



# Re-Cap!

June 9, 2021  
G.W. Hewlett  
High School

## 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

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### WORK MEETING

- The work meeting began at 7:30 PM.
- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
- Mrs. Donnelly introduced Mrs. Barbara Graziano from Western Suffolk BOCES, who presented a proposal for a District demographic study. Members of the Board of Education asked questions regarding the linear nature of the study methodology. It is not clear that this study will provide the District with the answers needed regarding future enrollment. Dr. Marino suggested that Board members send questions to him and he will share with Ms. Graziano. Further conversations regarding the need for the study will take place at the June 28 meeting.
- Mrs. Donnelly provided a presentation on the new Pre-Kindergarten Grant. The District will receive additional funding if a free, full-day pre-kindergarten program is offered. The funds can only be utilized if a full-day program provides pre-k for 100 students. The allocation will require the District to provide an additional \$447,755 per year to cover program costs. Some of this may be offset by other grant funds. After the funding ceases, the District will be required to keep the program at full cost. The Board members discussed the pros and cons of the funding and initiating a free, full-day pre-k program. There is concern that enrollment would be low. Mrs. Donnelly will provide additional information at the June 28 Board of Education meeting.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Business Office reports, including the Budget Status Report, the Revenue Status Report, and the Preliminary Fund Balance Report. There were no questions.
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following Business Office Resolutions:
  - Authorizing Discretionary Reserve Accounts
  - Actions Related to District Reserve Accounts
  - Participation in Long Island School Nutrition Directors Cooperative Bid
  - SEQRA - District Wide Capital Improvements
  - Participation in Cooperative Purchasing (F&O)
  - Participation in Cooperative Purchasing (IT)
  - Lease Agreement between Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools and Five Towns Senior Center
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Schedule of Contracts, the Schedule of Bids, the Transfer of Appropriation, the Schedule of Gifts, the Use of Cellular Phones and Electronic Equipment, Non-

Resident Tuition Rates, and the Budget Timeline for 2022-2023 Budget.

- Dr. Marino discussed the Livestreaming of Board of Education Meetings. The Board agreed that all meetings will be held in person only beginning with the July 1 meeting at the Woodmere Education Center. The June 28 Work Meeting will be held at the Woodmere Education Center and will be the last meeting livestreamed.
- Dr. Marino reviewed the District-Wide Safety Plan. The plan has been on the Website for public comment. No comments have been received.
- Mr. John Hogan reviewed the proposal for the National Quiz Bowl Tournament and upcoming Conferences and Travel.
- Dr. Marino reviewed the policies for final approval, including: Policy #2350 Board Meeting Procedures, Policy #4510 Instructional Materials, Policy #5151 Homeless Children, Policy #8115 Integrated Pest Management, Policy #6240 Investment Policy, Policy #1500 Public Use of School Facilities, Policy #1336 Fees, Policy #4526.1 Internet Safety Policy, Policy #8630 Digital Resources and Data Management, Policy #5100 Attendance, Policy #1900 Parental Involvement, Policy #5465 Child Abuse in an Educational Setting. Minor modifications were suggested to two policies.
- Dr. Marino discussed the two policies up for second review: Policy #2210 Board Organization and Policy #2250 Board Committees.
- Dr. Marino discussed the policies up for initial review: Policy #5300 Code of Conduct, Policy #0115 Student Bullying, Harassment, Discrimination, Policy #6700 Purchasing, Policy #0110 Sexual Harassment, Policy #0100 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination. A discussion ensued regarding the order in the sexual harassment policy. The policy needs to be in place by July 1, so it will be approved as is and amended over the summer.
- Questions from the public: A community member asked about the wearing of masks in September and requested that the District fight harder for students.
- Questions/comments from the chat feature included: Central Council and the PTAs will determine how they want to hold their meetings—in person or remote. Another resident asked about the Orton-Gillingham training and was informed that 25 teachers were trained this year. Another resident asked about the chain of command at Hewlett High School if not satisfied with a decision.
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:25 PM.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 8:00 PM, Regular Meeting at Hewlett High School

Monday, June 28, 2021 at 5:00 PM, Work Meeting for July, Woodmere Education Center

Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM, Organization and Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

### **NOTE:**

The agenda and supporting documentation for the June 9 work meeting can be found [HERE](#).