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

March 15, 2023

Woodmere Education Center

BUILDING TOUR

A tour of the Woodmere Education Center preceded the Board Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the HHS valedictorian and salutatorian, Anthony Ginzburg and Madison Sreter.

Dr. Alexandra Greenberg, principal of HHS, recognized the Class of 2023 Valedictorian, Anthony Ginzburg, and Salutatorian, Madison Sreter.







Dr. Greenberg introduced the National Merit Finalists: Ethan Abelev, Hiral Chavre, Brian Chen, Anthony Ginzburg, and Ilana Mizrahi.



Dr. Greenberg introduced the National Merit Commended Students: Anneliese Baum, Noah Kesler, Michael Pinnately, and Alexander Sherman.



Dr. Greenberg expressed her thanks to all of the students recognized, their parents, and to the Board of Education for encouraging academic talent at Hewlett High School.

Mrs. Sheinin congratulated the valedictorian, salutatorian, and National Merit finalists and commended students.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report.

- School Events: Dr. Marino held Staff Chats at FECC and HES. HES teachers, Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Kreisberg presented at the Annual Asset Conference in Huntington. He attended the All-District Band Night and All-District Jazz Night. Battle of the Classes and the Staff Volleyball Night were lively and enthusiastically attended. The Foreign Language Honor Society inducted 70 students at their ceremony in March.
- HW 2025 Update: The administrative team met with K12 Insight to debrief on the Curriculum and Instruction survey. The School Quality and Senior Exit surveys were also discussed. The Shared Decision Making Teams at each building are currently participating in Making Feedback Matter Workshops. On March 27, the administration and implementation team members will meet in person to review survey results.
- 2023-24 School Budget Update: The Public Budget Forum is March 21 at 7:00 PM at WEC. Public attendance is encouraged.
- Proposed Capital Projects for May 2023: The BOE will approve the $17.2 million proposal for vote on May 16.
- The April and May Superintendent Roundtables will be replaced by Budget Question and Answer Sessions, with Dr. Marino and Mrs. Donnelly, on April 24, May 4, and May 11.

HHS Student Council Executive VP, Reece Rosenblatt, provided the Student Council Report. The Battle of the Classes was a success, with the proceeds benefitting the Adam Barsel Scholarship in the spirit of competition. He thanked Mr. Friedman for donating snacks and beverages. Other recent celebrations included International Women's Day, PI Day, and a coat drive. The Hewlett Theatre Company's presentation of *The Real Inspector Hound* will take place on March 24 and March 25. They are planning another blood drive in May. The Top Dog Tournament will be held on May 19.

Mr. Ric Stark spoke on behalf of the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association. He congratulated all of the students recognized at the meeting. The Executive Committee will meet on April 3 to select scholarship award winners from each school building and one non-public school. The awards will be presented at the May Board of Education meeting.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Menashe 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.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Legislative Committee. Committee members and Dr. Marino met with Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Assemblywoman Solages, Assemblyman Curran, and will meet this week with Assemblyman Brown. Several topics were discussed, among them funding for Pre-K, school safety and security, including cyber security, health, and nutrition.

Dr. Altus reported on behalf of the Extra-Curricular Activities, Co-Curricular Activities, and Interscholastic Athletics Committee. The committee met at the end of February and discussed field requests, crowd control at sporting events, spectator behavior, and open gym night at the middle school. It was decided that coaches could decide whether to play the national anthem and announce starting line ups at varsity games. Capital Project items were discussed and more information will be forthcoming.

ROUTINE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The minutes from the February 15, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting were accepted.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 7:00 PM, Public Budget Forum, Woodmere Education Center
Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 7:15 PM, Special Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 7:30 PM, Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 8:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the March 15 regular meeting.

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