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February 27, 2019
Hewlett Elementary
School

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

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Hewlett Elementary School, Samantha Keltz, Benjamin Glick, and Aviv Paz.
- Mrs. O'Hara introduced students who are members of the Bulldog Buddies program at Hewlett Elementary. Isabella D'Agostino and Ethan Menkes spoke about how much the program means to them. The members of the Bulldog Buddies also include Tahel Swisa, Sara Golduber, Samuel Zinn, James Brill, Kristina O'Rourke, Logan Rosenthal-Pastore, Samantha Keltz, Aviv Paz, Benjamin Glick, and Shoshana Shalom.



- Mrs. O'Hara and Mr. Frias presented name plates to the Board of Education members and Superintendency that were made with the 3D printer by the fifth grade tech design class under the direction of Mrs. Kristina Gallagher. Mrs. O'Hara then shared one of 12 prosthetic hands that was also made in the tech design class. All of the prosthetic hands will be donated to Different Heroes, an organization that will give them to children with limb differences.

Administrator Reports

- Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He attended many recent events, including the FECC Chinese New Year Parade and Kindness Presentation; the STEAM Night at HES, the Mother/Son Paint Night and Dancing Classrooms at OES, the WMS History and Science Fairs, and the HHS Robotics Competition and Virtual Enterprise Championships. Dr. Marino also attended the wonderful All-District Orchestra Night, and a PTA meeting at FECC. He hosted staff chats at FECC, HES, WMS, and WEC, and Superintendent's Roundtables at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment and the Hewlett Fire Department. He rode buses with students from FECC, HES, OES and WMS. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. He met with representatives from K12 Insight on February 27 to plan for the upcoming School Quality survey and discuss reporting needs for the recently closed Alumni survey. On March 11, K12 Insight will conduct a data workshop for the principals and members of shared decision making teams. Dr. Marino reported that the Board of Education Legislative Committee will meet with Assemblywomen Miller, Solages and Griffin, and Senator Kaminsky in March. He also discussed the proposed 2019-2020 budget and the possible capital project. Dr. Marino attended the National Conference on Education, presented by the American Association of School Administrators. He is the New York State representative on the Executive Committee of the AASA.
- Dr. Secaur shared information related to a professional conference he recently attended. At the Future of Educational Technology Conference, he accompanied a team of Hewlett-Woodmere staff members who learned more about trends in learning technology, implications for professional development, as well as the importance of data protections and safeguards. He also referenced his attendance at the recent Nassau County Council of School Superintendents Financial Forum. Dr. Secaur also shared that his office played a central role in the hiring of our Executive Director of Human Resources, and is also busy coordinating mid-year goals meetings and the observations of our professional staff. He will be attending the LIASCD Spring Conference on Friday, March 1st and continues to serve that organization as a board member and active past-president.
- Mr. Frontario provided the Business Report. He recently attended the State Aid Planning Winter Workshop on February 5 in Hauppauge. The fine points of the governor's proposal for state aid were reviewed, including the new Services Aid. He explained that the Services Aid would collapse many other aids into one, and would result in a minimal increase, if any. The tax cap calculation methods and proposed aid payment schedules were also discussed. Mr. Frontario also attended the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents Financial Forum on February 8, where the following topics were discussed: advocating for Long Island schools, student performance and academic outcomes, school safety, sustainable and predictable school funding, supporting student needs as population shifts, and the state budget. Mr. Frontario discussed the recent District Leadership Team retreat and thanked Dr. Marino for the opportunity to work collaboratively to achieve District goals. Mr. Frontario discussed the proposed 2019-2020 school budget. The next budget meeting will be held on March 13. The District will be asking the Board of Education to adopt the budget earlier this year as all materials must now be available in English and Spanish.
- Dr. Lo Verde provided the Special Education Report. The Special Education Department hosted a co-teaching professional development opportunity at Woodmere Middle School. The presenter was Dr. Audrey Cohan from Molloy College. The conference was geared toward Special Education and ENL teachers. The assistant principals were trained by the District's attorney regarding the 504 accommodation plan process and the recent changes to the law. Dr. Lo Verde officially welcomed Ms. Kathleen Granelli, the District's new Assistant Director for Special Education. Ms. Kim Christ hosted a transition meeting for preschool parents whose children will be attending

kindergarten next year. She sighted another important transition period when students are 12 years old to plan for their future.

- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources Report. Dr. Fale thanked the superintendency and the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve the District as the Executive Director of Human Resources. This is the time of year when tenure recommendations are finalized. In addition, Dr. Fale has been working with Mr. Frontario and Mr. DiBartolo on staffing needs. One of the goals of the Human Resources Department is to reduce the amount of paper that is necessary throughout the hiring process. He and his staff are attending webinars and conducting research on possible technologies.
- Ms. Margo Verschleiser reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. This week is Spirit Week. Sports Night is this Friday at 4:00 PM. A meeting was held about the Fashion Show on March 29. Tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. The new library room is being utilized and enjoyed by students.
- Robyn Kelstein reported on behalf of the Central Council PTA. Franklin held their second annual Best Buddies Dance on February 13, where the students danced with DJ Pace, made sand art, and had a great time. The FECC after-school program has begun with two new classes added to the roster: FAST athletics and cooking. The One World Celebration will be held on March 5 from 5:30—7:30 PM. More than 30 countries will be represented. HES held their Brotherhood/Sisterhood Assembly. STEAM Night was on January 31. Sports Night for 2nd and 3rd grade students and parents was a huge success. The Friendship Dance was held on Valentine's Day during recess. Author Suzy Kline visited 2nd grade classrooms on February 27. OES hosted the 4th Grade Cultural Arts Dancing Classrooms performance, where students danced the waltz, fox trot, samba, and more. The Father (special male)/Daughter Dance was held on February 13 and a great time was had by all. The Art-tastic Art Gallery fundraiser will be held on March 12 and art will be displayed from every student. The 5th grade bake sale will be held on March 15 and the National Circus Performance on March 27. WMS held a chemistry show and a Black History Month show. Vaping presentations took place in all physical education classes on February 7 and 8. HHS PTA recently announced the Building Bulldogs Brick by Brick fundraiser. All proceeds will support Senior Night for the Class of 2019. The Yankee Candle fundraiser is also underway. The first annual staff volleyball tournament is taking place on February 28 at 7:30 in the HHS gym. Come cheer on your school players. Mrs. Kelstein announced that PTA awards for graduating seniors will only be available to students whose parent/guardian is a current member of PTA. HHS Sports Night will be held on March 1 at 4:00 PM. SEPTA welcomes Ms. Kathleen Granelli, the new Assistant Director of Special Education. A Transition Fair will be held on March 25.

Board Committee Reports

- Mrs. Judy Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The committee recommended the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- Mrs. Simon reported on behalf of the Communication Committee. The committee met recently and discussed budget communications and the District calendar. The next meeting is April 12.

Board Reports

- Mrs. Gates recently attended the National School Boards Association Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. She had the opportunity to listen to several speakers related to the field of education, including United States Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos.

- The consent agenda and the following policy was unanimously approved:
 - 0300 Board of Education Accountability
- The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM to Executive Session

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Budget Meeting, 6:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, BOE Work Meeting, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, March 20, 2019, Tour of Facilities, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Thursday, March 21, Budget Meeting, 7:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Note:

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