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October 14, 2020

G.W. Hewlett
High School

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

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

BUDGET MEETING

- Mrs. Donnelly provided preliminary budget plans for the 2021-2022 school year. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).
- Mrs. Donnelly shared a presentation on COVID-19 related expenditures. The presentation can be found [HERE](#).
- The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

WORK MEETING

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.
- The Treasurer's Report will be ready for next week's meeting.
- Mr. Flatley introduced Dr. Galati and Mrs. Harrison to give a presentation on student achievement data. The presentation can be found [HERE](#). The Advanced Placement exams from the last five years were examined and a strong level of achievement was found. The District also had an increase in AP scholars. Regents exam data was reviewed by subject, but there were no Regents in June 2020.
- Marianne VanDuyne of RS Abrams virtually presented information on the District's external audit. Ms. VanDuyne complimented the business office staff for working well as a team. The recommendations from last year were improved upon. The District had a \$10.5 million fund balance, which is higher than normal due to school closures. There were significant cost savings in Transportation. Next year will be different with pending state aid cuts and COVID-19 expenses. The District is using reserves and replenishing them. There is a new reserve, TRS Retirement, which wasn't allowed until last year. The District is able to utilize savings accounts to help with the state aid shortfall and unbudgeted expenses. Funds decreased in the school lunch fund due to school closure. The overall financial health of the District is very strong and we should be able to preserve existing programs and opportunities for students. The entire presentation can be found [HERE](#).
- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the financial statements with the independent auditor's report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.
- Mrs. Donnelly provided a five-year budget projection. She gave an estimate of what to expect and insight on spending. The entire presentation can be found [HERE](#).

- Mrs. Donnelly reviewed several business office Resolutions pertaining to funding reserves for the year ended June 30, 2020. Routine business office agenda items including the Schedule of Contracts, Transfers of Appropriation, Surplus Equipment and Applications for Club Charters were also reviewed.
- Mr. Flatley outlined the APPR Plan for 2020-2021 and the AIS Plan for 2020-2021.
- Mr. Flatley reviewed the schedule of conferences and travel. Currently, all staff members are attending conferences virtually.
- Mr. Flatley identified the Professional Development Team for 2020-2021.
- Dr. Marino introduced the topic of Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association resolutions. Board members Mrs. Sheinin, Mrs. Gates, and Mrs. Menashe attended the virtual meeting and provided input. The Board discussed Proposed Resolution #15, which reads as follows: "NYSSBA to seek to support legislation to provide for training and certification for professional parent advocates to attend Committee on Special Education meetings and hearings." The Board of Education is opposed to the wording of this Resolution and plans to vote against it at the NYSSBA Annual Business meeting on October 31, 2020.
- Dr. Marino shared the members of the HW 2025 Implementation Team for 2020-2021. He thanked them for volunteering their time for this school year.
- Dr. Marino shared a letter the District received from Senator Kaminsky requesting that the school district move next year's school budget vote and school board election in recognition of Shavuot, which is May 18, 2021. A discussion followed by the Board members. Dr. Marino will obtain additional information and it will be discussed again at the November work meeting.
- The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 8:00 PM, Board of Education Regular Meeting, G.W. Hewlett High School

NOTE:

Click the links below for agendas and supporting documentation for the October 14 budget and work meeting.

- [Budget Meeting](#)
- [Work Meeting](#)