



# Re-Cap!

**March 17, 2021**  
**G.W. Hewlett**  
**High School**

## **A summary of the Board of Education Meeting**

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

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- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Sheinin.
- Dr. Galati announced the Hewlett High School class of 2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Alex Breslav, Valedictorian, will be attending Dartmouth College in the fall. Ethan Eisenberg, Salutatorian, will attend the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Galati highlighted the many accomplishments of both students throughout their high school careers.
- Dr. Galati also announced the 2021 National Merit Commended Students: Alex Breslav, Lauren Ding, Kira Grossman, Alicia Hsu, Blake Lippman, and Jude Tomas.
- Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He attended many live and virtual events, including the HHS student council meeting, the virtual FECC One World event, ice skating at Grant Park, and staff chats. He appreciates how hard the staff is working to keep our three modes of instruction running. Dr. Marino is also very thankful to the students and parents. He provided an update on HW2025. We will be meeting with K12 Insight this week regarding the school quality survey. We will also be scheduling Making Feedback Matter workshops for May and June. Budget Q and A sessions are being scheduled for April and May. Dr. Marino stated that the District is currently working on safely protocols to allow some clubs at WMS and HHS to begin meeting in person.
- Mr. Flatley provided the Curriculum Report. He remains in ongoing contact with the Nassau County, New York City, and New York State Departments of Health regarding positive COVID-19 cases. He attended the POC meeting and provided information on the District's professional development opportunities regarding diversity. He attends monthly meetings with the District Leadership Team and has been assisting in budget development. Mr. Flatley has also been completing principal observations.
- Mrs. Donnelly provided the report from the Business Office. The budget vote and school board elections will be held on May 11, 2021 to allow members of the community to observe the religious holiday of Shavuot. The budget vote date change will also require a change to the budget hearing, which will be on April 28. The second draft of the budget has been presented. This draft includes \$840,000 in reductions, resulting in a 1.95% increase. The Public Budget Forum is on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 PM in the HHS auditorium. Mrs. Donnelly also participated in the FECC virtual One World celebration. The Business Office is currently preparing for year end and the August auditor visit.
- Ms. Peterson provided the Special Education report. She has continued to participate in virtual

meetings with the Northwell Health and BOCES. It is very worthwhile to hear what other districts are planning for extended school year programs. Ms. Peterson participated in the Public and Private Schools Council, where both sets of schools share information and strategies. She has been meeting with the non-public schools in the District to review protocols. The recent SEPTA forum on executive functioning was well attended. The special education office is busy preparing for the 2021-2022 school year. She continues to observe teachers and hold meetings with her staff. Ms. Peterson also attended the FECC One World event and commented that it was a wonderful family and cultural event.

- Dr. Fale provided an update from the Human Resources office. He reported that 46 District employees will be vaccinated through the Mount Sinai and South Nassau partnership. Weekly COVID-19 testing continues for staff. We have also begun weekly testing for students. Dr. Fale presented the District's diversity initiative at the recent POC meeting. Negotiations are ongoing with two bargaining units.
- Mrs. Milillo and Mrs. Hoenig provided the PTA report. FECC: Held first-ever virtual One World event. Ten countries were presented by FECC families. "We Love Math" week included a math game day, a numbers day, and a virtual assembly. The PARP celebration began this week with a royal dress-up day and will continue for the next two weeks. The celebration will conclude with a laser show for students. They are currently working with Warren Levy to bring a martial arts event to students. The yearbook and first grade events are being planned. HES: They are still working on fundraisers, including pizza kits from a local restaurant. They are also working with Label Daddy to provide custom labels for students and campers. The PTA is planning a virtual wreath making event and will be running bingo for 5th graders. The PTA decorated the front hallways for spring. Volunteer sign-up forms have been distributed. OES: Virtual events have been held including the Father (special someone)/Daughter Paint Night, where couples were provided with the tools to create beautiful works of art. An ice skating event for third—fifth graders was held at Grant Park. Teachers and staff were surprised with custom appreciation signs. WMS: The ice skating night for sixth and eighth graders was a success. Parent-Teacher Conferences went very well. Awaiting the beginning of fall sports on March 22. Students enjoyed the virtual visit from author, Marion Lazan. The eighth grade Adventureland trip is in the planning stages. The committee has decided to open the event to all HWPS staff and their children. Graduation and end-of-year events are also being planned. HHS: The PTA provided grab and go snacks for staff on conference day. They will be electing their nominating committee at the next meeting. Forms have been sent to all parents. The first senior drive-by was a great success. Students received a t-shirt and a cupcake. Another event is scheduled for the end of March. The seniors had an ice skating night and the committee is looking into the possibility of a bowling night. The brick project has begun again and the PTA is asking all units to place an ad in the graduation journal. SEPTA: They will be choosing a raffle winner at their next meeting. Committee members are needed for next year and position sheets will be distributed soon. The recent forum on executive function was successful. The Best Buddies Virtual or In-Person Walk is on May 1. The Morgan Brodwin Memorial Award of Excellence flyer will be going out soon.

### **Board Committee Reports**

- Mr. Greebel reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of both the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-school Special Education.
- Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the two policies on the agenda.

## **Board Reports**

- Mr. Greebel recognized the wrestling program and commented that it was a tough, but highly successful season for the coaches and wrestlers.
- Mrs. Sheinin commented that it was wonderful to see so many students enjoying themselves at the recent ice skating events. She also encouraged all to visit the HHS Athletics page to view upcoming sporting events.
- Mrs. May recently participated in a NYSSBA workshop on building a more diverse workforce. She gained valuable insight that she is looking forward to sharing with the rest of the Board of Education.
- The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:32 PM.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 PM, Public Budget Forum, Hewlett High School

Thursday, March 25, 8:00 AM Board of Education Special Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, April 14, 7:30 PM, Work Meeting, Hewlett High School

## **NOTE:**

All agendas and supporting documentation for the March 17 meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

The March Construction Update can be found [HERE](#).