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September 14, 2022

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

WORK MEETING

The work meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

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

Dr. Marino reminded the Board and audience that prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, our long-term capital projects plan included renovations to the HHS auditorium, the HHS and WMS athletic fields, and the HHS and WMS science laboratories. All of these areas are in significant need of repairs and updates. We are bringing this discussion back to the Board and community in anticipation of placing the proposition on the May 2023 ballot. Dr. Marino introduced Mr. John Grillo, AIA, from JAG Architects P.C. to discuss the three areas for capital projects. Mr. Grillo discussed the existing conditions of the HHS and WMS athletic fields with proposed new projects. Many questions, comments, and suggestions were received by Board members and audience members about athletic facility needs. The discussion included the addition of one or two tennis courts and a baseball field at WMS. Next, Mr. Grillo discussed the Performing Arts Center at HHS. Although one of the goals is increased seating capacity, there is limited ability to make the auditorium bigger. A balcony may be added to provide additional seating. Lighting, sound, and stage upgrades would be included in the complete redesign. Once again, many questions and comments were shared by Board members and attendees. Mr. Grillo concluded his presentation by discussing the Science Laboratories at HHS and WMS. Five labs at WMS and ten labs at HHS would be renovated and upgraded. The presentation can be found HERE.

> Mrs. Marie Donnelly shared how the District will be able to pay for the capital projects without increasing the burden on taxpayers. We will use three existing reserves to complete the projects. The funds in these reserve accounts were approved by the District 14 voters and may not be used for any other purpose.
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> It was determined that Mr. Grillo will revise his presentation to address some of the Board member suggestions and questions and return at the October 12 Board meeting.

Ms. Amanda Kavanagh and Dr. Andrew Fund shared information regarding the recording of Board of Education Meetings. They provided additional options for video and audio recording of

meetings. After a discussion by the Board, it was determined that there was no further interest in recording Board meetings. The presentation can be viewed HERE.

Ms. Barbara Giese presented the Public Relations Plan developed by the Public and Private Schools Sub-Committee. The plan was finalized in December 2020, but put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the plan is to bring all members of the community together and improve relationships between public and private school parents and students. After a discussion, it was determined that the plan will be reviewed and updated by the Board Communications Committee. The Public Relations Plan can be viewed HERE.

Mrs. Donnelly presented the Business Office Reports: Budget Status Report, Revenue Status Report, and Extraclassroom Report.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following Business Office Resolutions: Participation in Cooperative Purchasing and Lease Agreement between Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools and Hewlett Lawrence Soccer Club.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Schedule of Contracts, Transfers of Appropriation, and Application for Club Charters.

Ms. Kavanagh discussed the APPR Training Plan and Lead Evaluators for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ms. Kavanagh reviewed the Academic Intervention Services (AIS) Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ms. Kavanagh reviewed upcoming FIeld Trips and upcoming Conferences and Travel for staff members.

Dr. Marino discussed the leadership programs that District Leadership Team members will be attending.

Dr. Marino discussed the 125th anniversary of Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools. A committee will be formed to determine how to celebrate this milestone as a community.

Dr. Marino discussed Policy #1500 Public Use of School Facilities. Some minor revisions were missed when the policy was approved in June. The correct version will be on the website.

Mrs. Baum commented on the WMS Discovery Teacher and lack of instructional time.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:40 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, September 22, 2022, 8:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center, Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, 6:30 PM Budget Session; 7:30 PM Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center,

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 8:00 PM, Woodmere Middle School, Regular Meeting

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the September 14 Work Meeting.