



# Re-Cap!

**February 6, 2019**  
**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

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### **Budget Development Meeting**

The budget development meeting was held at the Woodmere Education Center at 6:00 PM. Mr. Frontario reviewed the status of the 2019-2020 budget to date. To view the budget presentation, click [HERE](#).

### **Work Meeting**

- The Treasurer's Report was made available to the Board of Education. There were no questions.
- Dr. Secaur introduced Mrs. Alba Gallegos, who provided an update on the World Languages and English as a New Language department. Mrs. Gallegos first addressed the World Languages department. She discussed the 5 C's and modes of communication for language instruction, the enrollments in the four languages available for students, Advanced Placement themes, and student test data. She also reviewed the foreign language honor societies and student successes on national language examinations. A member of the audience asked why Italian instruction did not begin at the middle school level. Mrs. Gallegos responded by informing the audience that a parent survey was completed several years ago and the results indicated that Chinese was the preferred language. A Board member asked a question regarding whether Spanish 9H would be offered. Mrs. Gallegos replied that language students have a very rich experience in a heterogeneous classroom environment. Another community member asked why the District does not begin languages at an earlier age. Mrs. Gallegos replied that there are many factors involved in that decision including budget implications, staffing implications, and scheduling for younger students. Mrs. Gallegos also discussed the English as a New Language program. She reviewed the many native languages spoken by our ENL student population, as well as the differences between English Language Learners, Multi-Language Learners, and Former Limited English Proficient learners. She also shared the ENL enrollment by building and the mandated instruction for students in grades K-8 and 9-12. Mrs. Gallegos reviewed the two state assessments: the NYSITELL and the NYSESLAT and the Ellevation resource.
- Dr. Secaur introduced Mrs. Barbara Giese, who provided the Communications Update. Mrs. Giese shared examples of how all individuals see, hear, and process information differently.

She then reviewed the different modes of communication the School Community Relations department utilizes to reach the community, including social media, direct mail, District Website, Blackboard Connect Messaging system, the District app, and the media. Mrs. Giese then provided examples of communication materials that fall into each category. She highlighted the new design of the District and school Websites and illustrated the updated features. School Community Relations will be creating the budget communication materials, the District calendar, the graduation and commencement videos and the summer program brochures throughout the next several months.

- Mr. Frontario presented the following reports:
  - ⇒ Budget Status Report
  - ⇒ Revenue Status Report
  - ⇒ Preliminary Fund Balance
  - ⇒ Extraclassroom Report
  - ⇒ Schedule of Contracts
  
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the establishment of the Regina and Frank DeMaio Award for Theater Excellence. A Board member asked if it is the norm for departments other than guidance to select scholarship recipients. The Art and Music Department select recipients for certain awards.
  
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the following resolutions:
  - SEQRA: Analysis of Proposed Lighting, Bleacher and Bathroom at WMS
  - Lease agreement between the District and the Hewlett Lawrence Soccer Club
  
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the proposal for 27 students and two chaperones to attend the DECA competition in Rochester, New York from March 6-8, 2019. A Board member asked if the cost for the trip was similar to last year. Dr. Secaur confirmed that costs are in line.
  
- Dr. Secaur reviewed upcoming conferences and travel, which includes attendance at the Joseph R. Sugar NYSSMA Annual Conference in Albany for Mr. Walter Lastowski and Mr. Anthony Santanastaso.
  
- Dr. Secaur presented the following policies for initial review:
  - Policy #0001 Mission Statement & Vision
  - Policy #0110 Sexual harassment
  - Policy #5420/5425 Physical Examinations and Inoculations/Opioid Overdose Protection
  - Policy #9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct

- Dr. Secaur presented the following policy for final review and adoption on February 27:  
Policy #0300: Board of Education Accountability.

Mr. McInnes observed that we need to include language that Board members make every effort to comply with Board policies. Dr. Secaur will share that information with counsel for review.

- Questions from the public on non-agenda items: A resident inquired about the availability of a BOCES catalog at the HHS Guidance Office. Mr. Greebel suggested that the resident contact the HHS PPS department to ask them to obtain the catalog. The same community member shared that he contacted Infinite Campus about improving functionality of the Parent Portal app. Dr. Secaur asked for the resident to share the contact information of the individual.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:30 PM.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- BOE Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 8:00 PM, Hewlett Elementary School
- BOE Budget Session, Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 6:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center followed by the Work Session at 7:30 PM
- BOE Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 8:00 PM Woodmere Education Center
- BOE Budget Session, Thursday, March 21, 2019, 7:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center
- Public Budget Forum, Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 7:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

**NOTE:** All agendas and supporting documentation for the February 6, 2019 Work Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).