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April 26, 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 performed by the Hewlett High School Chorale, under the direction of Mr. Riley. The Chorale performed additional selections to the delight of all attendees.



Mr. Viegas highlighted the HHS winter athletes:

The Nassau Zone of The New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance honored two outstanding students in our 2022 graduating class as the Physical Education Outstanding Students of the Year: Emma Zalcman and Ethan Bernstein.



The following students were recognized for achievements in winter sports:

Boys Basketball: Nicholas Morgan, All Conference



Boys Bowling: Ethan Bernstein, All Conference.

Rafi Cohen, All Conference



Boys Swimming: David Kushnirsky, All County, 4th Place NYSPHSAA.

Ethan Golduber, All County, 4th Place NYSPHSAA

Ethan Nus, All County, 4th Place NYSPHSAA

Ethan Silver, All County

Jacob Kogan, All Conference

Jason Shapiro, All Conference

Jonah Kirschbaum, All County, 4th Place NYSPHSAA



Boys Track and Field: Matthew DeCicco, All Conference



Boys Wrestling: Aaron Manzano, All Conference

Ariel Waldman, All Conference, All County (2nd Place Section VIII)

Carlos Salazar, All Conference, All County

Jacob Maiorano, All Conference, All County (2nd Place Section VIII) All-State

7th Place NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships

Jonathan Zenny, All Conference, All County

Joshua Gendlin, All Conference, All County, Nassau County Champion



Competitive Cheerleading: Paige Underweiser, Section VIII, Scholar-Athlete



Girls Basketball: Brianna Ruta, All Conference



Girls Fencing: Ariella Golbin, 2nd All Conference team



Girls Winter Track and Field: Charlotte Moscovici, County Champion-Pole vault

Esther Babalola, Conference Champion-Long jump

Lilli Seidman, County Champion-Racewalk

Shira Gamson, All County, Will attend Muhlenberg College for Track and Field




Certificate of Recognition
Esther Babalola


Certificate of Recognition
Lilli Seidman



Gymnastics: Ella Findling, All Conference (Vault, Bars, Beam, Floor)

Mila Profiloski, All Conference (Vault, Bars, Beam, Floor)

Sienna Nelson, All Conference (Beam)



Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's report. He has attended many school events including One World at FECC; the WMS musical, "Matilda, Jr.," the HHS play, "(Don't) Tell Anyone I Have This," Interview Day and the Book Trials, and All District Jazz Night. He is looking forward to the many end-of-year events and celebrations. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW2025. Making Feedback Matter workshops were held at HES, OES, and WMS for the Student Engagement and Curriculum and Instruction surveys. The School Quality survey had low participation and may be reopened. Dr. Marino reported on the Budget Q and A sessions. He provided an update on the Princeton Plan Task Force. The Task Force met on April 4. The next meeting is June 1. The Nine-Period Day Task Force met on March 30 and the next meeting is on May 23. The budget vote will be held on May 17 from 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM at the Woodmere Education Center. There are five candidates running for the two open Board of Education positions.

Mr. Hogan provided the Curriculum Report. There has been a slight increase in COVID-19 cases. The transition meetings with Mrs. Kavanagh are going well. They continue to meet collaboratively with the District's P-12 chairpersons.

Mrs. Donnelly presented the Business Office Report. The Board of Education adopted the proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year on April 6. The budget was presented to the PTA at their joint meeting on April 11. There are three Budget Q and A's scheduled in the upcoming weeks. Additional publications about the budget are forthcoming. All budget information is posted on the District Website. The state recently released the legislative run of state aid. The District has a slight increase, but Mrs. Donnelly is not recommending a change to the revenue budget, as these runs are only projections. Mrs. Donnelly continues to become more involved in the Human Resources Department in preparation for her new role and to ensure a smooth transition. She continues to serve on both the Princeton Plan and Nine-Period Day Task Forces and has met with her individual groups. Mrs. Donnelly also participated in the interview process for the Director of Health, Safety & Security, school nurse and a clerical position in the Business Office.

Dr. Marino provided the Human Resources report on behalf of Dr. Bediako. The Tenure Reception was held earlier in the evening. Dr. Bediako's office continues to plan the Employee Recognition Ceremony for May 18. Negotiations are ongoing with several collective bargaining units.

Ms. Peterson provided the Special Education report. She attended the One World Celebration at Franklin and commended Dr. Smyth on the impressive display of culture, costumes, and food. She also attended the play, "(Don't) Tell Anyone I Have This," written by a Hewlett High School student, and noted how impressed she was with the writing, vocabulary, and acting during the show. She also attended the District Art Display at the library and commended Dr. Fund and his staff for the incredible work they do with the students. Ms. Peterson reported that staff from Northwell Health did a Stress First Aid presentation to the District Leadership Team. The program was developed to address the trauma faced by first responders during the September 11 crisis and has been adapted for use in other areas like schools. The team responded well to the presentation and Ms. Peterson looks forward to having them continue the work with our teachers next year. Ms. Peterson shared that she continued her participation in the Princeton Plan and Nine-Period Day Task Force meetings, Making Feedback Matter workshops, New Teacher Induction meeting, staffing meetings, and participation in interviews.

Ms. Hayden Millman reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council They are working on many end-of-year events, including Battle of the Classes on June 3.

The Student Advisory Council recently met with Mrs. De Carlo. They are resuming Walk Along Wednesday music. They are collecting supplies for Ukraine. Battle of the Classes is being planned and it will be held indoors.

Mr. Ric Stark reported on behalf of the District's employee organizations. He congratulated the tenure recipients. HWFA is supporting this year's budget. The current HWFA officers have been re-elected for another term.

Mrs. Alyssa Honig and Mrs. Stephanie DeCicco reported on behalf of the Central Council PTA. 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.

Dr. Altus reported on behalf of the Activities & Athletics Committee. The Committee met on March 22 and discussed the WMS baseball home field, WMS sports teams, live streaming sporting events, increasing fan presence, repairing or replacing the turf at HHS, and repairs at the pool.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the five policies on the agenda.

Mrs. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Committee. The Committee met on April 4 and discussed the process by which we review our current curriculum. Mrs. Kavanagh is establishing metrics to measure programs, enhancements, and the process to revise curriculum.

Board Member Reports

Mrs. Sheinin congratulated the tenure recipients and student athletes. She has attended many building events with other Board members recently and said that it is wonderful to be back in the schools.

Mrs. May echoed Mrs. Sheinin's sentiments and encouraged all to participate in the Book Trials.

The minutes of the March 16 and April 6 meetings were accepted and the consent agenda and all policies were approved.

Opportunity for the Public to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items:

Mrs. Morgan asked about opportunities for HHS students to register to vote.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 11, 2022, Work Meeting at 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, May 18, 2022, Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM, Budget Vote and School Board Elections, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the April 26 regular meeting.

Click HERE for the minutes of the second Princeton Plan Task Force meeting.

Click HERE for the minutes of the second Nine-Period Day Task Force meeting.

Click HERE for the Central Council PTA Newsletter.