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May 9, 2018
Woodmere
Education Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Scott McInnes, *President*; Cheryl May, *Vice President*; Jonathan Altus, M.D., Melissa Gates, Mitchell A. Greebel, Daniella R. Simon, Stephen B. Witt

Work Meeting

- The Treasurer's Report was made available to the Board of Education. There were no questions for Mrs. SanPhillipo.
- Dr. Secaur introduced Mr. David Viegas, District Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, who provided an update on programs in all schools. Mr. Viegas reviewed the athletics programs at the varsity, junior varsity, and modified levels. Student participation numbers for fall, winter, and spring were shared, indicating that 35% of students participate in athletic teams in grades 7-12. Mr. Viegas also reviewed recent student athlete and team achievements, as well as special athletic events. Athletic safety protocols were reviewed, as well as the process for athletic placement. Mr. Viegas shared information about the athletics website and newsletter. He also reviewed the physical education curriculum for all levels. Several Board members inquired about participation rates. Mr. Viegas explained that participation is declining throughout the county. Travel teams may be affecting participation. A Board member asked about the evaluation of coaches. Mr. Viegas informed the Board that coaches are evaluated throughout the season. He works with teachers to encourage in-house coaching staff. Another Board member asked if the football helmet sensors were checked after away games and Mr. Viegas responded that they were.
- Ms. Alba Gallegos, District Chairperson for World Languages and ENL, presented three textbooks for consideration: "Chinese Made Easy," and "EntreCulturas" (WMS and HHS editions). These textbooks are highly recommended by our teachers.
- Dr. Secaur shared a presentation on the Evidence of Student Outcomes. He shared student work from all buildings aligned to the District's mission and vision and the 4 Cs of Critical thinking, Creativity, Collaboration/Communication, and Citizenship. Some highlights included the engineering design at FECC, the Outdoor Environmental Center at WMS, the "I Can' program at FECC, author visits, mathematics teams and contests, coding and 3-D printing at HES, "Art for the Sky" initiative at OES, Student Athletes as Leaders at HHS, Seal of Biliteracy at HHS, and much more. Please view the agenda packet for the complete presentation.

- Mr. Frontario presented the Budget Status, Revenue Status, Preliminary Fund Balance and Extra-classroom reports. No questions were asked.
- Mr. Frontario then reviewed the Schedule of Contracts and the Schedule of Bids. A question was asked about the Renewal of Storage Tank Liability Insurance, which Ms. Parahus answered.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Schedule of Gifts. There are two gifts for approval: one from SEPTA to fund activities for the HHS Friendship Games, and one from the OES PTA to offset the cost of the 5th grade trip.
- Resolutions from the Business Office were reviewed. One resolution recommended the approval of renewing the contract with Hanover Uniforms; one recommended approval of the renewal of the contract with Tital Fire Sprinklers; and one recommending participation in the Facilities Equipment, Supplies and Professional Services through the Suffolk County Bid.
- Dr. Secaur discussed the following trip proposals: National History Day Competition for WMS and HHS students in Maryland; National History Bee Competition for WMS in Atlanta, GA; and the New York State Science Congress Competition for HHS students at SUNY Buffalo.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the upcoming conferences and travel. Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, Dr. Marino will attend the National Superintendent's Roundtable Summer Meeting in Chicago, the New York State Council of School Superintendent's Fall Leadership Summit in Saratoga Springs, and the New York State Council of School Superintendent's Winter Institute and Lobby Day in Albany.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the Professional Development Plan for annual approval. There were no questions.
- Dr. Secaur recommended that the District continue to utilize the services of Lawrence Spirn and Richard Thompson to provide hearing officer services for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Dr. Marino presented the NYSSBA Resolution Kit 2018. Mrs. Gates recommended that the District consider submitting resolutions on the following topics: dedicated funding for school-based health and mental health clinics and services; transportation funding; and school safety programs.
- Dr. Secaur presented the following policies for Initial Review. These eight Special Education policies were revised to make them more user-friendly. Dr. Secaur thanked Dr. Lo Verde for her expertise. Policy #4321 Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the Idea & New York's Education Law 89; Policy #4321.1 Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation; Policy #4321.2 Individualized Education Program Distribution; Policy #4321.3 Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities; Policy #4321.4 Districtwide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities; Policy #4321.5 Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures Upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality; Policy #4321.6 Physical Restraint; Policy #4321.7 Special Education Personnel.
- Dr. Secaur presented the following policies for review for abolishment (contingent upon the approval of the above eight policies): Policy #4321.1 Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment; Policy #4321.2 Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities; Policy #4321.3 Independent Educational Evaluations; Policy #4321.4 and Policy #4321.8 Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation; Policy #4321.5 Individualized Education Program Distribution; Policy #4321.6 Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials for Students with Disa-

bilities; Policy #4321.7 Districtwide and Statewide Assessment of Students with Disabilities; Policy #4321.9 Declassification of Students with Disabilities; Policy #4321.11 Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures Upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality Policy #4321.12 Physical Restraint; Policy #4321.13 Preschool Special Education; Policy #4321.14 Special Education Personnel.

- Dr. Secaur presented the following policies for annual review: Policy #0115 Student Bullying, Harassment, Discrimination Prevention Intervention; Policy #0110 Sexual Harassment; Policy #0100 Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination; Policy #5465 Child Abuse in an Educational Setting; Policy #6240 Investment Policy.
- Opportunity for the Public to be Heard: Mrs. Shanaz Malik resubmitted a proposal for the Board of Education to consider adding the Eid holidays to the District calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. McInnes explained that the discussion on the calendar will take place between November and January, and that the request will be on the agenda.
- An attendee inquired if the District would cover the cost for the Geography Bee. Dr. Secaur will research.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:55 PM to discuss matters of particular personnel.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

School Budget Vote and School Board Election

Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 8:00 PM

Regular Board of Education Meeting at 8:00 PM

NOTE: All agendas and supporting documentation for the May 9, 2018 Work Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE!](#)