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 8, 2023

BUDGET MEETING

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed budget challenges, adjustment to the rollover budget, costs associated with new items, the tax levy limit, and revenue sources. Please click HERE for Mrs. Donnelly's presentation.

WORK MEETING

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

The treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Donnelly. There were no questions.

Dr. Nicole Montellese provided an update on the Departments of World Languages and English as a New Language. She reviewed the revised World Language Standards and implementation timeline for the next five years. Dr. Montellese shared the District's current language offerings, including Spanish, French, Italian, and Mandarin. National Honor Society information was shared, as well as results on national exams and competitions. Dr. Montellese reviewed the ENL goals, professional development, and the English Summer Learning Program. She shared the Seal of Biliteracy results and how the departments communicate with families. The presentation can be found HERE.

Dr. Altus thanked Dr. Montellese for the presentation. Board members asked if we could begin language instruction in elementary school. Mrs. May asked for a comparison to last year's numbers. Mrs. Jeter asked about homework support for non-English speaking families. Mr. Tenenbaum inquired about the number of languages spoken at home.

There was a question from the audience regarding why there aren't trips for Spanish students. Another parent expressed concern about the French classes at HHS.

Mrs. Barbara Giese presented the Communication Update. The presentation can be found HERE. She shared recent changes to the District website, the Facebook and Instagram followers and most-likes post, the collateral materials developed throughout the past year, media

coverage, and budget communications. Mrs. Giese also discussed the Capital Projects presentation developed by her department and the District's communication with parents and non-public school families through the Blackboard Connect Messaging System. The importance of crisis communication strategies was also reviewed.

Mrs. Jeter commented on the new Moving to HW section of the Website and asked if Special Education information can be added. She also asked if a QR code can be created for Instagram. Dr. Altus asked what the BOE can do to encourage more people to visit our website and social media. Mrs. Giese shared that there will be school open houses next year.

A community member asked about the maps on the Moving to HW page. Another resident asked about combining the District's many Instagram accounts. A parent asked about putting bussing information on the Moving to HW section and the references to Ogden being a Valley Stream school.

Dr. Marino reviewed the proposed capital project for vote on May 16, 2023. He stated that he has very little feedback from the community on whether or not the District should move forward with the proposal. The BOE must adopt the resolution for the ballot at the March 15 meeting. Dr. Marino reminded the Board that last year's budget passed by a very small margin. The Board discussed removing the fifth tennis court and auditorium lobby at HHS. The rest of the proposed project will proceed for community vote on May 16.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following reports: Budget Status, Revenue Status, and the Preliminary Fund Balance Report.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed three Business Office Resolutions:

- Town of Hempstead School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program
- Participation in Cooperative Purchasing
- NYC Stipulation of Settlement

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Schedule of Contracts, the Schedule of Bids, the Transfers of Appropriation, the establishment of the Matt Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship, and the Applications for Club Charters.

Mrs. Kavanagh reviewed the DECA States Trip Proposal and the Schedule of Conferences and Travel. Board member asked about the LEAF Women's Initiative Conference.

Dr. Marino presented the K12 Insight End of Year Report and the HS 2025 survey calendar.

Dr. Marino discussed the Nassau BOCES Board of Trustees. There are three seats that will expire on June 30, 2023: Deborah Coates, Lawrence Greenstein, and Eric B. Schultz.

Dr. Marino reviewed the following policies for initial review: Policy #0110 Sexual Harassment, Policy #4000 Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines, Policy #9520.2 Family and Medical Leave.

Dr. Marino reviewed the following policies for final review: Policy #0350 Evaluation of Instructional Programs, #1130 News Media Relations, #4340 Adult Education, 5000 Student Policies Goals, #6000 Fiscal Management Goals, #7000 Facilities Development Goals, #8000 Support Services Goals, and #9000 Personnel Goals.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:30 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 7:30 PM, Franklin Early Childhood Center, Tour of Facility

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 8:00 PM, Franklin Early Childhood Center, Regular Meeting

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

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

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the February 8 Work Meeting.