



Re-Cap!

September 12, 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

Regular Meeting

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hewlett High School student, Ashley Shanab.

Professional Recognitions

- Dr. Edward Fale welcomed the District's new staff members and wished them long and successful careers at Hewlett-Woodmere.

Presentations

- Mr. John Wimmer, Chairperson of Social Studies, introduced Hewlett High School students, Alex Tang and Brandon Weiss, who traveled to Berlin, Germany this summer to participate in an international geography competition. The students thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity and shared memories from their trip.
- Mr. Wimmer then introduced the students who participated in the History Day competition. WMS students Madison Honig, Sydney Honig, Madeline Heyman, and Michael Heyman spoke about their project and History Day experience. Hewlett High School student and National History Day participant, Gabby Nakkab, discussed her experience and the importance of participation in History Day.



Administrator Reports

- Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. The new school year is off to a smooth start. He visited all schools and participated in bus arrivals and departures. He thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for preparing the buildings. Dr. Marino attended the Patriot's Day assemblies at HES and OES, and the Freshman Focus at Hewlett High School. He is looking forward to his first bus run on September 14. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The strategic plan is complete and approved by the Board of Education. It will be shared with all stakeholders this week. He held a Superintendent's Roundtable on August 28 at the HW Library. The next one is scheduled for September 20 at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment. Dr. Marino shared that the District Leadership Team had their summer retreat at the Barry Tech Culinary Institute, where they cooked together as a team building activity.
- Dr. Marino provided the Curriculum Report for Dr. Secaur. Superintendent's Conference Day was held on August 30, and was a day devoted to professional development. Sessions were led by teachers, administrators, and several outside resources. More than 70 workshops were offered and attendees had the opportunity to self-select the sessions they wished to attend. The professional development opportunities continue to grow each year and more sessions are offered in the area of instructional technology. Dr. Marino thanked the hard work of the Professional Development Team.
- Mr. Frontario provided the Business Report. Student transportation is off to a good start. We are working with two consultants and Mr. DiBartolo has done a great job. We currently have 230 bus routes traveling to 90 schools. He is planning to meet with representatives from Lawrence Public Schools to discuss the possibility of a 2-hour delay during inclement weather. The District's internal auditors are currently interviewing leadership team members to review District operations to ensure efficiency and minimize risk. The District's external auditors are currently reviewing all funds. Completion is expected prior to the October Board of Education Meeting.
- Dr. Lo Verde provided the Special Education Report. She participated in the New Employee Orientation, where she reminded all staff that regardless of their positions in the District, they will all encounter students with disabilities. Dr. Lo Verde also attended Freshman Focus and was thrilled to see the excited and enthusiastic new high school students. She presented a workshop at Superintendent's Conference Day on the New York SAFE Act, which calls for increased reporting by mental health professionals regarding weapons access.
- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources Report. He once again welcomed all new staff to the District. Summer has been a very busy time in the HR office. They are still finalizing the hiring of several new employees. A second ad for a Bus Dispatcher has been placed.
- Ashley Shanab reported from the Student Advisory Council. The Pep Rally will be held on Friday, September 21, and the Homecoming parade and football game on September 22. Spirit Week is next week. The theme for Homecoming is super heroes.
- Mr. Ric Stark reported for the District's Employee Organization. He congratulated the student honorees and all new employees. The new teachers met with HWFA.
- Mrs. Robyn Kelstein reported for the Central Council PTA. The school PTAs have not yet held their first meeting yet. Lots of great events at all buildings. PTA is looking forward to a very successful year.

Board Committee Reports

- Mrs. Judy Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Board Member Reports

- Mrs. Cheryl May reported that she received a request to share information on the Nassau County Police Department School Safety Forum, which will be held on September 25 at 7:00 PM at Hofstra University.
- The consent agenda was unanimously approved, with the exception of item F.1.1., which was considered separately.
- The following policies were approved: #8505 Meal Charge Policy; #8520 Free and Reduced Price Meal Service; #6700 Purchasing Policy.
- A resident inquired about a policy for the use of Epi Pens on school buses. Mrs. Gates responded that the Policy Committee would discuss.
- The same resident noted that there were events scheduled on religious holidays on the District calendar.
- The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 8:35 PM to discuss matters of pending litigation and the employment of particular personnel.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 6:30 PM Budget Development Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
- Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7:30 PM Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
- Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, Ogden Elementary School

Note:

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