



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

October 19, 2022

Woodmere Middle School

BUILDING TOUR

A tour of Woodmere Middle School preceded the Board Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by WMS 8th grader, Raphael Levi.



Dr. Andrew Fund, Director of Art and Music, introduced orchestra teacher, Ms. Theresa Ruggles. Student musicians Alessandro Aguilar, Zenon Eliopoulos, Eyal Mizrahi, Daniel Nolasco, Mila Profiloski, and Suellie Yang performed the Star Spangled Banner.



Dr. Fund introduced art teachers Ms. Linda Mizel, Ms. Kathryn Sileo, and Ms. Joie Candido, whose students have artwork on display in the WMS lobby. Each teacher recognized three students.

Ms. Sileo's class:

Sean Blustin – Grade 8

Tamar Bober-Tsafrir – Grade 6

Tiffany Lin – Grade 8



Ms. Mizel's class:

Elizabeth Ferro – Grade 8

Damaris Villatoro Rodas – Grade 8

Mischa Zhang – Grade 7



Ms. Candido's class

Derin Artan – Grade 7

Zhara Barton – Grade 7

Siena Lopez – Grade 7



Mr. John Wimmer, P – 12 Chairperson of Social Studies, introduced Ms. Alison Coggins, advisor of the History Club along with Mr. Lacatera. Students were recognized for their accomplishments in History Day:

Michael Heyman, 11th grade, Harley Honig, 10th grade, Sydney Honig, 11th grade



The students spoke of their project on Dividing America: Roe v. Wade decision and their participation at the local, regional, and national levels. The students thanked the Board of Education for their continued support of History Day.

Mrs. Sheinin thanked the music, art, and History Day students who were present at the meeting.

Dr. Marino read a State of New York Proclamation in honor of School Board Recognition Week. Dr. Marino thanked the members of the Board of Education for their hard work and dedication to all the students of HWPS and the community.

Dr. Marino presented a Board Achievement Award to Board member Francois Tenenbaum for completion of various New York State School Boards Association training activities.



Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's report. There have been wonderful fall celebrations at FECC, OES, and HES. His front stoop is decorated with festive mums and scarecrows! Woodmere Middle school had a wonderful Bookelicious Event hosted by literary enthusiast, John Schu. They also had a Hispanic heritage assembly. There was a phenomenal club fair at the high school highlighting all the amazing clubs and organizations available to our students. Last evening was Parent University. This afternoon was the Improv Olympics. There were Staff Chats held at Franklin, Hewlett Elementary, and Hewlett High School. Dr. Marino also gave an update on the Princeton Plan Task Force. The committee met on September 29 and continued their work on the template for the Board report to be presented on November 9. There will be a meeting next week to finalize the report. He also gave an update on the Nine-Period Day Task Force. The committee met on September 28 and continued their work on the template for the Board report to be presented on November 9. There will be a meeting next week to finalize the report. Minutes from both Task Force meetings can be found at the end of the re-cap. Dr. Marino also gave an update on HW 2025. The team from HW met with K12 Insight at the end of September to work on survey planning for this school year: Student Engagement Survey will launch next week, Curriculum & Instruction Survey will launch early November, Senior Exit Survey will be administered in May. Dr. Marino gave updates on the 2023-24 school budget development, as well as the proposed May 16, 2023 Capital Project. Dr. Marino attended Superintendent Roundtables at the Hewlett Fire Department on September 28 and the HW Public Library on October 24.

Leah Bragin, Executive Board Secretary, spoke on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. In honor of School Board Recognition Week, Ms. Bragin thanked the Board of Education for volunteering their time and sharing their vision for the future. The Pep Rally is Thursday, October 20 followed by Homecoming on Saturday, October 22. All are welcome and encouraged to attend these wonderful events!

Bonnie Kurtz provided the PTA Council Presidents report which can be found at the end of the recap.

Board Member Committee Reports

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

Mrs. Jeter reported on behalf of the Communication Committee. The committee met in early October, selected a chairperson, and established their goals for the year. They reviewed the Public and Private Schools Public Relations Plan.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The committee continues their hard work. There are no policies for approval this evening.

Mrs. Sheinin reported on behalf of the Audit Committee. The committee met on October 6 and heard reports from both the external auditor (RS Abrams) and the internal auditor (Cullen & Danowski). There are three reports and the Corrective Action Plans recommended for approval this evening.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Tenenbaum reported his attendance at the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Resolutions Meeting on September 28, as well as the New York State School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting on October 17. The 43 proposed Resolutions were reviewed and voted upon on October 17. It was a very positive and informative evening, which allowed voting delegates the opportunity to debate and listen to what other Districts have to say about common issues.

Mrs. Sheinin and Mrs. May expressed their thanks to the building principals for being invited to the school buildings for so many fun and festive events. They attended several building PTA meetings, as well as many sporting events. The members of the Board of Education were looking forward to the Pep Rally and Homecoming.

The minutes of the September 21, 2022 regular meeting were approved.

Consent Agenda unanimously approved.

G.1.5 Resolution and Memorandum of Agreement, AMAS Unit, has been removed from consideration and will be placed on the November meeting agenda for approval.

F.1.1 CSE, CPSE Recommendations, will be voted upon separately.

F.1.1 CSE, CPSE approved. Mrs. Sheinin abstained from the vote.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Stephanie DeCicco and Robin Sita spoke about certain instructional concerns at the high school.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, Budget Meeting, 6:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, Work Meeting, 7:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Tour of Facility, 7:30 PM, Hewlett High School

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Regular Meeting, 8:00 PM, Hewlett High School

NOTE:

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the October 19 regular meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for minutes from the September 28 Nine-Period Day Task Force Meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the minutes from the September 29 Princeton Plan Task Force Meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the Central Council PTA newsletter.