



Re-Cap!

October 10, 2018
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

BOE Budget Session

The Board of Education Budget Session began at 6:30 PM in the WEC auditorium. Mr. Frontario presented the Budget Development Timeline for the 2019-2020 school year. There will be BOE budget meetings every month going forward and public participation is encouraged. The budget vote is May 21, 2019.

Work Meeting

- The Treasurer's Report was made available to the Board of Education. There were no questions.
- Mr. Frontario introduced Mr. Brendon Nelson and Mr. Sean McComber from R.S. Abrams, the District's Independent Auditors, who presented highlights from the audit report. Both the Financial Statements and the Extraclassroom Report received the highest ratings. The District has been proactive in addressing minor recommendations for improvement. Mr. Frontario explained that the Audit Committee has met to review the final report
- Dr. Secaur introduced Mr. Bill Galati, Mrs. Mary Harrison, and Dr. Al Bauer, who presented on Student Participation/Achievement and Course Offerings. Current enrollment in college and AP courses was discussed. Questions were asked about students who are choosing to take AP courses instead of college courses, the participation in Macroeconomics, the College and Career Readiness data, and declining enrollment in certain courses. There is a positive trend regarding student participation in AP courses. There is also an increase in students who earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. Mr. Galati highlighted student achievement on Regents and AP exams, noting the overall positive trajectory of our results. The impact of the Math Common Core Regents exams on the State's College and Career Readiness index was discussed.
- As part of the District's ongoing effort to analyze student achievement data to inform instructional practice, Dr. Secaur provided an overview of the test results on the 3-8 ELA and Mathematics tests given in spring 2018. He indicated that the Opt Out movement is continuing, with approximately 60% of HW students choosing not to take the ELA exam. Dr. Secaur explained that it is challenging to draw valid conclusions based on the reduced numbers of students taking the exams, as well as the new make-up of the assessments.

- Mrs. Kim Parahus provided an update on ongoing construction projects throughout the District. Mrs. Parahus reviewed the HWPS Construction Update report for October, which is attached to this re-cap. She explained the process of NYSED approval, material ordering and delivery, and work inception. She also noted that items that fall under state contract do not need to go out for bid. A student in the audience suggested that the District only provide laptops on a "request" basis, as most students utilize their own device. The Board thanked the student for his input.
- Mr. Frontario presented the Budget Status Report, Revenue Status Report, and Resolutions for Funding Reserves.
- The Schedule of Contracts was reviewed by Mr. Frontario, who explained that several additional items will be added for approval next week.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Schedule of Gifts.
- Club Charters were reviewed by Mr. Frontario.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the Field Trip to the New York State School Board Association meeting in New York City on October 26. Six students will attend to staff the student booth and highlight the work of the students and staff at our Outdoor Environmental Center. The students will be accompanied by Dr. Terry, Mr. Mossey, and Ms. Kearney.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed upcoming attendance at conferences by staff members. Several staff members will be attending their annual conferences during the months of October and November.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Plan. Regulations require each school district to develop a uniform process by which the district determines whether or not to offer AIS during the school year. The plan must be posted on the Website or distributed to parents in writing.
- Dr. Marino discussed the HW 2025 Implementation Team. The first meeting will be held later this month.
- Mrs. Gates explained the results of the NYSSBA by-law amendments and resolutions discussion that took place at the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association annual dinner meeting. The BOE reviewed the proposed resolutions. Mrs. Gates is the voting delegate at the annual business meeting on October 27, 2018. She commented that there are currently not enough voting delegates attending to have a quorum.
- Upcoming conferences for BOE members were discussed. The National School Boards Advocacy Institute in January 2019 in Washington, DC, and the Annual Conference in March 2019 in Philadelphia, PA, will both be attended by Mrs. Gates.
- Mrs. May recently participated in a webinar on cyber security. She asked if the District has cyber insurance. Mr. Frontario will verify the information.
- Mr. Paul Critti asked about the different apps teachers are using to report student grades and progress. Dr. Secaur explained that the District is working with teachers on the new expectation to place homework assignments and grades on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. He also added that specific concerns related to teachers need to first be addressed with the teacher in question.
- Mr. Critti also asked about the role of District employees who provide supervision at athletic events. Mrs. Parahus explained that these employees are chaperones and not licensed security officers.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:40 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, October 17, 2018: Ogden Elementary School
 - 7:00 PM: Tour of Facility
 - 8:00 PM: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

NOTE: All agendas and supporting documentation for the October 10, 2018 Work Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).