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

May 17, 2023

Woodmere Education Center



REGULAR MEETING

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Sheinin.

Mr. Ric Stark introduced the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association's (HWFA) Awards, which were presented by teachers at each District school and Yeshiva of South Shore.

The recipients were:





FECC: Nicholas Miranghi, Presented by Ms. Carolyn Niederman

HES: Nicholas Nieves, presented by Ms. Lauren Hargreaves and Ms. Annie Drossman

OES: Abby Fraser-Baez, presented by Dr. Kelly Logan

WMS: Ivan Reznikov, presented by Ms. Janet Escher











HHS: Max Mariasch, presented by Mr. Ric Stark, and Anneliese Baum, presented by Mr. Ric Stark for Dr. Terrence Bissoondial

Yeshiva of South Shore: Nachman Eisenbach, presented by Ms. Marina Babyeva



Mr. Ric Stark presented the new HWFA Partners in Excellence Award to Dr. Dina Anzalone (not present). This award was presented on behalf of Ms. Caryn Bachar, who was not able to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murray presented the Hewlett-Woodmere Administrators and Supervisors Association Citizenship Awards. The recipients were:





FECC: Madison Davidman, Presented by Dr. Lorraine Smyth and Ms. Amy Pernick

HES: Sklyer Goldsmith, presented by Mr. Ross Cohen

OES: Ariana Lopez, presented by Ms. Elizabeth Murray

WMS: Althea Abique, presented by Dr. Al Bauer









HHS: Ethan Abelev, presented by Dr. Alexandra Greenberg

Shulamith High School: Mindy Eisenbach, presented by Ms. Laura Peterson

Mrs. Sheinin thanked the members of HWFA and HWASA and congratulated all of the recipients on their accomplishments.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He congratulated all of the student award winners and their families. Dr. Marino thanked the community for supporting the budget for the 2023-2024 school year and the Capital Projects proposal. He congratulated Mrs. May and Mrs. Amitrano on their re-election to the Board of Education. He thanked all of the staff who worked so hard to make the day successful. He attended the following school events: FECC Earth Day and One World celebrations; HES and OES combined Grade 5 concert; Staff Chats in several buildings; wonderful spring concerts; HHS Business and Marketing Honor Society Inductions. There are many celebratory events coming up in the next month. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The Making Feedback Matter Workshop will be held on May 31 to review the Student Engagement and Curriculum and Instruction survey results. Dr. Marino will host a Superintendent's Roundtable on June 13 at the Hewlett Fire Department.

Mrs. Bonnie Kurtz, Central Council PTA Co-President, provided the PTA Central Council President's report, which can be found at the end of the recap.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sheinin reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The committee recommends for approval the recommendations of both the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Education.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. She commented on the important work done by this committee. The committee recommends approval of five policies listed on the agenda.

Mrs. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Curriculum, Assessment, and Technology Committee. The committee met on May 15 and thanks Ms. Kavanagh for her detailed presentation at the work meeting. The committee discussed showcasing the work of the P-12 chairpeople and curriculum writing and review.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Communications Committee. The committee met on May 15 and discussed the budget materials, the District calendar, end-of-year events, and the District's online presence.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. May attended One World at FECC. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase different cultures and how they are embraced by our community. Mrs. May also thanked the community for coming out to vote. She is saddened by the divisiveness that occurred prior to the election. She also thanked the community for allowing her to serve on the Board of Education for three more years, as well as passing the budget and the Capital Projects proposition. She and other BOE members attended the Employee Recognition Ceremony earlier in the evening and welcomed the opportunity to recognize staff members for their years of service. Mrs. May also congratulated the District's retirees.

Mrs. Amitrano echoed Mrs. May's comments regarding the passage of the budget and the Capital Projects proposal. She thanked Dr. Marino and the entire team at WEC. Mrs. Amitrano thanked the community for their ongoing support.

Dr. Altus congratulated Mrs. May and Mrs. Amitrano on their re-election. He also thanked Dr. Marino for his leadership.

Dr. Altus shared that he visited the Pre-Medicine Club at Hewlett High School. The students were passionate and will be well-prepared for college. He is sure that the future of medicine is in good hands. Dr. Altus thanked Mr. Gordon and Dr. Greenberg for inviting him.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD - AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

ROUTINE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The minutes from the April 18, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting were accepted.

The Consent Agenda was approved. Item F.1.1. CSE and CPSE recommendations were removed from the Consent Agenda and voted upon separately.

The following policies were approved:

#0115 Student Bullying, Harassment Prevention and Intervention

#2160 School Board Officer, Members, and Employee Ethics

#4526 Network and Technology Acceptable Use Policy

#5465 Child Abuse in an Educational Setting

#5500 Student Records

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 7:30 PM, Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 8:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 5:00 PM, Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:15 PM.

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the May 17 regular meeting.

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