



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

February 15, 2023

Franklin Early Childhood Center

BUILDING TOUR

A tour of Franklin Early Childhood Center preceded the Board Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Dr. Lorraine Smyth welcomed the Board of Education and attendees to the building. She shared the school's theme of the year, which is Imagine! Members of the BOE were presented with hero capes and were thanked for being Hewlett-Woodmere heroes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Mrs. Doxsee's first grade class.



Under the guidance of Dr. Andrew Fund, the students performed the first verse of, *"The Rainbow Connection."*

Dr. Marino recognized the following staff members:

Mr. David Viegas, Director of Health, Athletics, and Physical Education, for being named the Physical Education Director of the Year by the Council of Administrators for Section 8.



Dr. Richard Mangeri, High School Assistant Principal, for being named the SANYS/NAASP Assistant Principal of the Year. (Not pictured)

Dr. Alexandra Greenberg, principal of Hewlett High School, introduced Dr. Terrence Bissoondial and Mr. Joseph Van Wie, who introduced the Regeneron Science Scholars and the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Semi-Finalists.



Dr. Bissoondial recognized Hiral Chavre (Regeneron), Mikayla Joseph (JSHS), Ethan Abelev (JSHS), and Alexandre Tourneux (JSHS)



Mr. Van Wie recognized Ella Cohen-Kashi (Regeneron), Olivia Ginzburg (JSHS), and Michael Pignatelli (JSHS)



Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He began by introducing HES principal-elect Ms. Heather Sosnovsky, who will join the District on July 1, 2023. Dr. Marino's report also included the following topics:

- School Events: Our schools were bustling with activities throughout the past month. FECC held a Lunar New Year celebration and Finley the Groundhog saw his shadow. HES held a STEM showcase and Read Aloud Day, where Dr. Marino read to 2nd and 3rd grade classes. He hosted a staff chat at OES and attended Paint Night. WMS held both science and history fairs, as well as a Black History Month presentation. The HHS theatre company put on a wonderful presentation of *Sense and Sensibility*. Hoops for Hope was very well attended and there were two college signings on February 15.
- HW 2025 Update: The Curriculum and Instruction survey closed on February 14. Survey results will be reviewed by the administrative team. The Senior Exit survey is currently in development.
- 2023-24 School Budget Update: Upcoming budget meeting on March 8. All budget presentations can be found on the District website. The Board of Education adopts the proposed budget on April 4. May 3 is the Annual Budget Hearing and the Budget Vote is May 16.
- Proposed Capital Projects for May 2023: Three meetings were held in January and February to get feedback from the community. The BOE will finalize the proposed capital project on March 8th.
- Superintendent's Roundtables: The next one is February 16 at the Hewlett Fire Department.

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.

High School student, Leah Bragin, gave the Student Council Report. She reported on the Valentine's Day teddy grams. The Battle of the Classes is scheduled for March 3 and the theme is movie musicals. Student Council is collaborating with the Alumni Association on a Coat Drive.

Ms. Joann Brown, spoke on behalf of the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association.

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.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The committee recommends for approval the eight policies listed on the agenda, and the suspension of Policy #1500 Public Use of School Facilities for PAL Lacrosse, HL Soccer Club, and HW Little League.

Mrs. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Curriculum, Assessment and Technology committee, who met on January 30. Mrs. Kavanagh provided an update on curriculum, including a review of Mathematics and ELA. Mrs. Kavanagh shared that she met with the District Leadership Team to discuss important agenda items, including Cyber Security training.

Mrs. Jeter reported her participation in the Nassau BOCES Budget Review meeting on January 30.

Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Communications Committee who met on January 19. The committee discussed the Happy New Year newsletter and noted the increased participation by private schools. Also on the agenda was the 125 anniversary of HWPS. There are balloons and banners in schools, banners will be placed on poles on Broadway, pins, and t-shirts. It was noted that Ogden's therapy dog made the news! Under consideration is a video budget presentation so residents can view it online.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported his attendance at the January 26 joint presentation by the N-SSBA, NCCSS and SCSSA on the "State of New York State's Economy" featuring NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Meredith King thanked the Board and everyone who helps support the PAL programs.

ROUTINE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

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

The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved. Item F.1.1 CSE and CPSE Recommendations was removed from the consent agenda and voted upon separately.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Board member Judy Menashe spoke about the tennis courts, and the decision at the February 8 work meeting not to move forward with the construction of a fifth tennis court. She inquired about the cost involved to resurface the courts, and asked if this item can be

revisited in the future. It will be discussed again at the March 8 work meeting, per Dr. Marino.

Amil Virani asked about the Town of Hempstead Bus Safety Program. It was suggested that he speak with Mr. DiBartolo. He thanked Mrs. Parahus for leading the tour of facilities and encouraged others to attend the tours in the future. He also spoke about the importance of the capital projects proposal. Mrs. Sheinin thanked Mr. Virani for his support.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 6:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center, Budget Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center, Work Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center, Tour of Facility

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 8:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center, Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 7:00 PM, Budget Development Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 7:00 PM, Public Budget Forum

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the February 15 regular meeting.

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