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June 15, 2022
Woodmere Education Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Debra Sheinin, President; Cheryl May, Vice President; Mitchell A. Greebel, Judy Menashe, Francois Tenenbaum, Shari L. Amitrano, Jonathan D. Altus

REGULAR MEETING



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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Trustee, Mr. Mitchell Greebel.

A small group of Hewlett High School musicians performed jazz numbers for the attendees. Thank you to Benjamin Meringoff (drums), Jared Glassman (guitar), and Sean Fruman (guitar/vocals) for this outstanding performance.

Dr. Andrew Fund recognized students whose artwork will be on display in the Woodmere Education Center Board Room: Ilana Gendlin (HHS), Corilia Savin (OES), Adir Vider (FECC), Charles Mendoza Zeledon (HHS), Ariel Izhakov (HES), Suellie Yang (WMS, Dylan Beda (WMS).

Mrs. Alba Gallegos recognized the following students:

NYS SEAL OF BILITERACY 2022

SPANISH
Fernando Alvarado Sarceno
Jasper Kleinschuster
Benjamin Meringoff
Abigail Soltanovich

ITALIAN
Alessandro Bordone

HEBREW
Hannah Gold
Ido Sapir

SPANISH AND CHINESE
Gabriela Pesantez



LONG ISLAND LANGUAGE TEACHERS (LILT) POSTER CONTEST
3rd place grades 10-12
Anaclara Sava



STARTALK PROGRAM

STARTALK is a federal grant program funded by the National Security Agency. Congratulations to Leeya Azemoun, Hiral Chavre, and Ibrahim Rasheed, students in the Chinese 4H class at Hewlett High School, who were selected to participate in the 2022-2023 STARTALK Chinese program hosted by the University of Hawaii.

The three students will join a select group of Chinese language students from across the nation for asynchronous online training in Spring 2022. They each achieved Intermediate-Mid proficiency level and were invited to spend three weeks at the University of Hawaii at Manoa this summer. After the summer, the program will culminate with two additional semesters of asynchronous instruction. Those who successfully complete the program will earn 8 college credits.

NATIONAL FRENCH EXAM

SILVER
Luca Profiloski (level 1)
Shane Zamidar (level 1)
Rachel Chen (level 2)

BRONZE
Annaliese Baum (level 4)
Alexandre Tourneux (level 4)



NATIONAL ITALIAN EXAM

GOLD
Bianca Paez (level 1)
Michael Pignatelli (level 3)

SILVER
Isaias Valdez (level 1)
Zoe Sylvester (level 1)



BRONZE
Christopher Beeg (level 1)
Brianna Radoo (level 2)

NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM

GOLD
Camilla Ángeles (level 2)

SILVER
Eva Khavasov (level 1)
Sean Zamidar (level 1)
David Abelev (level 2)
Ethan Abelev (level 4)



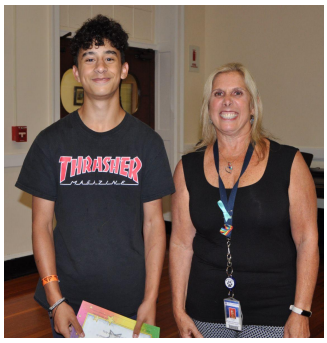
BRONZE
Abdullah Ashrafi (level 2)
Brian Chen (level 4)
Mia Partesano (level 4)
Alexandre Tourneux (level 4)

Mrs. Michele Hochhauser recognized the following students:



Nassau Reading Council Young Author Contest
Ellie Sapir – HES
Victoria Son- WMS
Rafael Vincent Songcuya- WMS
Mischa Zhang- WMS
Ariya Rahmanzada- WMS
Chrissy Hogue- HHS
Michelle Borukhova - HHS





Long Island Arts Council Poetry Contest (All from HHS)
Hayley Henggeler
Tanisha Williamson
Arib Khan

Walt Whitman Poetry Contest (honorable mention)
Noam Sheerit- WMS





Erase Racism Essay Contest
Gabriela Pesantez

Wrote the First Original Screenplay Performed at HHS
Emma Tsoglin

Mr. David Viegas stated that it was a great spring season. He recognized the following student-athletes:

GOLF

Michael Cafaro	Honorable Mention All-County

BOYS LACROSSE

Luke Rochler	All Conference
Max Mariasch	Honorable Mention All-County
Ryan Goodman	All-Conference

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Matthew DeCicco	Hewlett HS Record Holder 110 High Hurdles, #1 Freshman on LI & #6 in NYS
John Praise Ola	All-Division
Michael Rodriguez	All-Division

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Daniella Nickerson Zorrilla	All-Division - Discus
Gabriella Kennedy	All-County - 4 x 100 Relay

Halimah Lawson	All-Division - High Jump and Triple Jump
Nylah Phillips	All-County - 4 x 100 Relay and 400 Meter Division Champion
Kayleigh Jamieson	All-County - 800 Meters
Charlotte Moscovici	County Champion - Pole Vault

GIRLS LACROSSE

Brianna Ruta	All-Conference
Marci Iannico	All-Conference

BOYS TENNIS

Alexander Sherman	All-County
Benjamin Grushovskiy	All-County
Stephan Gershfeld	All-State













Dr. Ralph Marino recognized Board of Education member Mitchell A. Greebel for his nine years of dedicated service to the students and the community of Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools. Mr. Greebel is stepping down from the Board of Education effective June 30, 2022. Other speakers included Mr. Scott McInnes, former president of the Board, Mrs. Judy Menashe on behalf of SEPTA, Mrs. Debra Sheinin on behalf of Hewlett Wrestling, Mr. David Viegas on behalf of Hewlett Athletics, Mrs. Debra Sheinin, Mrs. Cheryl May, and Mrs. Shari Amitrano on behalf of the current Board of Education. Mr. Greebel was presented with a G.W. Hewlett High School





diploma along with several gifts. Everyone enjoyed a video put together by the wrestling program.

Mr. Greebel spoke about his involvement in the community, his time on the Board of Education and his many happy memories with Hewlett wrestling.

The meeting recessed for refreshments.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's report. He thanked the staff for the past two years of very hard work during the pandemic. He also thanked the members of the 9-Period Day and Princeton Plan Task forces. The Princeton Plan Task Force had its final meeting on June 1 and the 9-Period Day Task Force met on May 23. Each work group on both task forces updated the teams on the progress of their research. The meetings will resume in September. He has attended many school events including spring concerts, National Honor Society Induction, Thespian Honor Society, Science Honor Society, and the Athletic Awards. Dr. Marino has concluded his staff chats for the year. The last few college signings took place for talented athletes. He attended the Valedictorian/Salutatorian Celebrating Excellence Breakfast with our students, parents, and Ms. DeCarlo. This week's prom at the Floral Terrace was a lovely evening and a huge success. Dr. Marino has been attending the school celebrations for valued staff members who are retiring. He is looking forward to all of the graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Hogan provided the Curriculum Report. He provided an update on COVID-19 cases. He thanked the staff, parents, students, and community for their patience and understanding during the year. The District continues to provide online instruction for students who are isolated due to COVID-19. Throughout the 2021-22 school year, Mr. Hogan has met monthly with the P-12 chairs, met monthly with the BOE policy committee, attended PTA curriculum meetings, and conducted observations of teachers. Mr. Hogan thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Marino and all of the HW staff. He will complete his assignment as Interim Deputy Superintendent on June 30.

Mrs. Donnelly presented the Business Office Report. The Business Office staff is continuing to prepare for the year-end close. The auditors were in to review documents in preparation for year-end audit. The summer months are spent closing purchase orders, making final payments, and closing the books. The auditors will return on August 29. Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the transportation contacts for the 2022-2023 school year. The District will contract with two bus companies, Independent Coach and Guardian Bus. The Transportation Office is working with a focus to assign routes in an effort to level the bus routes assigned to each company. Mrs. Donnelly attended the tree dedication ceremony at HES, the HHS Community Awards, and the Athletic Awards. She is looking forward to the graduation ceremonies.

Dr. Bediako provided the Human Resources report. This will be her last report, as she will complete her Interim Executive Director for Human Resources assignment on June 30. Dr. Bediako thanked the Board of Education and the administration for inviting her to be a part of this amazing school district. She has

learned a lot from the Board members, DLT members, and the principals. Dr. Bediako would especially like to thank the support staff; they are truly the backbone of the organization.

Ms. Peterson provided the Special Education report. She is looking forward to all of the end-of-year activities. She reported that SEPTA had their last meeting, discussing the upcoming events and plans for next year. She also shared that SEPTA provided refreshments for the Best Buddies end of year celebration. She attended a kickball tournament with neighboring schools at Oceanside where students from the high school competed against their peers from other schools. She attended Battle of the Classes and it was an exciting and fun evening. The District's lead social worker provided a powerful Darkness to Light training to the wellness staff, helping them better recognize child sexual abuse. Ms. Peterson has been meeting with staff across the District, as well as Northwell's Behavioral Health clinic staff, to plan for the 2022-23 school year. She thanked Mr. Greebel for his years of service and advocacy for students with special needs.

Mr. Reese Rosenblatt, incoming Student Council President, reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. Throughout the past month, the Student Council has worked on the blood drive and the Battle of the Classes. They saved more than 150 lives through the Blood Drive. The Battle of the Classes included more than 400 student participants. The theme was cities and the juniors took home the prize this year.

Mrs. Alyssa Honig and Mrs. Shana Milillo reported on behalf of the Central Council PTA. This will be their final report. They thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Marino for all of their support. They thanked Mr. Greebel for his nine years of service. The information can be found in the PTA newsletter at the end of this document.

Board Member Committee Reports

Mr. Greebel 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. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the three policies on the agenda.

Mrs. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Curriculum Committee. The Committee met on June 9 and discussed the curriculum review process, literacy workshops, and professional development.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Public and Private Schools Council. The final meeting of the year was held on June 9. Participants discussed the nationwide transportation issue. For next year, the council will meet at private schools, as well as HWPS.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on his attendance at the Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting on May 25. He was presented with a certificate of recognition for the Board of Education to honor the critical role of Boards of Education during these unprecedented times. Mr. Tenenbaum met with the president of the Massapequa School District Board of Education to discuss participating in meetings with nearby school districts to discuss common concerns, thoughts, and ideas.

Mrs. May is looking forward to graduation ceremonies and handing out diplomas at the HHS graduation.

Mrs. Sheinin thanked Mr. Hogan and Dr. Bediako for their service this year.

The minutes of the May 18 meeting were approved. One item was removed from the Consent Agenda:G.1.10, which was voted on separately. The remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved.

No speaker cards were submitted for public comments.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, June 27, 2022, Work Meeting at 5:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, July 6, 2022, Organization and Regular Meeting, 5:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, Regular Meeting, 5:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the June 15 regular meeting.

Click HERE for the Central Council PTA Newsletter.

Click HERE for the minutes of the May 23, 2022 9-Period Day Task Force Meeting.

Click HERE for the minutes of the June 1, 2022 Princeton Plan Task Force Meeting.