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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

December 21, 2022

Hewlett Elementary School

BUILDING TOUR

A tour of Hewlett 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 Skyler Goldsmith. Then the HES chorus sang the Pledge of Allegiance and the Hewlett Elementary School song, accompanied by Mr. Sugar on piano and Samuel Racer on cello.



Dr. D'Agostino welcomed everyone to a special night at Hewlett Elementary School and thanked the Board for recognizing the art and music students. She introduced Dr. Andrew Fund, Director of Art and Music.

Dr. Fund announced that the music department has completed eleven concerts. The HHS Concert Chorale went on a tour through all schools and two nursing homes and did a phenomenal job. Dr. Fund recognized the following art and music students:

- *Arianna Kopach, Florena Yuditsky, and Skyler Goldsmith*, for performing at the Board meeting.
- *Elisabeth Brailovskiy, Ellie Sapir, Evelyn Lamdan, Robert Radano, Jamilah Lawson, Josephine Ervolino, Allyson Higgins, Valentina Turcios, Mia Ryzhikov, Julianna Cazares Sanches, Natalie Ozcan, Ava Sionov, Jia Wang, and Samuel Racer*, for being selected for All-County.
- *Shai Avgi and Kira Warshawski*, whose artwork was chosen to be displayed at Dolce Confections.

- *Anna Maria Balmores, Kaylee Glatt, and Elena Malysheva*, whose artwork was selected for the New York State School Boards Association virtual art show.
- *Sophia Baigel, Azaan Kamal, Keira Kesler, Stephanie Kondov, Nicolas Labasi, Anna Maria Balmores, Nicole Nosov, Ava Sionov, Mia Tretyakov, and Milena Vais*, whose artwork was part of a virtual art show at the high school concerts.
- *Students from Ms. Edman's class*, whose beautiful artwork was displayed at the Board meeting









Dr. Fund thanked the Hewlett-Woodmere Business Association for their assistance with the display of art at Dolce Confections. Additionally, Dr. Fund shared that a 96-page coloring book was emailed to the entire District and all students collaborated on the artwork for the pages.



Mr. Cohen introduced Skylar Goldsmith, Student Council President, and Alexa Findling, Student Council Vice President, who spoke about their experiences at HES.





Mrs. Sheinin, Board President, introduced Mr. Viegas who recognized fall athletes and coaches. It was a wonderful fall season with lots of records set. The following student athletes were recognized:

NAME	AWARD/HONOR	SPORT
Matthew Lamour	All-Conference	Boys' Soccer
Ryan Goodman	All-County Honorable Mention	Boys' Soccer
Jaycen Ng	Unsung Hero	Boys' Volleyball
Kemani Booker	All-County	Boys' Volleyball
Yuval Paz	All-Conference	Boys' Volleyball
Jadon Margulies	National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete	Football
John Cusumano	Honorable Mention All-County	Football
Anabella Lamour	All-Conference	Girls' Soccer
Emily Erdos	Senior Scholar Athlete	Girls' Soccer
Dawn Davidson	All-Division: 200 Medley Relay, 100 Free, 50 Free, 200 Free Relay All-County: 200 Free Relay, 50 Free All-Conference: 50 Free, 200 Medley Relay, 100 Free	Girls' Swimming/Diving

Ella Newman	All-Conference: 500 Free	Girls' Swimming/Diving
Erica Sava	All-Division: 200 Medley Relay, 100 Fly, 200 IM, 200 Free Relay All-County: 200 Free Relay All-Conference: 200 Medley Relay	Girls' Swimming/Diving
Eva Karmazin	All-Conference	Girls' Tennis
Miriam Khmelniker	All-Division	Girls' Tennis
Olivia Tetsoti	All-Division	Girls' Tennis
Sahara Ahmad	All-County	Girls' Tennis
Tiffany Lin	All-County	Girls' Tennis
Jaime Ng	Honorable Mention All-County	Girls' Volleyball
Matteo Preziosi	Outstanding Physical Education Student of the Year	
Ariel Waldman	Honorable Mention All-County	Football
Brooke Touti	All-Division: 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay All-County: 200 Free Relay All-Conference: 200 Medley Relay	Girls' Swimming/Diving
Dylan Rave	All-County Honorable Mention	Boys' Soccer
Kevin Chacon	Unsung Hero	Football
Mia Teplish	All-Conference	Girls' Tennis






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

- School Events: Thanksgiving celebrations at FECC and HHS with the Life Skills students, Trees for Troops at Dee's Nursery with elementary students, student artwork display at Dolce Confections, all the wonderful holiday concerts at OES, HES, WMS, and HHS, and staff chats held at FECC, HES, and WMS.
- HW 2025 Update: The Student Engagement Survey was sent to middle and high school students. It closed December 8. There was a participation rate of 82% at HHS and 62% at WMS. The Curriculum and Instruction Survey will launch at the end of January.
- 2023 - 24 School Budget Update: All budget presentations can be found on the District website. The next meeting is January 11, 2023.
- Proposed Capital Projects for May 2023: Three dates have been scheduled for the community to discuss the potential facility upgrades. Those dates and locations are: January 17 at Hewlett Fire Department at 7:00 pm, January 31 at Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library at 11:00 am, and February 7 at Woodmere Fire Department at 7:00 pm.
- Superintendent Roundtables: The next Superintendent Roundtable is January 12 at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment.
- 125th Anniversary: The 125th anniversary logo is being used throughout the District. A draft calendar of events has been created and shared with the committee. Pins have been ordered and we are in the process of ordering t-shirts for students and staff.

High School Student Council Vice President, Ibrahim Rasheed, spoke about the toy drive. Hundreds of toys were collected and donated to SIBS Place. This week was spirit week at the high school. Each day students were encouraged to dress up in the theme - pajamas, black tie, superhero, holiday/ugly sweaters.

Mrs. Michelle Morgan provided the PTA Central Council President's report, which can be found at the end of the recap.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Curriculum committee. The committee met and discussed computer-based testing and the curriculum review process.

Mrs. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Special Education committee. The committee recommends for approval the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Dr. Altus reported on behalf of the ExtraCurricular, Co-Curricular Activities, and Interscholastic Athletics committee. The committee met on December 13. Items of discussion included afterschool activities for middle school, a swim program update, and adding other activities/sports for middle school and high school.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee and recommended approval of the following policies: Policy #2410 Policy Development, Adoption, Dissemination, Implementation and Evaluation, Policy #9210 Job Descriptions, Policy #6640 Inventories, Policy #8414 School Bus Safety, and Policy #2450 Policy Dissemination for abolishment.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on many recent events he attended including the tree lighting, Trees for Troops, art gallery at Dolce Confections, and several concerts.

Mrs. Sheinin reported on building events that she attended including the HHS play, the wonderful concerts (which can be viewed online), boys and girls basketball, Puff Ball Ceremony, and the HHS Chorale.

Dr. Altus recently participated in Career Day at WMS. He was humbled by the many questions students asked him about his career. He has renewed respect for teachers who speak for 40 minute periods. He complimented the WMS staff for a wonderful event.

Mrs. May spoke about the HHS Interview Day on November 17. Participants interview high school students and it is a great way to connect with them. This event happens twice a year.

The minutes of the November 16 regular meeting were approved. The Consent Agenda was approved.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 6:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center, Budget Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center, Work Meeting
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

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the December 21 regular meeting.

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