



Re-Cap!

March 13, 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

Budget Development Meeting

The budget development meeting was held at the Woodmere Education Center at 6:30 PM. Mr. Frontario reviewed the status of the 2019-2020 budget to date. To view the budget presentation, click [HERE](#).

Work Meeting

- The Treasurer's Report was made available to the Board of Education. There were no questions.
- Ms. Shari Diamond, Director of Internal Audit at Cerini & Associates, was available to answer any questions regarding the report from July 1, 2018—February 28, 2019. There were no questions for Ms. Diamond.
- Dr. Secaur introduced Ms. Michelle Hochhauser, who provided an update on the English Language Arts department. Ms. Hochhauser reviewed the goals of the ELA department and the status of the revised Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan. She then reviewed the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, which provides the basis of the District's pk-8 grade ELA curriculum. Ms. Hochhauser shared examples of ELA work at FECC, HES, OES, and WMS. Ms. Hochhauser then discussed the ELA program at Hewlett High School, which includes a wide variety of courses, including AP, honors, and electives. She shared information about the upcoming book trials, and the award-winning newspaper (*Spectrum*), and literary magazine (*Vintage*). Ms. Hochhauser reviewed the AP Capstone Program. Currently there are 92 students enrolled in AP Seminar and 19 students enrolled in AP Research. A Board member inquired about the low enrollment. Dr. Secaur commented that students interested in AP Capstone have very rigorous schedules.
- Dr. Secaur introduced Ms. Amanda Kavanagh, who provided an update on instructional and administrative technology. Ms. Kavanagh explained the roles of the Technology Integration Lead Teachers (TILTs) at each District school and shared the informational newsletter each TILT develops to provide technology information to the staff in their buildings. The vast array of professional learning completed by the TILTS and members of the IT Department throughout the past several months include the Long Island Technology Summit, the Future of Education Technology Conference, Google Day and many others. Ms. Kavanagh chairs the District Tech-

nology Committee, which meets four times annually to discuss District technology. She is also working with a team of teachers throughout the District to develop a P-12 Digital Learning Curriculum. Ms. Kavanagh shared examples of technology used at all five District schools and discussed the 1:1 Chromebook Pilot. Administrative technology updates were also discussed including email security, network updates and security, wiring projects, Informacast Mobile, and others. The IT Department has been providing all staff members with increased training on phishing and fraud detection to ameliorate the chances of a malware infiltration. Ms. Kavanagh shared details of a recent phishing attempt aimed at distributing viruses and malware that came in through email. She shared the many safeguards we have in place to protect the District, as well as the critical role the IT staff plays in mitigating and preventing such instances. She also discussed the Informacast Mobile system which is used to initiate in-district emergencies such as lockdown, lockouts, and medical emergency. A Board member asked a question regarding blocking outgoing email and if senders are notified that email was not delivered. Another Board member asked about the different platforms utilized at schools and the possibility of consistency. Sharefile use was also discussed in response to a Board member query, as well as the Chromebook 1:1 survey results.

- Mr. Frontario presented the following reports:
 - ⇒ Budget Status Report
 - ⇒ Revenue Status Report
 - ⇒ Preliminary Fund Balance
 - ⇒ Schedule of Contracts
 - ⇒ Schedule of Bids/RFPs
 - ⇒ Schedule of Gifts

- Mr. Frontario reviewed the establishment of the Migliano Family Award to recognize a high school student who positively influences the music program from behind the scenes.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the following resolutions:
 - Facilities Cooperative Bid
 - SEQRA: Window Replacement at George W. Hewlett High School
 - Approval for Proposition 2 to be placed on the May 21, 2019 ballot
 - Approval for Proposition 3 to be placed on the May 21, 2019 ballot
- Dr. Marino reviewed the Legal Notice of the Annual Election, which is required to be published four times in the six weeks prior to the May 21 election.
- Dr. Marino discussed the request for a change in the date of the budget adoption from April 16, 2019 to a Special Meeting to be held on April 10, 2019. The reason for moving the adoption of the budget is to allow for additional time to translate budget documents into Spanish, as required by the Department of Justice.

- Dr. Marino discussed the proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year. It was suggested that the dates for the January 2020 meetings be moved back by one week, due to the holiday recess.
- Dr. Secaur discussed the proposal by Mr. Lastowski for the Hewlett High School Art and Music Department trip to Orlando, Florida from March 25, 2020—March 29, 2020.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed upcoming conferences and travel, which included the attendance by Dr. Marino at the American Association of School Administrators Executive Committee Meeting, the Governing Board Meeting, and the Advocacy Conference. Attendance at these meetings is at no cost to the District.
- Dr. Secaur presented the following policies for final review (for approval at March 20 meeting):

Policy #0001 Mission Statement & Vision

Policy #0110 Sexual Harassment

Policy #5420 Student Health Services

Policy #9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy)

- Dr. Secaur presented the following policies for initial review:

Policy #2160 School Board Officer and Employee Ethics. A Board member raised a few questions regarding proposed language in the policy. As a result, the policy will go back to the BOE Policy Committee for further review.

Policy #5300 Code of Conduct

- Questions from the public: A resident discussed the possibility of forming a collaboration with neighboring Districts in an attempt to keep pension costs reasonable.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:50 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- BOE Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 8:00 PM Woodmere Education Center
- BOE Budget Session, Thursday, March 21, 2019, 7:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center
- Public Budget Forum, Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 7:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center
- Public Hearing for Code of Conduct Policy/Special Meeting to Adopt the 2019-2020 Budget, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 7:15 PM, Woodmere Education Center
- BOE Work Meeting, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center
- BOE Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 8:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE: All agendas and supporting documentation for the March 13, 2019 Work Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).