



Re-Cap!

September 21, 2022

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

Important Note:

The following comments were made by Mrs. Sheinin at the September 14 Work Meeting and were inadvertently omitted from the Re-Cap:

“With the start of a new school year, and on behalf of the Board of Education, I welcome our families back to school and encourage everyone to enjoy this excellent district we are all a part of and celebrate the great community of Hewlett-Woodmere.

I am honored to serve as President of the Hewlett-Woodmere Board of Education. On behalf of the trustees, I thank Dr. Marino, our administration, and our faculty and staff for their tireless work preparing for the school year. We are very excited to have welcomed our staff and students into the buildings and look forward to seeing you throughout the upcoming weeks. I extend warm wishes for an enriching and wonderful school year. Together we can make a difference in our children's lives.”

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

Mrs. Sheinin welcomed our new employees to the District and wished them well in their career at Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools. A reception was held in their honor prior to the Board meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by HHS senior, Reece Rosenblatt.



Dr. Alexandra Greenberg, Principal of Hewlett High School proudly recognized seven outstanding students who earned CollegeBoard National Recognition in the National African American Recognition Award (NAARA) and National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA):

Amber Almonte: NHRA

Aryana Borjas: NHRA

Edgar Quijano: NHRA

Leila Flores: NHRA

Matthew Pernia: NHRA

Ryan Service: NAARA

Simon Kupchik: NHRA



Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's report. We have had a very successful start to the new school year. It has been refreshing to see the excitement in our students and staff. Back to School Nights have been held at FECC, OES, HES, and WMS. The HHS Back to School Night will take place on September 29. FECC had a wonderful Pizza on the Playground event. Summer reading was celebrated at our elementary schools, along with assemblies with literary enthusiast John Schu. The Patriots Day commemorations were very moving, including the beautiful American flag mural created by WMS teachers and students. Music students are enjoying rehearsals together. The marching band and flag team are preparing for Homecoming. Our fall athletics program is in full swing. Dr. Marino provided updates on the recent Princeton Plan and Nine-Period Day Task Forces. Both task forces met the first week of September. The teams are working toward developing comprehensive reports to present to the Board of Education at the November 9 work meeting. Minutes from both meetings can be found at the end of the re-cap. Dr.

Marino also provided an update on HW 2025. The Curriculum and Instruction and Student Engagement Surveys are in draft form and are being reviewed by the Implementation Team. K12 Insight continues to meet with our administrative team. Dr. Marino provided a construction update, which can be reviewed at the end of the re-cap. He hosted a Superintendent Roundtable at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment at the end of August and will host another on September 28 at 7:00 PM at the Hewlett Fire Department.

Mr. Reece Rosenblatt, the HHS Executive Board President, provided a report from the Student Advisory Council. He commented on the wonderful start of school and the back to school decorations created by the Student Council. This year, the Student Council played a larger role in the high school's September 11 remembrance. There was a wonderful sense of community. Students and staff commemorated the day with a guest speaker, a bagpipe performance, the singing of "God Bless America," and a mural signing. The Student Council is beginning to prepare for the pep rally and homecoming in October.

Mr. Ric Stark provided a report from the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association (HWFA). HWFA officers conducted an orientation with new teachers and reviewed union documents and procedures. The HWFA negotiations team is looking forward to the upcoming negotiation session.

Mrs. Michelle Morgan and Mrs. Bonnie Kurtz spoke on behalf of the Central Council PTA. They wished everyone a wonderful year and stated that school PTA reports can be found in the PTA Newsletter at the end of the re-cap.

Board Member Committee Reports

Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the recommendations by both the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Mrs. Jeter reported on behalf of the Health, Safety, and Wellness Committee. The Committee had its first meeting on September 12. The Committee discussed safety and health updates, building safety drill progress, and plans for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the policy on the agenda.

Mrs. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Curriculum, Assessment, and Technology Committee, who met on September 12. She noted the wonderful work done over the summer by Mrs. Kavanagh and the P-12 Chairpersons. Please visit the Academics section of the website for valuable information and links. Updates will continue in the form of newsletters and on social media (Twitter and Instagram). The Committee will be discussing the curriculum review process.

Board Member Reports

Mrs. May spoke about how wonderful it is for the Board members to be back in the school buildings this year and thanked the principals for the invitations. The Patriots' Day commemorations were wonderful, as well as spending time with our littlest learners at the FECC Pizza on the Playground.

Mrs. Sheinin commented on the wonderful sporting events she has attended. There are many photos on the website and social media. School spirit was going strong at the football game on September 16.

The minutes of the August 17 regular meeting and the September 1 special meeting were approved.

The Consent Agenda was approved. Mrs. May abstained from voting on item G.1.1. Personnel Action Report.

Policy #1500 Public Use of School Facilities was approved.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments from attendees.

Mrs. Menashe spoke about WMS Discovery and the benefit of a full-time teacher in the position.

Mrs. Amitrano spoke about the pool at the high school and requested consideration be given to include the pool scope of renovations in the Capital Projects proposal.

Dr. Marino indicated that both items above will be added to the October 12 work meeting agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Budget Meeting, 6:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Work Meeting, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, Regular Meeting, 8:00 PM, Woodmere Middle School

NOTE:

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the September 21 regular meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for minutes from the September 7 Nine-Period Day Task Force Meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the minutes from the September 8 Princeton Plan Task Force Meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the Summer 2022 Construction Update.

Click [HERE](#) for the Central Council PTA newsletter.