



Re-Cap!

November 10, 2021
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

BUDGET MEETING

The budget meeting began at 6:30 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Sheinin.

Mrs. Sheinin began the meeting by reminding the community that all budget and Board of Education meeting agendas, minutes, and presentations are always available on the District Website. Meeting re-caps are also sent to all parents and guardians and posted on the website. BOE discussion is always conducted in public, with the exception of legal and personnel matters, which are discussed in Executive Session. The BOE strives for complete transparency. Mrs. Sheinin mentioned that the BOE encourages continued involvement from the community.

She highlighted the District's per-pupil spending and declining enrollment and the need for a 1% maximum tax levy and budget-to-budget increase for the 2022-2023 school year. She reminded the community that the BOE asked for additional information at the October 13 Budget Workshop to help reduce spending. These items included moving to a 9-period day at Hewlett High School and instituting the Princeton Plan at Ogden and Hewlett Elementary schools. These items were requested to determine associated cost savings. Several BOE members have asked for additional administrative reductions, as well. The BOE requested this information be available at the November 10 meeting.

Mrs. Donnelly shared her second budget presentation of the school year. Please click [HERE](#) to view the presentation. Topics of the presentation included: 2022-23 budget development, budget goals, budget development process, budget considerations, and review of potential savings from the reduction to a 9-period day at Hewlett High School and implementation of the Princeton Plan at Hewlett and Ogden Elementary schools. The preliminary estimates for both budget considerations would result in reduction of teachers. The Princeton Plan would increase bussing costs.

Mrs. Shenin then asked all BOE members to provide feedback on both the 9-period day and the Princeton Plan.

Mrs. Sheinin then opened the floor to public comments on the 9-period day. Many members of the community provided thoughts and opinions.

Mrs. Sheinin shared that the BOE would pause on the idea of the 9-period day at this time. Instructional staff at HHS will be reduced by 10 FTEs. Under enrolled courses will be examined and addressed, as appropriate.

Due to time limitations, Mrs. Sheinin invited questions from the community about the Princeton Plan. Several community members shared thoughts and opinions.

Mrs. Sheinin temporarily stopped the budget meeting discussion to allow agenda item #2 from the Work Meeting to take place. Mrs. De Carlo, Interim HS Principal, Ms. Harrison, P-12 Guidance Chairperson, Dr. Fund, Director of Art and Music, Dr. Terry, P-12 Chairperson of Science, Ms. Fennessy, P-12 Chairperson of Mathematics, Mr. Viegas, Director of Athletics, and Mr. Machado, 9-12 Business Chairperson, gave a presentation on the 2022-2023 Course Handbook for Hewlett High School. The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

The budget meeting discussion resumed at 8:20 PM.

Public comments continued on a variety of topics, including the 9-period day at HHS, the Princeton Plan, additional administrative reductions, 2022-23 budget, enrollment decline, how to encourage new families to move to HW, and others.

Mrs. Sheinin summarized next steps as follows:

- The BOE asked Dr. Marino to convene a task force to evaluate the possibility of a 9-period day at Hewlett High School. The 9-period day, if approved, would begin September 2023 at the earliest.
- The BOE asked Dr. Marino to convene a task force to evaluate the possibility of the Princeton Plan. The Princeton Plan, if approved, would begin September 2023 at the earliest.
- The BOE requested more information from Dr. Marino regarding additional administrative reductions by the December 8 meeting.

The budget meeting concluded at 10:05 PM, at which time the Work Meeting commenced.

WORK MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 PM.

The Work Meeting agenda was reviewed in its entirety.

The Work Meeting included the following presentations:

- A Special Education update by Ms. Peterson. The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).
- A Five Year Reserve Management Plan presentation by Mrs. Donnelly. The presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 7:30 PM, Tour of Facility at Hewlett Elementary School;
8:00 PM, Regular Meeting at Hewlett Elementary School

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 6:30 PM, Budget Meeting; 7:30 PM, Work Meeting at Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 7:30 PM, Tour of Facility at Ogden Elementary School; 8:00 PM, Regular Meeting at Ogden Elementary School

NOTE:

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the November 10 Budget Meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the November 10 Work Meeting.