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June 28, 2021
Woodmere Education
Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Debra Sheinin, *President*; Cheryl May, *Vice President*; Shari Amitrano, Melissa Gates, Mitchell A. Greebel, Judy Menashe, Francois Tenenbaum

WORK MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION MEETING

- The work meeting began at 5:00 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Sheinin.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following items. There were no questions.
 - Board Appointments
 - Annual Appointments of Board Service Personnel
 - Newspapers for Legal Notices
 - Banks as Depositories
 - Bond Counsel and Financial Advisors
 - Crime Bonds
 - Additional Authorizations
- Ms. Peterson discussed the authority of Board Members to appoint Impartial Hearing Officers. The Board Members who will authorize are Mr. Greebel and Mrs. Menashe.
- Dr. Marino discussed the Board of Education Accountability Statement. The BOE will read and sign the statement on July 1.
- Dr. Marino discussed Board of Education representation on Board Committees, District Committees, and outside organizations. Board members volunteered to serve on committees.
- Dr. Marino discussed the need for nominations for Board of Education President and Vice President for the July 1 meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

WORK MEETING FOR THE JULY 1 REGULAR MEETING

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.
- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. There were no questions.
- Mrs. Donnelly provided a presentation on the New Universal Full-Day Pre-K Grant. The District currently receives \$332,286 in pre-k funding per year for a half-day program. As part of this year's State budget, the District received \$540,000 for a full-day program. Ten percent of both

programs must be shared with Community Based Organizations each year. With the new funding, the net cost to the District to provide free, full-day pre-k would be \$447,755 per year for 90 students. The District has the option to convert some or all of the half-day slots from the existing program into full-day slots. There are currently eight classrooms available at Franklin, which would allow a maximum of 160 students in both programs combined. If there are more than 160 interested families, the District would be required to select the first 160 students for enrollment via a state-approved lottery system. A waiting list would be maintained to allow for students to be added if students from the original lottery leave the program. If the District utilizes the American Rescue Plan funds each year of \$383,351, the total cost to the District will be \$64,404 per year for four years. It is important to note that after four years, the District must assume the entire \$447,755 cost. After much discussion, the Board of Education agreed to host three forums in late August and September to present the program to the community and determine interest. Then the Board of Education will make a final determination no later than October. If the program moves forward, it will tentatively begin in December 2021/January 2022. More information will be forthcoming regarding the community forums.

- Mrs. Donnelly discussed the amount to be raised in taxes. The Board discussed lowering the 1.95% increase approved by the voters in May. Additional funds have been received by the federal and state government that allows the District to lower the levy and lessen the burden on the community. The Board agreed to lower the levy to 1.65%. Mrs. Donnelly will update the information for approval at the July meeting.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following reports: Budget Status, Revenue Status, Fund Balance. There were no questions.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following resolutions:
 - Participation in Cooperative Purchasing (IT)
 - Participation in Cooperative Purchasing (F&O)
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Schedule of Contracts. There will be additional contracts for Summer Playschool.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Schedule of Bids. There will be one additional transportation bid for July 1.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Transfers of Appropriation and the Applications for Club Charters. Some charters have incorrect dates and will be updated.
- Mrs. Donnelly discussed the breakfast and lunch prices for the 2021-2022 school year. There will be no charge to students this year.
- Mrs. Donnelly discussed the Classified Substitute Hourly Salary Guide. Minimum wage increases mid-year.
- Mrs. Donnelly discussed the Central Treasurers at WMS and HHS.
- Ms. Peterson discussed the Special Education committees for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Mr. Hogan discussed the new science textbook for use in Advanced Placement Environmental Science.
- Dr. Marino discussed the Board of Education goals for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board will keep the same goals as 2020-2021.
- Dr. Marino discussed the District Goals for the 2021-2022 school year. The goals will remain the same, with the exception of the goal that states, "To respond to a worldwide pandemic for a healthy, safe, and secure environment for students, staff and visitors that provides the conditions for positive academic achievement, learning and engagement." This goal will now state, "To recover from a worldwide pandemic for a healthy, safe, and secure environment for stu-

dents, staff and visitors that provides the conditions for positive academic achievement, learning and engagement.”

- Dr. Marino reviewed the Board of Education Norms and Protocols. They will remain the same for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Dr. Marino discussed the NYSSBA Annual Convention and Education Expo, which will take place in New York City from October 24-26, 2021. Board members will confirm attendance with Dr. Marino.
- Mr. Hogan discussed the following policies for final approval:
 - Policy #2250 Board Committees
 - Policy #5300 Code of Conduct
 - Policy #0115 Student Bullying, Harassment, Discrimination
 - Policy #6700 Purchasing
 - Policy #0110 Sexual Harassment
 - Policy #0100 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 5:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE:

The agenda and supporting documentation for the June 28 Work Meeting for the Organization Meeting can be found [HERE](#).

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