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February 7, 2018

Woodmere

Education Center

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

Work Meeting

- The Treasurer's Report was made available to the Board of Education. There were no questions for Mrs. SanPhillipo.
- Dr. Secaur introduced Ms. Michele Hochhauser, Chairperson of English Language Arts P-12, who presented a report to the board highlighting the ELA programs at each building. A greater emphasis on grammar instruction and cursive writing has been introduced at the elementary level and continues through sixth grade. Summer reading assignments across all grade-levels provide more of a choice for students and foster a love of reading. The assignments will incorporate technology and offer a jumpstart for classroom projects. The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project has continued to provide professional development in the elementary buildings and middle school. Several board members inquired about the effectiveness of Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. Mrs. Hochhauser and Dr. Secaur both expressed confidence in the program. The presentation can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).
- Dr. Secaur introduced Mr. Walter Lastowski, Chairperson of Art & Music, who presented a report to the board emphasizing the achievements of Art and Music program throughout the year. Art accomplishments include a Scholar Artist Award Winner, several students received the highest honor from the New York State Art Teachers Association for the Portfolio Project 2017, and our very own Louise Edman was named Art Teacher of the Year by the Art Supervisors Association. Music achievements include significant participation in All County and All State Music levels. Upcoming events include the first ever high school Music & Art Departments field trip to Montreal, Canada in April 2018. More than 260 enthusiastic students will participate! The music department has, once again, been invited back to Citi Field. This time it is the WMS eighth grade chorus who will perform the National Anthem. All are welcome to attend the game on June 1, 2018. The presentation can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the following reports: Budget Status, Revenue Status, Preliminary Fund Balance and Extraclassroom. In addition, he reviewed the Schedule of Contracts.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Transfers of Appropriation which require Board approval and those approved at the District administration level.

- Mr. Frontario reviewed and explained three resolutions from the Instructional Technology Department: Participation in Cooperative Purchasing Under US Communities; Gray Bar and Insight Public Sector; and Participation in Cooperative Purchasing Under National IPA.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the proposal for the DECA States trip to Rochester on March 7-9, 2018. The trip involves 21 students plus the club advisers.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the Schedule of Field Trips, which included the Art and Music trip to Montreal in April 2018.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the Schedule of Conferences and Travel, which included Mr. Lastowski's attendance at the 45th Annual Joseph R. Sugar NYSSMA Day in Albany in March 2018; and Dr. Marino's participation in the AASA Governing Board Advocacy Conference in July 2018.
- Dr. Secaur discussed three policies: The first, Policy #4526 Network and Internet Acceptable Use, for approval. Policy #4526.2 Electronic Communications and #4526.3 Website Policy both for abolishment. These policies will not be needed due to the anticipated approval of Policy #4526.
- Board President McInnes asked if there were any questions from the public on agenda or non-agenda items. Members of the audience spoke about the Muslim holidays and the School District Calendar.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:45 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, February 14, 2018
 - 7:00 PM Facility Tour, Ogden Elementary School
 - 8:00 PM Regular Board of Education Meeting, Ogden Elementary School

NOTE: All agendas and supporting documentation for the February 7, 2018 Work Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE!](#)