



# Re-Cap!

*A summary of the Board of Education Meeting*

**Board Members:** Debra Sheinin, President; Cheryl May, Vice President; Judy Menashe, Francois Tenenbaum, Shari L. Amitrano, Jonathan D. Altus, Chana Jeter

## September 20, 2023

Prior to the meeting, the District held a New Employee Reception to welcome new staff members.

### REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Melanie Shvartsberg, HHS Student Council Executive Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Sheinin welcomed all those in attendance.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He thanked the 12-month employees who worked to get the school buildings ready for the new school year. He reflected on the end-of-summer events which included the new Employee Orientation and Staff Welcome back. The buildings have held many wonderful events in the first few weeks of school including: Pizza on the Playground at FECC, Jumpstart the Journey with the Harlem Globetrotters and a Welcome Back Fair at HES, Patriot Day celebrations throughout the District, and the Senior Sunrise Breakfast at HHS. Back-to-School Nights have taken place at FECC, OES, HES, and WMS, and HHS will hold theirs next week. The Homecoming Parade is Saturday, September 23 at 1:00 PM, and the football game will follow at 2:00 PM. This year we will administer two surveys for HW 2025. In the fall, the State of the District survey will be sent to all residents, and in the Spring the seniors will receive the Senior Exit survey. The District is contemplating a survey for parents to coincide with the Senior Exit survey. Dr. Marino gave an update on the FECC HVAC gym #2 upgrades and humidity related mold growth in five classrooms on lower level, HES column restoration, HHS boiler removal, girls locker room renovation, new girls softball field, and WEC parking lot replacement. The 125 Anniversary Committee met at the end of August



and reviewed progress to date. Discussions are underway regarding a possible event before the end of the year.

Melanie Shvartsberg provided a report on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. She reported on the amazing start to the school year, 9/11 and the Patriot Day ceremonies, and the upcoming Pep Rally and Homecoming weekend. She discussed the HHS Spirit Week that's currently going on with the theme of Board Games. Student Council is looking forward to fundraising this holiday season.

The Central Council Newsletter from September can be found [HERE](#).

Mr. Ric Stark spoke on behalf of the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association. He welcomed all new employees and mentioned that the new teachers met with the union earlier that day.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee who recommends for approval the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Mrs. Sheinin reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The committee met earlier this month. There are many policies currently under review. There are no policies recommended for approval at the September meeting.

## **ROUTINE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

The minutes were accepted from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on August 23 and the Special Board of Education meeting on August 31. A Board member commented that the action is not precedent setting and requests that the District administration take a closer look at hiring procedures going forward.

The Consent Agenda was approved. A Board member requested confirmation that the Combat Hate program from the Simon Wiesenthal Center was on the schedule for approval. There were additional questions about training in the District.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

A speaker card was submitted by Meredith King, Hewlett. Mrs. King spoke about changing the permit approval process for District programs. She also spoke about the mold issue at FECC.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 PM.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 PM, Budget Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 PM, Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 PM, Tour of Facility, Franklin Early Childhood Center

Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 PM, Regular Meeting, Franklin Early Childhood Center

**NOTE:** Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the September 20 Regular Meeting.