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July 12, 2018
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

Organizational Meeting

- The Oath of Office was administered by the District Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Randazzo, to Board of Education members, Mrs. Melissa Gates, Mrs. Judy Menashe, and Mrs. Debra Sheinin.
- The Oath of Office was administered by the District Clerk to Dr. Ralph Marino, Jr., Superintendent.
- Nominations were submitted to the District Clerk for President of the Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. May nominated Mr. Greebel, which was seconded by Mr. McInnes, and unanimously approved. Nominations were then submitted for the Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. May nominated Mrs. Gates, which was seconded by Mr. McInnes, and unanimously approved.
- The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Greebel and Mrs. Gates.
- Mr. Greebel administered the Oath of Office to the Board Service Personnel: Mrs. Randazzo, District Clerk, Mr. Louis Frontario, Assistant District Clerk, Mrs. Laurie SanPhillipo, District Treasurer, and Dr. Mark Secaur, Assistant Treasurer.



- The designation of newspapers for the 2018-2019 legal notices was approved, as well as the designation of banks to serve as depositories.
- The designation of Board Committees for the 2018-2019 school year was approved.

Regular Meeting

- Mr. Greebel called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM. He thanked Mr. McInnes and Mrs. May for their years of service as officers of the Board.

Administrator Reports

- Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Ralph Marino. Dr. Marino reported on the end of the year activities, including graduations and moving up ceremonies, awards ceremonies, the HHS prom, retirement celebrations, the DLT breakfast, the HW 2025 celebration, and the NCCSS end of year celebration. Dr. Marino recently attended the AASA Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC. The attendees discussed the teacher shortage in America, the higher education act proposal to change the repayment of student loans, the fiscal impact of ESSA, and school segregation. Attendees also spent a day on Capitol Hill where they had the opportunity to speak to representatives.
- Dr. Secaur presented the Curriculum and Instruction update. He recently attended ESSA training in Wheatley Heights where the attendees reviewed the state ESSA plan. The plan will not have a significant impact on HWPS, as we are a high achieving school district. June 22, 2018 was a professional development day for teachers where they learned about a new program called Schoology. Dr. Secaur reported that we have preliminary Regents exam data, which appear to be impressive in comparison to previous years. He has assembled a focus group consisting of various District stakeholders to discuss and review the District's practice regarding Regents scores on student transcripts. The first meeting resulted in excellent dialogue. A second meeting will be scheduled soon.
- A Business Report was given by Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. Louis Frontario. The Business Office is closing the books on the 2017-2018 school year and has begun implementing the 2018-2019 budget. They are also preparing for the upcoming audit. The office also provided NYSED with the information requested regarding our Special Education grants. The deadline was met and the District is in compliance. The transportation office has a vacancy, but we have retained an experienced transportation employee to prepare our bus routes for the fall. The Property Tax Relief Credit has been filed on time, allowing those constituents who are eligible to receive their tax relief.
- Dr. Lo Verde provided a report on Special Education. She discussed the graduation and moving up ceremonies and how it is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with students. Three students have "aged-out" of our education system and were thrilled to participate in the prom and graduation. The Special Department's annual review process has been completed, with more than 600 IEPs processed. The summer program is in full swing and provides an excellent opportunity for

students to retain the skills they have learned during the school year.

- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources report. He introduced the new hires: Mr. Dale Pescitelli, Physical Education Teacher, Mrs. Susette Preziosi, Reading Teacher, OES, and Mr. John Frias, the HES Assistant Principal. Dr. Fale reported that he has been with the District for seven days and is transitioning well, thanks to his very competent office staff. He has visited all of the Summer Programs and is becoming acclimated to the culture of the District. He is very happy to be here and contribute to the District.

Board Committee Reports

- Mrs. May 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.

Board Reports

- Mrs. Gates reported on the New York State School Boards Association committee, who met to make recommendations for the Dwyer Award. There are three NYSSBA resolutions for approval this evening. Other districts have expressed interest in endorsing our resolutions.
- The Consent Agenda was approved.
- The following annual review policies were approved: Fees, Code of Conduct, and Integrated Pest Management. The Public Use of School Facilities policy was also approved.

Public Comment

- A resident addressed the Board of Education regarding a current matter involving an employee. Mr. Greebel noted that the District is unable to comment on an ongoing investigation. He also explained that the District is offering counseling services to students, parents, and staff.
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 5:55 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

[Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 5:00 PM Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center](#)

NOTE:

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