



Re-Cap!

January 9, 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

Work Meeting

- The Treasurer's Report was made available to the Board of Education. There were no questions.
- Dr. Secaur provided an explanation on the two draft calendars for consideration for the 2019-2020 school year. He noted that both Draft A and Draft B include 181 instructional days for students. The drafts were shared with the bargaining units and PTAs. The preference is for Draft B. Many members of the audience addressed the Board of Education in regard to the inclusion of the Eid holidays on the District calendar. The two holidays do not fall on school days in 2020. Some residents would like the holidays recognized, while others do not. Board of Education President Mitchell Greebel provided a re-cap of the discussion that took place last year regarding the inclusion of additional holidays on the school calendar. Mr. Greebel reiterated that the District is not permitted to add days to the calendar without a secular purpose. He stated that there is no new information that prompts the Board to reexamine the issue at this time.
- Mr. Frontario discussed the PTA Brick by Brick initiative fundraiser. The initial plan was not economically feasible, so a new plan has been discussed by the HHS PTA, Mr. Frontario, Mr. Galati, and Ms. Parahus. They are now considering the Commons area as an alternative.
- Mr. Frontario presented the following reports:
 - ⇒ Budget Status Report
 - ⇒ Revenue Status Report
 - ⇒ Schedule of Contracts
 - ⇒ Transfers of Appropriation
 - ⇒ Schedule of Gifts: there are three gifts recommended for approval: HHS PTA donation to offset the cost of presentations by Dr. Dewey; Hofstra University donation for participation in the Celebration of Suburban Diversity 2018 HS Essay Scholarship Contest; and a donation from the May family for Boys' Varsity Lacrosse uniforms.
 - ⇒ Surplus Equipment: three panels of a cheer mat will be discarded.

- Dr. Secaur presented the following policy for initial review:
#0300 Accountability
NOTE: Policy #2160 School Board Officer and Employee Ethics will be sent back to the Policy Committee for revisions.
- Dr. Secaur presented the following policy for final review and adoption on January 16:
#9140.1 Drug-Free Workplace
- Dr. Secaur presented the following policy for final review for abolishment on January 16:
#9460 Incidental Teaching
- Questions from the public on non-agenda items: A resident discussed teachers' placement of homework online. A recent meeting took place between Dr. Secaur, Mrs. Kavanagh, and the resident. The District uses a third-party vendor for its online portal and will ask them to increase the flexibility with which a parent can access desired information.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 7:00 PM: Tour of Facilities, Woodmere Middle School
8:00 PM: Board of Education Regular Meeting, Woodmere Middle School
- Thursday, January 24, 2019, 7:00 PM: Budget Session, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE: All agendas and supporting documentation for the January 9, 2019 Work Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).