



# Re-Cap!

**February 10, 2021**  
**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

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### **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT MEETING**

- Mrs. Marie Donnelly presented information on the development of the 2021-2022 school budget. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).

### **WORK MEETING**

- Mrs. Sheinin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
- Dr. Brian Terry presented the Science Update. He reviewed the new science standards that were adopted in 2016. We are still waiting for the assessments to change and the complete roll-out of the standards is scheduled for 2025. Dr. Terry shared the innovative ways teachers at all levels are completing science instruction. He reviewed highlights from the elementary, middle, and high school. Dr. Terry also shared photographs and the latest projects from the Outdoor Environmental Center. He reviewed passing and scale scores on state science assessments. Finally, Dr. Terry highlighted the science research program. Mrs. May asked about the revisions to the name of the Earth Science course and inquired about the January regents. Dr. Terry stated that the language for the transition is not yet finalized.
- Mrs. Barbara Giese provided the annual Communications Update. She shared the importance of communication during a pandemic and provided an overview of the communication efforts throughout the past year. Mrs. Giese highlighted the many community letters, school reopening letters, FAQ document updates, and website sections that have been completed throughout the past year. She also shared materials created outside the pandemic. Mrs. Menashe thanked Mrs. Giese for all of her hard work. Mrs. May stated that she hopes to be able to view the videos and presentation at the end-of-year events in person.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following Business Office Resolutions: Acceptance of Single Audit Report and Participation in Sachem School District Bid.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Business Office reports. There were no questions.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Schedule of Contracts and the Schedule of Gifts.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Surplus Equipment. Mrs. Gates suggested that the District's excess

equipment be donated to a youth organization rather than being discarded. Mrs. Donnelly will research this possibility.

- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the applications for Club Charters.
- Mrs. Kim Parahus discussed the District-wide safety plan, which is on the District website for public comment for 30 days. Following the public comment period, she will share comments with the Board of Education prior to seeking approval.
- Mrs. Kim Parahus discussed the District's gender-neutral bathrooms. This is completed at Hewlett High School. The resolution will be on the agenda for the February 24 meeting.
- Dr. Marino discussed the Nassau BOCES Board and letters of interest from candidates. The District will vote on the BOCES budget and three candidates on April 20. The Board of Education agreed to nominate the three incumbents: Susan Bergtraum, Martin R. Kaye, and Michael Weinick.
- Mr. Flatley reviewed the upcoming conferences and travel which includes Dr. Marino's virtual participation in the American Association of School Administrators Executive Committee Meeting and the Long Island Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development meeting.
- Mr. Flatley discussed the two policies up for initial review: #4510 Selection of Instructional Materials Print and Non-Print and #2260 Citizens Advisory Committee. Mrs. Gates asked about an edit in the Instructional Materials policy. Mr. Flatley explained that it was a grammatical correction.
- There were no questions from the public.
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Wednesday, February 24 at 8:00 PM, Regular Meeting at Hewlett High School

### **NOTE:**

The agenda and supporting documentation for the February 10 work meeting can be found [HERE](#).