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

November 16, 2022
Hewlett High School

BUILDING TOUR

A tour of Hewlett High School preceded the Board Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Dr. Greenberg introduced Student Council Underclassmen Vice President, Melanie Shvartsberg, to lead the pledge of allegiance.



Dr. Andrew Fund, Director of Art and Music, made the following introductions:



The high school musical cast, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Riley and Mr. Anthony Santanastaso, performed a song from the musical, “Into the Woods.”

Dr. Fund recognized the 2022 NYSSMA All National and All State Students:

Anastasia Inglima - All National Honors Choir
Daniel Nidetch - All State Alternate
Barbara Hogue - All State Alternate
Anneliese Baum - All State - Jazz Choir
Leah Bragin - All State Choir
Sapir Mizrachi - All State Choir





Dr. Fund recognized high school student Yael Madjar, whose artwork is displayed at the 2022 Nassau County Juried Exhibit and Competition at the Port Washington Art Guild.



Mrs. Sheinin read the following statement:

“With tremendous appreciation, the Board of Education would like to thank Dr. Marino and the members of the Task Force for their outstanding contribution. The professionalism and the endless hours spent researching, reviewing, and formulating a thorough investigation of the objectives have impressed us immensely and allowed us to culminate in a responsible outcome for the community. We are confident that the current work in Hewlett-Woodmere is on target, and we do not need to implement any Task Force program changes. The enthusiasm and extraordinary efforts that everyone put into completing the project are commendable. We are truly grateful and would like to express our sincere appreciation.”

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

- School Events: Attended the fun and spirited pep rallies in our buildings in advance of the Homecoming Parade and game, which was held on a beautiful fall day. Franklin, Hewlett, and Ogden held fantastic storybook and costume parades around their buildings. He attended the high school musical, Into the Woods. Congratulations to all our talented performers, stage crew, and technical crew members. He encouraged everyone to attend a performance over the next several days.
- HW 2025 Update: The Student Engagement Survey will be sent to students this week and can be accessed through a link or QR code. Curriculum and Instruction Survey will launch in early December.
- 2023 - 24 School Budget Update: All budget presentations can be found on the District website. The next meeting is December 14.
- Proposed Capital Projects for May 2023: The District’s architect has met with the Board of Education several times to share potential scope of work.

Melanie Shvartsberg spoke on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. The Pep Rally & homecoming were very successful and a lot of school spirit was shown. The marching band, local businesses, and varsity teams all paraded through the community. Upcoming events: Donations to Sids Place of new, unwrapped toys.

Designated Officers of the District’s Employee Organizations:
Debbie Horvath spoke on behalf of the Clerical Unit.
Ric Stark spoke on behalf of the Teachers Unit.
Also in attendance, members of the IT and Maintenance units.
The units will come to the table prepared for a fair negotiation, and ask that the BOE and District do the same.

Mrs. Sheinin thanked those who attended and those who spoke representing their units.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Menashe 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.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee and requested a discussion take place prior to approval of the policies on the agenda this evening.

Dr. Altus reported on behalf of the Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular Activities, and Interscholastic Athletics committee. The committee met in early November. Items of discussion included the goals of the committee, the Capital Improvement Plan and fields for the middle school and the high school, and establishing contact with the private schools concerning field usage.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Public and Private Schools Council. The committee met on November 3 and discussed transportation and topics for future meetings. The next several meetings will take place in the non-public schools.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. Jeter reported on many recent events attended by members of the Board of Education. Highlights included the fall festivals, the FECC PTA meeting and mathematics presentation, and the SEPTA meeting. Special mention was made of the Veterans Day celebrations at WMS and FECC.

Mrs. May reported on the Board's attendance at the NYSSBA annual convention in Syracuse, New York, in late October. It was a wonderful learning experience and a very informative conference.

The minutes of the October 19, 2022 regular meeting were approved. The Consent Agenda was approved, with the exception of H.1.1 Schedule of Bids, which was voted on separately.

H.1.1, Schedule of Bids approved. Mrs. Amitrano and Mr. Tenenbaum abstained from the vote.

Policy Actions:

Policy #0101 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms. The first sentence will be amended to include the language: *In accordance with the law, the Board of Education recognizes the responsibility of having gender neutral single-occupancy bathrooms.*

Six policies on the agenda were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Amil Virani, Valley Stream, thanked Mrs. Parahus for leading the tour of the facility earlier in the evening. He encouraged members of the community to participate in these tours to better understand the building condition and the potential capital reserve project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, Budget Meeting, 6:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, Work Meeting, 7:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center
Wednesday, December 21, 2022, Tour of Facility, 7:30 PM, Hewlett Elementary School
Wednesday, December 21, 2022, Regular Meeting, 8:00 PM, Hewlett Elementary School

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the November 16 regular meeting.
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