



Re-Cap!

December 9, 2020
G.W. Hewlett
High School

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

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

WORK MEETING

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.
- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
- Mrs. Shari Diamond, our Internal Claims Auditor from Cerino and Associates, provided a report. All purchases were valid and there were no significant findings. No questions were asked of Ms. Diamond.
- Mrs. Harrison was scheduled to present a report from the Pupil Personnel Services Department. Due to technical difficulties, this presentation has been rescheduled for January.
- Ms. Laura Peterson provided a report from the Special Education Department. She provided an overview of the students receiving services in both public and non-public schools within our boundaries. She shared the continuum of services provided in the District, from the least restrictive to most restrictive environments. She highlighted the Extended School Year program that took place over the summer. Ms. Peterson outlined the Discovery Program, our Gifted and Talented program, at Hewlett Elementary, Ogden Elementary, and Woodmere Middle School. She shared the professional development experiences for special education staff. Mr. Greebel requested information on transition planning, which Ms. Peterson will provide. The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).
- Mrs. Marie Donnelly provided a report on Capital Projects Planning. A Building Conditions Survey is conducted every five years. The District's next survey is due in 2023. Mrs. Donnelly provided an overview of the project approvals throughout the past five years. Projects are approved by voters each May during the budget vote. Some projects are higher priority. Mrs. May asked about the status of the pool and bleachers. Mrs. Donnelly will ask the District's architect to review. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).
- Mr. Flatley provided a report on NYSED School Safety and the Educational Climate Data. Mr. Flatley explained that the above-mentioned report was provided to NYSED in June 2020. The report was previously referred to as the Violent and Disruptive Incident Report. There is no comparative data available because the categories have changed.
- Dr. Marino discussed the upcoming Board of Education member vacancies. There are two seats available due to the resignations of Mr. Paul Critti and Mrs. Daniella Simon. There are two options available including appointing two members or declaring a special election to fill the balance of the terms. Dr. Marino shared that some Districts have left seats unfilled until the May election. The District has 90 days from the effective date of resignation to appoint new mem-

bers or conduct a special election. A special election must be held at least 45 days after the Board's decision. Mr. Greebel inquired about the cost of a special election. The estimated cost is \$55,000. We are waiting to hear from the library if they will request sharing in a special election to appoint a new member to the library board. Several Board members voiced their concern regarding appointing new members. A special election is preferred, but presents many challenges in light of the pandemic including the no visitors policy in the buildings, the ability to obtain workers for the election, and the health and safety concerns. A community member asked about the length of the terms. Mrs. Sheinin explained that one term will expire on June 30, 2022, and the other will expire on June 30, 2023. The Board will vote on their decision at the December 16 meeting.

- Mrs. Donnelly presented the following reports: Budget State, Revenue Status, Use of Cellular Phone and Electronic Equipment, Schedule of Contracts, Schedule of Bids, and Schedule of Gifts.
- Mrs. Donnelly discussed the establishment of the Sydney Babush Model Congress Award.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the applications for Club Charters.
- Dr. Marino discussed the BOCES Budget Review Committee. Mr. Greebel will serve on the committee this year.
- Mr. Flatley discussed the new textbooks for the WMS Science Department and the HHS World History Department.
- Mr. Flatley discussed the policies for final approval for the December 16 meeting: Policy #4316 Physical Education, Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics; Policy #5280 Interscholastic Athletics (for abolishment), Policy #5280/5260 Interscholastic Athletics Insurance (for abolishment), and Policy #1120 School District Records.
- A community member inquired about an upgrade to the softball field. Dr. Marino will review the Building Conditions Survey.
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM, Budget Meeting; 8:00 PM Regular Meeting. G.W. Hewlett High School

NOTE:

The agenda and supporting documentation for the December 9 work meeting can be found [HERE](#).