being finalized. Currently seeking a Bus Dispatcher and an American Sign Language teacher. Many of the ASL candidates are not state certified. Dr. Fale has sought additional guidance from NYSED. He is currently planning the new staff orientation for August 27. He visited all of the District's summer programs.
- Central Council Co-President Mrs. Robyn Kelstein wished everyone a wonderful school year.

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 Reports

- Mrs. Gates reported that she attended the NYSSBA Summer Law Conference in July. Topics of discussion were ESSA highlights, student voice, new laws and regulations, and sexual harassment and social media. Mrs. Gates also attended the SCOPE dinner where both Roger Tilles and Mary Ellen Elia were featured speakers.

HW 2025 Update

- Dr. Marino provided an update on the HW 2025 initiative. The Strategic Plan has been completed and has been shared with the Board of Education. We will be sharing it with staff and community members shortly. The next phase is the implementation phase. A new committee will be formed to ensure that the strategic plan is moving forward throughout the year. He thanked all of the previous committee members for their hard work and dedication to this important project.
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 5:45 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

September 5, 2018, Work Meeting, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

September 12, 2018, Regular Meeting, 8:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE:

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