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

January 18, 2023

Ogden Elementary School



BUILDING TOUR

A tour of Ogden Elementary School preceded the Board Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Leena Urovish.



Dr. Anzalone welcomed the Board of Education and community to Ogden. An Ogden student, Sohil Bhatta, introduced Sofia Matatov, Coralia Savin, Giuliana Esposito, Meryl Jean-Baptiste, and Sarah Goodman,
who sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Dr. Fund presented certificates of participation to the New York State School Board Association artists: Berin Dilek, Emmanuel Roberts, and Sarina Vernov, and All-County Music participants: Anaiah Valero, Adurey Hasan, Sarah Goodman, Giuliana Esposito, Emily Murdakhayev, Meryl Jean-Baptiste, Sofia Matatov, Coralia Savin, and Victoria Shalom.





Ogden students, Abby Fraser and Elias Roberts, welcome the Board of Education and presented them with portraits created by student artists.



Debra Sheinin by Eshal Umer



Cheryl May by Sofia Matatov



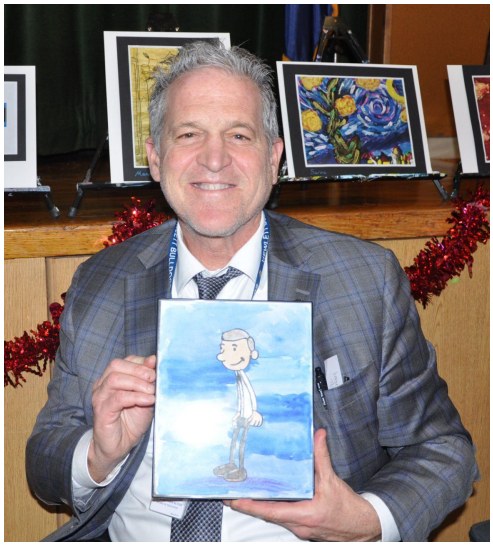
Judy Menashe by Adele Harosh



Francois Tenenbaum by Scarlett Jimenez



Shari Amitrano by Isra Rasheed



Dr. Jonathan Altus by Abigail Taft



Chana Jeter by Anastacia Frekhtman

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report, which included the following topics:

- School Events: In the short window between Board meetings, Dr. Marino held staff chats in the middle school and high school and attended several building events.
- HW 2025 Update: The results from the Student Engagement Survey have been reviewed. The Curriculum and Instruction survey launched on January 18. The Implementation Team is reviewing the School Quality Survey prior to its launch in February. The Making Feedback Matter workshops will occur in March and May to review survey results.
- 2023-24 School Budget Update: All budget presentations can be found on the District website. There are upcoming budget sessions on February 8 and March 16. March 21 is the Public Budget Forum. 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: Postcards were sent to the community advertising the three information sessions. The first session was held on January 17. The two remaining sessions will take place on January 31 at 11:00 AM at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, and February 7 at 7:00 PM at the Woodmere Fire Department.
- Superintendent’s Roundtables: A Superintendent’s Roundtable was held January 12 at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment. The next one is scheduled for February 16 at the Hewlett Fire Department.
- 125th Anniversary: The 125th Anniversary committee is hard at work. The kickoff in the buildings will be January 25. The committee members, in coordination with the building principals, have several celebratory activities planned. The District kickoff is February 1 at the Gallery One Art Show. You may start to see an increasing amount of 125th Anniversary items on display - posters in the school buildings, pole banners on Broadway, and commemorative pins worn by all staff members.

High School Executive Board Treasurer, Brian Chen, gave the Student Council Report. He reported that the toy drive was a success, with over 100 toys collected and donated. The Valentine's Day fundraiser will take place again this year.

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. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The committee met on December 19. There are no new policies to review.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Legislative Committee. The committee met on January 5 and established goals for the school year. The goals include advocating for adequate funding and no unfunded mandates. The committee will meet with Assemblyman Ari Brown on February 2 and discuss school safety and nutrition.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Public and Private School Council. The council met on January 12 at Kulanu Academy, where they participated in a tour of the facility and an interesting presentation on mental health.

Mrs. Jeter reported on her participation at the Nassau BOCES 2023/24 budget development workshop. Several topics were discussed, including the Administrative Operations Budget. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Speaker cards were received from Arib Khan, Sahar Hussain, and Michael Brenner. All speakers spoke in favor of the inclusion of the Eid holiday on the school district calendar.

The minutes from the December 21, 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting were accepted. Mr. Tenenbaum reported an omission in his comments from the December minutes. In addition to attending the Tree Lighting at the Hewlett Triangle, the Trees for Troops celebration, and the student art gallery at Dolce Confections, Mr. Tenenbaum also attended the menorah lighting at the Hewlett Triangle.

The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved, with the exception of Item 1.2. School Calendar for the 2023-24 school year, which was voted on separately.

Item 1.2 School Calendar for the 2023-24 school year was approved by a vote of 6-1. The approved calendar can be found here.

Dr. Altus commended the community for the respectful way of approaching the Board of Education with requests to have the Eid holidays added to the calendar. He also commended the Board of Education leadership for welcoming these discussions with the public.

Mr. Tenenbaum agreed that the Board of Education welcomes public participation at their meetings.

Mrs. Sheinin responded that due to legal advice received from the school district counsel, the Board of Education cannot permit the day off.

There were no policies for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Speaker cards were received from Amil Virani and Meredith King. Amil Virani thanks 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 community participation in the May 16 budget vote and learning about the capital projects proposal.

Mrs. King spoke about opportunities for facility usage. The PAL program is currently using both gyms at Ogden. She thanked everyone who supported the program and asked the District to make the permit process more flexible.

Dr. Altus thanked Mrs. King for her efforts and will add the permit process to a future meeting of the BOE Extra-Curricular Activities, Co-Curricular Activities, and Interscholastic Athletics Committee.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 6:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center, Budget Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center, Work Meeting
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

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the January 18 regular meeting.

Click HERE for the Central Council PTA newsletter.