



Re-Cap!

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Debra Sheinin, President; Cheryl May, Vice President; Judy Menashe, Francois Tenenbaum, Shari L. Amitrano, Jonathan D. Altus, Chana Jeter

June 28, 2023

Woodmere Education Center

Public Hearings

The Public Hearing was called to order at 4:50 PM.

Mrs. Sheinin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Donnelly discussed the authorization to use the Athletic Repair Reserve. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).

Work Session for the Organizational Meeting

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following agenda items:

- Board Appointments
- Annual Appointments of Board Service Personnel
- Schedule of Central Treasurers
- Designation of Newspapers for 2023-2024 Legal Notices
- Designation of Banks as Depositories
- Authorization to Secure Crime Bonds
- Additional Authorizations

Ms. Peterson reviewed the Resolution for the Board of Education Members Authorized to Appoint Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Dr. Marino reviewed the Board of Education Member Accountability Statement.

Dr. Marino discussed the Board Representation on Committees and Organizations.

Dr. Marino discussed the nominations for president and vice president of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year.

Dr. Marino discussed policy # 6240 Investment Policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Work Meeting

The work meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Donnelly. She thanked Mrs. SanPhillipo for serving as treasurer and wished her the best in her retirement. There were no questions.

Ms. Giese presented an update on Community Education and Services. She reviewed the programs, enrollment, revenues and expenditures for the past five years. The Summer Playschool program needs to be right sized beginning next year. Ms. Giese discussed the good will associated with the District's community services programs. The presentation can be found [HERE](#). The following questions were asked by Board of Education members:

- Can the District look into offering Driver's Education classes? Research has already begun.
- Are Community Services programs required to be budget neutral? We try to be budget neutral, though it is extremely difficult.
- Are we able to increase scholarships? Ms. Giese explained the scholarship process.
- Can we increase the rate for Summer Playschool? Yes, this needs to be explored prior to next year. The BOE will review fees in March 2024.
- Is lunch included in Summer Playschool. Yes.
- Is there a way to increase revenue? Extremely difficult to know enrollment numbers. Summer Playschool budget will be reviewed.
- Is Summer Playschool at capacity? Yes.

Ms. Giese provided an update from the Registration and Residency departments. She announced the launch of online registration, reviewed enrollment numbers, and reviewed the process for verifying residency. The presentation can be found [HERE](#). The following questions were asked by the Board of Education members:

- Can we make new families aware of deadlines prior to end of summer? Yes, we will create a list of deadlines.
- What happened to re-registration to verify residency? We do not do this anymore because responses were so low.
- Is school enrollment higher this year? Enrollment is up by about 50 students.
- Where is registration? At WEC and online. Pre-k registration in February takes place at FECC.
- Do we allow tours for new students? Yes, by calling individual schools.
- How do families register for registration? Non-public families submit requests in April for the following year. District students are automatically eligible.
- How do we welcome new families to the District? Welcome packet.

Ms. Peterson presented recommendations for the District Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) program. The District piloted two different programs: Why Try? and Respectful Ways. Neither program was a perfect fit for our students. The SEL Committee is recommending that the District continue to use the Second Step program that has been utilized in our elementary schools. The program has a middle school component and is in the final stages of development of their high school program. The District had a great deal of success with this program in prior years and is confident that a renewed focus on Second Step will benefit our students. The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the amount to be raised in taxes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following Business Office Reports: Budget Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Preliminary Fund Balance Report, and the Schedule of Contracts.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Schedule of Bids. Board members asked questions about the recommended orthopedist and if that individual can also provide athletic trainer services. Mrs. Donnelly stated that it has not been done this way in the past. She shared information about the insurance requirements in the RFPs for Orthopedic Services and Athletic Trainer Services. We rely on NYSIR to provide us with insurance requirements. Northwell insurance was also discussed. Mrs. Donnelly shared that the District must review all vendors in the same way.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Schedule of Gifts, Surplus Equipment, Cell Phone Use and Equipment, Business Office Resolution, and the Application for Club Charters.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the breakfast and lunch prices for the 2023-2024 school year, which remain the same as last year.

Mrs. Kavanagh presented upcoming conference and travel, which includes Dr. Marino attending the NYSSBA Convention in October; Ms. Parahus attending the School Facilities Management Institute Annual Conference in October; and Dr. Terry attending the STEM Summer Institute in July.

Ms. Peterson reviewed the recommendation to the BOE for Special Education committees for the 2023-2024 school year.

Dr. Marino reviewed the Board of Education and District Goals for 2023-2024. A lengthy discussion ensued about revising the goals. The final goals will be voted on at the July 5 meeting.

Dr. Marino reviewed the 2023-2024 Board of Education Norms and Protocols. No changes were recommended.

Dr. Marino discussed the NYSSBA resolutions. They must be submitted prior to July 14 in order to be considered at the NYSSBA Annual Meeting in October. Mrs. May and Mr. Tenenbaum proposed writing resolutions supporting the elimination of Regents exams and local zoning ordinances.

Dr. Marino discussed the open position for the NYSSBA Area 11 Director.

Dr. Marino discussed the New York State School Boards Association Convention in October in Buffalo. Registration opens in August.

Dr. Marino reviewed the policies that are scheduled for initial review and final review.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 5:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the June 28 regular meeting.