



Re-Cap!

February 14, 2018

Ogden Elementary School

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Scott McInnes, *President*; Cheryl May, *Vice President*; Jonathan Altus, M.D., Melissa Gates, Mitchell A. Greebel, Daniella R. Simon, Stephen B. Witt

Regular Meeting

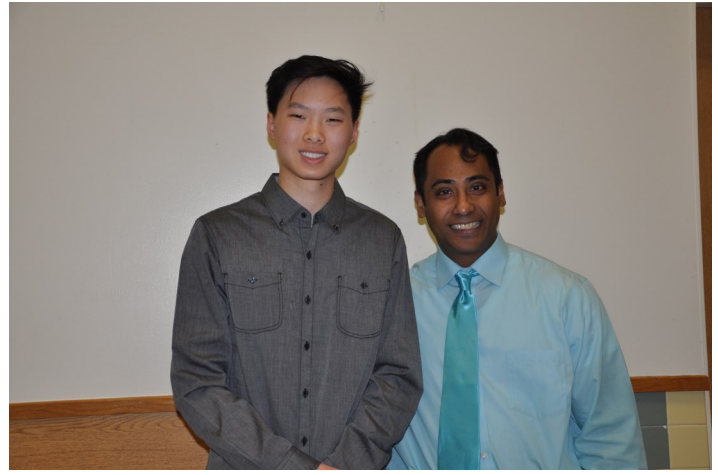
- The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Winter Sherman, a fifth grade student at Ogden Elementary School.



- THE OES Music Theater Workshop performed "America the Beautiful" under the direction of Mrs. Mara Santanastaso and Ms. Mary Molinari.

- Mrs. Barbara McNiff recognized Head Custodian, Stan Koch, and thanked him for his many years of service to the District and for his efforts in preparing OES for the meeting.





- Mr. Lenson, Interim HHS Principal, introduced Dr. Patricia Nardi and Dr. Terrence Bissoondial, who recognized high school students who were distinguished in the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) or Regeneron Student Talent Search. Dr. Nardi introduced students Michelle Schwartzman (not in attendance), Leila Xu and Winnie Xu, three semifinalists for JSHS. Winnie Xu was also named a Regeneron STS Scholar. Dr. Bissoondial introduced Samuel Bogdanov (not in attendance), a Regional Finalist for JSHS. Dr. Bissoondial also introduced Regeneron STS Scholar in Science, Justin Ng.

Administrator Reports

- Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Ralph Marino. Recent events attended include the FECC Disney in the Park, Math Game Day, and the Jungle in Gym Class; the HES Chinese New Year Celebration and Dance Residency Performance; the WMS Consumer Olympics, Science and History Fairs; the HHS Regeneron recognition and the performance of, "As You Like It." He plans to attend the OES Grade 4 Dancing with the Stars and Chocolate Milk debate prior to the winter recess. He has held Staff Chats at OES, HHS, and WEC and bus runs at HES and WMS. Dr. Marino also provided an update on the HW 2025 initiative. The Stakeholder Planning Team met on February 5 and 6, and they are working on reviewing and refining the District's mission and vision statements. The committee is also reviewing current District programs and initiatives and identifying strategic plan focus areas. He is hosting a Superintendent's Roundtable on February 15 at the Hewlett Fire Department. Dr. Marino provided a 2018-2019 budget update. Currently, the budget-to-budget and tax levy increases stand at 2.86%. The Capital Project Proposition will also be on the ballot on May 15 and includes work at all six buildings. Dr. Marino and members of the Legislative Committee met with Assemblyman Curran, Assemblywoman Solages and Senator Todd Kaminsky. He is hoping for an on time budget from the Governor on April 1, 2018.
- Dr. Marino provided the Curriculum Report in Dr. Secaur's absence. Dr. Secaur also attended many events this past month, including FECC Disney in the Park, HES Chinese New Year, the WMS Consumer Olympics, and the HHS performance of, "As You Like It." He also attended a NADCO Mindfulness Presentation, the DLT mid-year retreat, and the Education Policy Fellowship Program Politics of School Reform event. His committee work is ongoing on the Technology Committee, PTA Curriculum Committee, and Professional Development Committee.

- Mr. Louis Frontario provided the Business Department Report. Mr. Frontario, Mr. DiBartolo, and Mr. Perrotta attended a State Aid Planning Workshop. He also attended the Legislative Financial Forum on February 9, where Long Island's state aid was discussed. Mr. Frontario also provided a review of the 2018-2019 budget development. Five budget workshops have been held thus far. Additional information will be shared at the March 14 budget meeting.
- Mrs. Barbara McNiff provided an update from Human Resources. She reported on the progress in the search for a permanent principal of Hewlett High School. Ninety-four applications were received and the committee has selected the top eight candidates for interviews. She is currently working with Mr. Frontario and Mr. DiBartolo on the staffing budget for next year. She recently attended the WMS science fair and was impressed by the level of student work. She attended the Nassau County Human Resources Director Meeting.
- Dr. Marino provided the Special Education report in Dr. Lo Verde's absence. Annual reviews are underway at all five District schools and six non-public schools. All IEPs are carefully reviewed. SEPTA recently sponsored two forums with a focus on helping parents understand their child's special education needs and the CSE process. Hewlett-Woodmere and Lynbrook recently held a joint forum, where IEP and legal requirements were discussed.
- Miss Shelby Love reported from the Student Advisory Council. She announced that Sports Nite will be held on March 2. The theme is television shows.
- Central Council Co-presidents Debi Sheinin and Susette Preziosi highlighted events in all the school buildings, including the successful HHS Senior Night fundraiser at Chipotle, the WMS Black History Month celebration, the OES Father/Daughter Dance, the HES Dance Residency and upcoming Bulldog Auction, the FECC Best Buddies Dance and upcoming One World Celebration, and the SEPTA Autism Walks.

Board Committee Reports

- Mr. Greebel reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of both the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-school Special Education.
- Mrs. Gates also reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. There is one policy on the agenda for approval and two policies for abolishment.

Board Member Reports

- Mrs. Gates reported on the Financial Forum that she attended with Mr. Frontario. The discussion included state aid, ENL challenges and mental health curriculum.
- Mr. McInnes reported that Mrs. Gates has been named a Woman of Distinction by the New York State Assembly.
- The consent agenda was approved.

- The Board then approved the following policy: #4526 Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy. The following policies were abolished: #4526.2 Electronic Communications Policy and #4526.3 Web Site Policy.
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 6:30 PM: BOE Budget Session at WEC

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 7:30 PM: Work Meeting at WEC

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 8:00 PM: Regular Meeting at WEC

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7:00 PM: BOE Budget Session at WEC

Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 7:00 PM: Public Budget Forum at WEC

NOTE:

All agendas and supporting documentation for the February 14, 2018 meeting can be found by clicking [HERE!](#)