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December 15, 2021
Ogden Elementary School

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, Dr. Dina Anzalone, and the OES Bulldog Buddies provided a tour of Ogden Elementary School.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Dr. Anzalone welcomed everyone to Ogden Elementary School. She introduced OES student Jeremy Leone to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



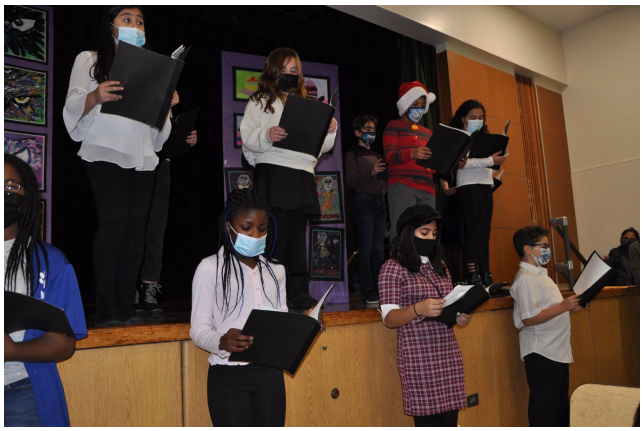


Mrs. Santanastaso and the Musical Theatre Workshop students delighted attendees with two holiday songs. The following students performed: Michael Abelev, Noya Assayag, Libi Ben-Baruch, Ella-Marie Cayo, Shai-Lee Cohen, Telly Eliopoulos, Giuliana Esposito, Sam Fradlis, Abby Fraser, Matthew Ginzburg, Sarah Goodman, Shani Halimi, Adele Harosh, Sarina Hussain, Meryl Jean-Baptiste, Andreza Marcos, Sofia Matatov, Gabby Megira, Emily Murdakhayev, Olivia Ortiz, Iliana Persaud, Coralia Savin, Tehilla Tyrnauer-Ulman, Leena Urovish.











Mr. Finn highlighted spectacular student artwork and recognized students whose pieces were featured at the New York State Art Teachers Association. The following students were recognized: Sami Ashrafi, Zara Bawla, Berin Dilek, Abby Fraser-Baez, Sarah Goodman, Mishal Hussain, Ariana Lopez, Coralia Savin.









Dr. Anzalone introduced a video highlighting Shark Tank inventions. OES students Claudia Froymovich and Naftali Safier explained their extraordinary inventions to the Board of Education via video.

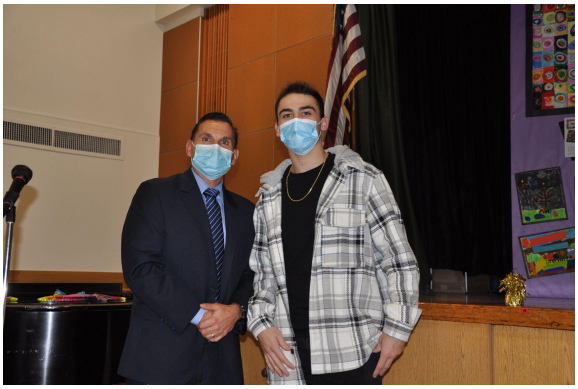


Mr. Viegas recognized the following fall athletes:

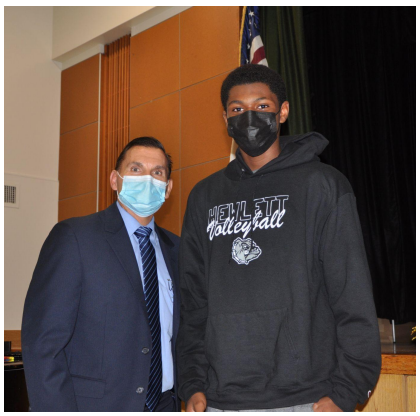
Kayleigh Jamieson	All-Conference	Girls' Cross Country
Kemani Booker	All-Conference	Boys' Volleyball
Nicholas Morgan	All-Conference	Boys' Volleyball
Mark Winkler	All-County	Football
Dawn Davidson	All-County (State Qualifier)	Girls' Swimming
Nyla Gershfeld	All-State	Girls' Tennis
Jaime Ng	All-Conference	Girls' Volleyball











Mrs. May congratulated all of the students who were recognized and thanked them for attending the meeting and showcasing their talents.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's report. This past month, Dr. Marino attended the Thanksgiving feasts at FECC and with the HHS Life Skills class. He also attended the parades at HES and OES and the Geography Bee at WMS. Dr. Marino participated in Interview Day at HHS and held staff chats at FECC and HES. He reported that student artwork is on display at Dolce Confections. He commented about how wonderful all of the winter concerts have been thus far. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The Making Feedback Matter Workshops are scheduled for March 2022 in each building. The Student Engagement and Curriculum and Instruction surveys will launch in February. The next Superintendent's Roundtable will be on January 11 at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment. Dr. Marino provided an update on the construction taking place at Hewlett Elementary School, Hewlett High School, and Woodmere Middle School.

Mr. Hogan provided the Curriculum & Instruction report. He shared that the District has begun livestreaming for quarantined students. The teachers and students are adjusting well. He thanked the teachers who volunteered to assist with remote learning for the first three months of the school year. He continues to meet with the P-12 chairs and has begun to include Mrs. Kavanagh in those meetings.

Mrs. Donnelly presented the Business Office Report. Budget development is continuing. The last presentation highlighted information from the October and November presentations and a rollover budget which includes current staffing and contractual services at next year's projected costs. The rollover budget also included staff reductions at the high school and elementary level. Staffing meetings are taking place with building and department administrators. All presentations can be found on the District website. Mrs. Donnelly also reported that the Audit Committee met last week to review the proposed corrective action plan to the three audits issued by the internal and external auditors. Mrs. Donnelly thanked Mrs. Parahus and the Bulldog Buddies for the wonderful tour of the building.

Dr. Bediako provided a report from the Human Resources Department. The HR department continues to fill vacancies. The applications for HHS principal are due by December 17. The

selection process will begin after the new year. Negotiations continue with three bargaining units. The District is continuing to provide weekly COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated employees. Dr. Bediako is completing observations in all buildings.

Ms. Peterson provided the Special Education report. She attended many of the Thanksgiving celebrations around the District and a wonderful time was had by all. She also attended the parades at HES and OES. She has attended monthly meetings with Mr. Hogan and the District chairpeople and met with Mrs. Harrison to become more familiar with her responsibilities. SEPTA hosted a parent workshop on stress which was well attended. She is organizing Project Snowflake at the Woodmere Education Center, where gifts are collected for families in need in the community. Ms. Peterson has been completing both formal and informal observations and both the staff and students have been wonderful. She is preparing for annual reviews and budget.

Mr. Reese Rosenblatt reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. They are running a toy drive to benefit SIBS Place. Spirit Week will take place December 20-23.

Mrs. Irina Abramovich 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.

Mr. Greebel reported on behalf of the Audit Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the resolutions and the acceptance of the District's Corrective Action Plan.

Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Communication Committee. The Committee met on December 14 and reviewed the ongoing COVID-19 communication about testing and livestreaming. In addition, Mrs. Giese reviewed Microsoft Translator, a program the District is going to begin using in January. Microsoft Translator allows for two-way communication with all participants selecting their native language. The Committee also reviewed current projects, which include the HHS profile, the real estate guide, the Happy New Year newsletter, the Student Opportunity Fund brochure and card, and the BOE brochure.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee, who recommends the approval of policy #8131 Disaster Planning and Civil Preparedness and #2210 Board Organization Meeting.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Tenenbaum attended the Thanksgiving events at several buildings and noticed increased parent participation. He also commented that he was disappointed in the administration who promoted student participation in an ERASE Racism essay contest.

Mrs. Amitrano also attended many District events recently. The HHS musical was fantastic, as were all of the concerts. The student artwork at Dolce and Dunkin Donuts was wonderful to see. She participated in the HHS Interview Day.

Mrs. May and Mr. Greebel reported that they also participated in the HHS Interview Day and that it was wonderful to be in touch with the students.

The minutes from the November 17 meeting were approved.

The consent agenda was approved.

Policy #2265 Shared Decision Making and School Based Planning was approved.

Public Comment:

Speaker cards requesting to add the Eid holiday to the School Calendar were submitted by the following:

Tanvir Ahmad, Anoosha Vireni, Kareem Mozawalle, Yasmeen Mozawalla, Sarina Hussain, Intekhab Ahmed, Arib Khan, Intisa Ahmed, Talha Ashragi, Hena Qayuum, Sahar Hussain, Erina, Mishal, Yusef Hussain, Zahra, Ibrahim Rasheed, Gihazala Anis, Kevin Shakic, Hasan Sheikh.

Noa Gansky asked about a student vaccine mandate. Mrs. May suggested she send a letter or email to Dr. Marino.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:15 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 7:30 PM, Work Meeting at Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 7:30 PM, Tour of Facility/8:00 PM, Regular Meeting at Franklin Early Childhood Center

Thursday, January 27, 2022, 7:00 PM, Budget Meeting at Woodmere Education Center

NOTE:
Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the December 15 regular meeting.

Click HERE for the Central Council PTA Newsletter.