



# Re-Cap!

January 16,  
2019

Woodmere  
Middle 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

- Mrs. Simon introduced Ms. Olivia Ginzburg, an eighth grade student at Woodmere Middle



School, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Dr. Bauer introduced Mr. Lastowski, District Director of Art and Music. Mr. Lastowski introduced music teacher, Heather Little, who discussed the new hand bells program at WMS. Ms. Little then directed a class of sixth grade students in a performance of "America" and "Jingle Bells."



The student performers were: Stamati Astsidaftis, Jack Beeg, Michael Davidov, Alexis Fulda, Jayden Kennedy, Denis Krasnov, Anthony Melnik, Johnny Ospina, Ibrahim, Qazi, Lev Rushinsky, Jason Shapiro, Sharon Sheerit, Yarel Sulman, Enes Tatas, Reese Votto, and Olicia Ziarno.

- Dr. Bauer recognized the WMS students who were leaders in the recent American Math Competition:

Gion Sagalongos, Grade 7, 1st Place

Anneliese Baum, Grade 8, 2nd Place

Brian Chen, Emily Erdos, Leila Flores,

Julian Valme, Grade 6, Top Scorer in



(not in attendance)

Jonathan River, Grade 8, 3rd Place

Grade 6

## Administrator Reports

- Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He attended many holiday celebrations at all schools prior to the recess. He recently shared bus rides with students and hosted staff chats. He attended the WMS Frost Valley trip and the mid-Hudson Wrestling Tournament. A meeting of the Public and Private Schools Council was held this week and was well attended. The topic of discussion was transportation. He is hosting a Superintendent's Roundtable at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment on January 17. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The Curriculum and Instruction survey, set to launch later this month, is currently under review by the Implementation Team. The Alumni Survey is drawing to a close with approximately 175 respondents. Dr. Marino reported that the District will receive a 3.6 percent increase in state aid, not including the building aid increase. He shared that the next budget meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 PM at Woodmere Education Center. The District and BOE are working hard to achieve both a budget-to-budget increase and tax levy increase of under three percent.
- Dr. Secaur provided the Curriculum Report. He also attended many of the holiday celebrations prior to recess. The Curriculum and Instruction office is focusing on the New Teacher Induction Program. Most recently, new teachers had the opportunity to speak with a newly tenured teacher. Dr. Secaur is currently working with Ms. Amanda Kavanagh on the upcoming Future of Educational Technology Conference being held in Orlando later this month. In addition, the mid-year evaluation process is ongoing. Dr. Secaur is also focusing on the HW 2025 surveys by reviewing potential questions and analyzing results.

- Mr. Frontario provided the Business Report. The next budget meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 PM at the Woodmere Education Center. In addition to the budget, capital projects will be discussed. The tax cap information has been received from the state. The tax levy limit is set at two percent. Mr. Frontario also discussed the WinCap Employee Self-Service Portal, which is now operational. The Business Office is encouraging employees to sign up to use the portal.
- Dr. Lo Verde provided the Special Education Report. Dr. Lo Verde enjoyed all of the holiday celebrations in December. From the FECC Puff Ball Celebration to the amazing talent of the HHS Chorale, the District has some wonderful traditions. The annual reviews will begin in February and all staff is preparing. She thanked all staff for their hard work.
- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources Report. He complimented the WMS students who performed. He also enjoyed all of the holiday celebrations and is especially thankful that he received a Puff Ball. The HR department recently ran an advertisement in the New York Times for a Special Education Teacher. The District places ads in the Times to ensure that we receive the best possible candidates with diverse talent. He also introduced Mr. Frank DeLeo, who joined the HWPS team last week as the Director of Health, Safety, and Security. His department is beginning to form the tenure recommendations.
- Ms. Bharvi Chavre, the treasurer of the Executive Board, reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. The hallways at the high school were decorated into a Winter Wonderland. The new study room in the library is now operational. Sports Night will be held on March 1, 2019 and the theme is music. They are working with the PTA on a fashion show fundraiser.
- Robyn Kelstein reported on behalf of the Central Council PTA. Franklin is hosting a parent night fundraiser on January 25. The Islanders will be coming to visit on January 25. The FECC PTA will be collecting items for child poverty. The HHS PTA is co-sponsoring presentations on vaping and drugs by Dr. Stephen Dewey on March 5. There is a new kindness initiative underway. The engraved bricks initiative has been presented to the BOE. They are also planning an all staff volleyball tournament. WMS recently had a chemistry presentation and are also having a vaping presentation for students. SEPTA will be sponsoring a speaker on autism. The date will follow. OES recently hosted a mindfulness speaker for parents while students practiced yoga. The fifth grade volleyball night was a huge success. Dancing classrooms is currently underway. HES recently has their family book club and the Chinese New Year assembly preparations are underway.

## **Board Committee Reports**

- Mrs. Judy Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

- Mrs. Melissa Gates reported on behalf of the Legislative Committee. The committee will soon begin meeting with local legislators.
- Mrs. Gates also reported that she has been nominated once again to serve on the NYSSBA Awards Committee. She will accept the nomination.
- The consent agenda and the following policies were unanimously approved.
  - 9140.1 Staff Complaints and Grievances
  - 9320 Drug Free Workplace
  - 9460 Incidental Teaching (ABOLISHED)
- The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Thursday, January 24, 2019: 7:00 PM, Budget Session at Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, February 6, 2019: 6:30 PM, Budget Session/7:30 PM, Work Session, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, February 27, 2019: 7:00 PM Tour of Facility, 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, Hewlett Elementary School

#### **Note:**

All agendas and supporting documentation for the January 16, 2019 Regular Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

The January Construction Update can be found by clicking [HERE](#).