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March 16, 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

TOUR OF FACILITY



Mrs. Kim Parahus provided a tour of the Woodmere Education Center.

REGULAR MEETING

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hewlett High School Valedictorian, Elizabeth Zemlyansky and Salutatorian, Benjamin Sherman.



The Woodmere Middle School Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Holford, performed *When the Saints Go Marching In* and *Domino*.

Mrs. De Carlo introduced the Hewlett High School Class of 2022 Valedictorian, Elizabeth Zemlyansky and Salutatorian, Benjamin Sherman.

Mrs. De Carlo introduced National Merit Finalist, Emma Tsoglin and National Merit Commended Student, Sirasu Pathiranage.











Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's report. He has attended many school events including staff chats at Franklin Early Childhood Center and Hewlett Elementary School. Dr. Marino also attended the visit from author James Murray from Impractical Jokers and Career Day at Hewlett High School. He provided an update on HW 2025 which included a meeting with K12 Insight on the Student Engagement and Curriculum and Instruction Surveys. The launch of the School Quality survey has been moved to April. FECC and HHS have reviewed their survey results at the March Shared Decision Making meetings. Dr. Marino hosted a Superintendent Roundtable at the Woodmere Education Center on March 15. He will host Budget Q and A sessions at the Hewlett Fire Department, the Center for Adult Life Enrichment, and the HW Library. Dr. Marino provided an update on the Princeton Plan and 9-Period Day Task Forces. The Princeton Plan Task Force met on February 17. Individual work groups are meeting to research their topics in preparation for the next meeting on April 4. The 9-Period Day Task Force met on February 10. Again, the individual work groups are researching topics for presentation at the March 30 meeting. Minutes from both meetings can be found at the end of this document. Dr. Marino concluded his report by providing an update on the 2022-2023 school budget.

Mrs. Donnelly presented the Business Office Report. Budget development is ongoing. At the March 9 budget meeting, she presented the proposed expenditure and revenue budgets for the 2022-23 school year. The expenditure budget is currently at a .95% increase over the current year budget, while the tax levy is at .5% increase over last year's levy. Mrs. Donnelly also presented the proposed fees for 2022-23 for the Use of Facilities, Summer Playschool, Summer Art & Music and Community Education & Services programs. The Public Budget Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM at the Woodmere Education Center. All budget development presentations can be found on the District's website. The business office is preparing for the auditor's visit this summer. They are awaiting document lists from the auditor to review with them at the pre-visit on June 9. Mrs. Donnelly has been meeting with Dr. Bediako and her staff to begin the transition to supervising the human resources department.

Ms. Peterson provided the Special Education report. Her office is working to fill open clerical positions. She participated in the interview process for the District's new HR Administrator. Ms. Peterson recently presented two Social Emotional Learning programs to the District Leadership Team and the Hewlett High School staff, Respectful Ways and Why Try, both of which are trauma informed programs. She is hoping to pilot both programs to determine which one will best meet the needs of our students. Ms. Peterson presented at the recent Public and Private Schools Council meeting on the special education process and services the District can provide to non-public schools. She continues to participate in a variety of committees including the Princeton Plan and 9-Period Day Task Forces, the Instructional Technology Vision Committee, the School Opening Planning Team, and the Making Feedback Matter workshops.

Dr. Bediako provided the Human Resources report. The Human Resources office has been busy interviewing and filling open positions. They are also reviewing tenure recommendations, which will be on the April BOE agenda for approval. The Tenure Reception will precede the meeting. Dr. Bediako and her staff are also planning the Employee Recognition Ceremony, which will take place on May 18. She introduced the District's new Human Resources administrator, Elaine Fenick, who will begin on July 1, 2022. Contract negotiations are continuing.

Madeline Heyman, Executive Treasurer of Student Council, provided a report. 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.

Mrs. Alyssa Honig 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.

Mrs. Sheinin reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. Two policies are recommended for approval and one policy for abolishment.

Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Communication Committee. At the recent meeting Mrs. Giese reviewed the upcoming budget materials. The District has also launched an Instagram account.

The minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting were accepted and the consent agenda and all policies were approved.

Dr. Altus thanked the members of the BOE and the administration for their leadership throughout the pandemic. He thanked Dr. Marino, Mrs. Sheinin, and Mrs. May for their leadership and for maintaining decorum and respect during a difficult time and for not losing sight of what is best for the children.

Opportunity for the Public to be Heard on Agenda Items:

Mr. & Mrs. Shapiro discussed a book that was sold at the Hewlett Elementary School book fair.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, Public Budget Forum at 7:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, Special Meeting at 7:15 PM, Work Meeting at 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE:

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

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

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

Click HERE for the Central Council PTA Newsletter.