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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 11, 2023

BUDGET MEETING

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed fund balance allocations, appropriations from reserves, and the tax levy limit. BOE members asked questions about possible budget additions, Please click HERE for Mrs. Donnelly's presentation.

WORK MEETING

The work meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Sheinin wished the community a Happy New Year.

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

The District's internal auditor, Shari Diamond, provided a claims audit summary. The District received phenomenal results with very few outstanding issues.

Ms. Mary Harrison provided a guidance update. The PPS offices at WMS and HHS are family liaisons with students, parents, and the community. Ms. Harrison reviewed school counselor responsibilities, Northwell partnership, social emotional learning programs, course scheduling, college application process, and much more. Board members asked questions about early decision to Ivy League schools, college acceptances, underenrolled courses, and college preparation. Please click HERE to view the presentation.

Dr. Brian Terry provided a science update. He reviewed the timeline of the science standards and assessments. Dr. Terry outlined the science programs and activities at all schools. He and several science teachers visited science labs at other schools to work with Distict architects on capital project renovations. Dr. Terry shared that non-public schools in the District have been invited to participate in Science Fairs. Please click HERE to view the presentation.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following reports: Budget Status, Revenue Status, Preliminary Fund Balance, Schedule of Contracts, Schedule of Bids, and Surplus Equipment.

Mrs. Kavanagh reviewed the Schedule of Conferences and Travel; Ms. Giese and Ms. Nasso will travel to Syracuse in March for the New York State Public Relations Association Spring Conference. Additionally, Ms. Kavanagh, Ms. Peterson, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Mattes, and Dr. Montellese will travel to Skaneateles in March for the LEAF's Women's Initiative Conference.

Ms. Giese presented two versions of the 2023-2024 school calendar. Both versions are identical with the exception of the first day of school. Both calendars have 184 instructional days for teachers, 181 instructional days for students, and 4 snow days built in. The professional development committee recommended spreading out Superintendent's Conference Days, so they will be in August, November, and March.

The following individuals spoke about the 2023-24 District calendar (please excuse any incorrect spellings of names. Speaker cards are handwritten and not always easily deciphered): Sabir Rasheed, Ari Kirschbaum, Michael Brenner, Samar Hussain, Mishal Hussain, Edit Hillel, Arib Khan, Ahmed Mohammed.

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

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:50 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 7:30 PM, Ogden Elementary School, Tour of Facility

Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 8:00 PM, Ogden Elementary School, Regular Meeting

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

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

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the January 11 Work Meeting.