



# Re-Cap!

**December 11, 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

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### **Work Meeting**

- The Treasurer's Report was made available to the Board of Education. There were no questions for Mrs. SanPhillipo.
- Ms. Shari Diamond of Cerini & Associates updated the Board of Education on the status of the internal audit. She stated that the rules and regulations are closely followed by the Business Office. There were no questions for Ms. Diamond.
- Dr. Secaur introduced Ms. Mary Harrison, who provided a presentation on Guidance. Ms. Harrison shared that her role was expanded in 2019 to Guidance Chairperson to align with NYS Regulations, which mandate that students in K-12 have access to a school counselor. She provided an overview of the evolving role of guidance throughout the years. Ms. Harrison shared how the guidance department is aligning its work to the HW 2025 Pillars of Student Centered Curriculum, Culture for Success, and Collaboration and Partnership. She then shared the work that is done at all five of our District schools. Ms. Harrison then shared the crisis intervention and postvention responsibilities of her department, as well as their community outreach efforts. She concluded by highlighting the future plans of the Guidance Department. Ms. Harrison also mentioned the upcoming partnership with Cohen's Children's Hospital to provide access to the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center to students. A Board member asked about community service hours and how athletes can complete the hours despite practice schedules. Ms. Harrison responded that her office provides many outside options for community service. Another question was asked about the frequency of counselor meetings with students. Ms. Harrison responded that the staff meets with each student at least once a year. It was suggested that perhaps a mid-year check-in can be considered. A final question was asked regarding the monitoring of students who are not in crisis. Ms. Harrison responded that the counselors are very proactive in this important area. To view the presentation, please click [HERE](#).
- Dr. Secaur noted that the NYSED School Safety and Educational Climate Data from the 2018-2019 school year for each of the District schools was submitted for the Board's review. To view the data, please click [HERE](#).
- Mr. Frontario presented the options for the May 2020 Capital Projects for consideration. The possible projects are a result of the Five-Year Building Condition Survey and includes renovations and upgrades at all District facilities. The renovation of the Hewlett High School auditorium is included in the project list. Mr. Frontario shared the work concluded to date by JAG Architects on the auditorium renovation plans. Several possible funding options were reviewed,

both with and without the auditorium project. A question regarding Building Aid was asked and Mr. Frontario confirmed that the District does receive Building Aid. Mr. Greebel stated that the Board needs to decide about the possible bond as soon as possible. Some reserves would be used for these projects. A discussion ensued about the projects that should be included in the bond. A member of the community suggested eliminating the auditorium project due to expense. Another community member commented that the auditorium is desperate for repair. The presentation can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Schedule of Contracts, Budget Status Report, the Revenue Status Report, the Use of Cellular Phones and Electronic Equipment, the Applications for Club Charters, and the Schedule of Gifts.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the Conferences and Travel schedule. Mr. Critti, Mrs. Menashe, Mrs. Sheinin, and Mrs. Gates will attend the National School Boards Association Annual Conference and Exposition in Chicago, Illinois in April 2020.
- Dr. Secaur discussed the proposal for the Virtual Enterprise team to attend the Virtual Enterprise Youth Business Summit in New York City in April 2020.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the following policies for initial review:
  - Policy #5605 Voter Registration for Students
  - Policy #4772 Graduation Ceremonies
  - Policy #8140 Unsafe School Transfer Choice
  - Policy #2510 New Board Member Orientations
  - Policy #2530 Membership in School Boards Association

Mrs. Gates noted language that needs to be revised on Policy #2510, and requested a minor change on Policy #2530.

- Dr. Secaur reviewed the following policies for final approval:
  - Policy #2120 School Board Elections
- The meeting adjourned to Executive session at 8:55 PM.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 6:00 PM, Budget Session at Franklin Early Childhood Center
- Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 7:30 PM, Tour of Facility at Franklin Early Childhood Center
- Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 8:00 PM Regular Meeting at Franklin Early Childhood Center
- Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 7:30 PM, Work Meeting at Woodmere Education Center

**NOTE:** All agendas and supporting documentation for the December 11, 2019 Work Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).