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October 13, 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

Please click HERE to view the budget presentation.

WORK MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mrs. Donnelly. There were no questions.

Marianne VanDuyne of RS Abrams virtually presented information on the District's external audit. Ms. VanDuyne complimented the business office staff for working well as a team. The topics of discussion included an overview and results of the audit, extra classroom reports, and the financial statement audit. The District received an "unmodified opinion,"which is the best grade possible. The auditors looked at internal controls and identified areas of improvements. Findings from the prior year have been implemented. The overall financial health of the District is very strong. The District has a strong financial plan and the business office is doing a great job. The entire presentation can be found HERE.

Ms. De Carlo and Ms. Harrison presented on student achievement data. The presentation can be found HERE. Ms. De Carlo asked the Board of Education to consider the difficulty of the 2020-2021 school year when viewing the presentation. Overall, the students performed well. Ms. De Carlo noted that there is an error on slide 20. It should say 37% of students are taking at least one course. Several Board of Education members asked questions regarding students taking their first mathematics Regents after exemption, the "do no harm" regarding Regents exams, declining enrollment in AP Capstone, and comparative number of AP courses.

Mrs. Donnelly presented the five-year budget projections. The presentation showed a 2% increase each year. While the fiscal health of the District is very good, we do not want to deplete our reserves. We will continue to keep an eye on how we are spending the reserves. Board members discussed the District's per pupil spending and declining enrollment, the possibility of moving to the Princeton Plan to reduce spending (grades 2 and 3 at one school; grades 4 and 5 at another), eliminating the 10-period day at Hewlett High School, and the need for a maximum 1% budget increase in the proposed budget for 2022-2023. Dr. Marino and Mrs. Donnelly will begin

researching these possibilities and associated cost savings and will report back to the Board of Education. The presentation can be found HERE.

Mrs. Donnelly presented the Business Office Reports: Budget Status Report, Revenue Status Report, and Analysis of Reserves at Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021.

Mrs. Donnelly presented the Schedule of Contracts. She noted that a contract approved by the Board in August will no longer be utilized.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the Transfers of Appropriation, Schedule of Gifts, Surplus of Equipment, and Applications for Club Charters.

Mr. Hogan reviewed the Field Trips, including the trip to Frost Valley.

Mr. Hogan reviewed Conferences and Travel, which includes Dr. Marino's trip to Frost Valley and Ms. Peterson's and Ms. Granelli's attendance at the Long Island Association of Special Education Administrators.

Mr. Hogan reviewed the list of evaluators who have completed/are completing the Annual Recertification Training for Principal and Teacher Evaluators.

Mr. Hogan reviewed the Academic Intervention Services (AIS) plan for 2021-22.

Mr. Hogan reported on the Professional Development Committee for 2021-22. One additional teacher will be added.

Dr. Marino reported on K12 Insight and Engagement Planning for the 2021-22 school year. The presentation reviewed the previous year's surveys. Going forward, there will be four surveys between November and May. The HW 2025 Implementation Team for this school year will be approved next week and include new WMS and HHS students. The full presentation can be found HERE.

Dr. Marino discussed the District Leadership Programs. Dr. Brian Terry, Mr. Ross Cohen, Ms. Laura Peterson, and Dr. Andrew Fund will participate in various professional learning opportunities.

Dr. Marino presented the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association 2021 Proposed Resolutions Worksheet. Mr. Tenenbaum attended the Nassau-Suffolk meeting in preparation for the October 18, 2021 NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting. The recommendations were reviewed with the Board of Education.

Dr. Marino discussed the potential for video recording of Board of Education meetings. He asked the Board to clarify if the intent is to video all meetings (work, budget, and regular) or only those

meetings where we take action (regular). The proposed idea would be to video record the meeting to post on the website so residents can watch at a later date. We are not discussing the possibility of livestreaming meetings at this time. The proposal would require revisions to our Board policies, per our attorney. Within the next month, staff members will research available technology to utilize in all buildings since meeting locations change from month to month. A discussion ensued where Board of Education members voiced opinions on video recording and asked about costs to the District.

Dr. Marino presented a proposed July 2022 Organizational Chart which would reorganize the structure of Woodmere Education Center. This plan will address the vacancies, interim personnel, and concerns regarding per pupil spending and declining enrollment. The proposed reorganization would consolidate and streamline operations. There will be significant cost savings in the central office by eliminating and consolidating several positions. The Superintendency model will be abolished. The restructuring will require moving some offices within the Woodmere Education Center. Several Board of Education members expressed the need for additional administrative reductions. Dr. Marino stated that he will research and explore additional reductions. A Board member inquired about who will handle an emergency in Dr. Marino's absence. A link to the Organizational Chart can be found HERE.

Mr. Hogan discussed a policy up for final approval at the October 20 meeting: Policy #6800 Payroll Procedures. Policy #2265 Shared Decision Making and School Based Planning is up for initial review.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:30 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 7:30 PM, Tour of Facility at Woodmere Middle School;
8:00 PM, Regular Meeting at Woodmere Middle School

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 6:30 PM, Budget Meeting; 7:30 PM Work Meeting at Woodmere Education Center

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

NOTE:
Click the links below for agendas and supporting documentation for the October 13 budget and work meeting.
Budget Meeting
Work Meeting