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July 1, 2021

Woodmere Education Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Debra Sheinin, *President*; Cheryl May, *Vice President*; Jonathan D. Altus, MD, Shari Amitrano, Mitchell A. Greebel, Judy Menashe, Francois Tenenbaum

ORGANIZATION MEETING

- The meeting began at 5:05 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Sheinin.
- The Oath of Office was administered by the District Clerk to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ralph Marino, Jr., and newly elected/re-elected Board of Education members, Dr. Jonathan D. Altus and Mrs. Judy Menashe.





- Mrs. Debra Sheinin was elected the Board of Education president. Mrs. Cheryl May was elected the Board of Education vice president.
- The Oath of Office was administered by the District Clerk to Mrs. Sheinin and Mrs. May.
- The Schedule of Annual Appointments of Board Service Personnel, effective July 1, 2021, was approved.



- The Oath of Office was administered by Mrs. Sheinin to the District Clerk (Mrs. Randazzo), the Assistant District Clerk (Mrs. Donnelly), the District Treasurer (Mrs. San Phillipo), and the Deputy Treasurer (Ms. Peterson).
- The Board of Education read and signed the Accountability Statement, in accordance with Policy #0300.
- The Designation of the District's Bond Counsel (Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP) and Financial Advisor (Capital Markets Advisor, LLC) was approved.
- The Board Appointments, effective July 1, 2021, was approved.
- The Designation of Newspapers for 2021 – 22 Legal Notices was approved (Nassau Herald, South Shore Record, and Newsday).
- The Designation of Banks as Depositories was approved.
- The Commercial Crime Coverage for the period 7/1/21 – 7/1/22 was approved.
- Additional authorizations for the 2021 – 22 school year were approved.



- The following resolution was approved: Board of Education members authorized to appoint Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2021 – 22 school year (Mitchell Greebel and Judy Menashe).
- The designation of Board representation in committees and organizations for the 2021 – 22 school year approved. (Please click HERE to view).
- The meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM

REGULAR MEETING

- The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM.
- Dr. Marino congratulated Mrs. Sheinin and Mrs. May on their election as president and vice president of the Board of Education, respectively. He also congratulated newly and re-elected Board members, Jonathan Altus and Judy Menashe.
- Dr. Marino introduced Dr. Mary Bediako, the District's Interim Executive Director of Human Resources.
- Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. Our in-person moving-up and gradation ceremonies were wonderful. We have successfully completed the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Marino thanked all District students, staff, parents, and community members for working together. He is very proud of the Hewlett-Woodmere community. The District is patiently waiting for new guidance from Governor Cuomo so we can begin to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The State of the District survey will remain open through July and then we will review the reports with K12 Insight. The District's Summer Playschool is in full swing at OES. The ESL Summer Learning Program began this week and the high school academic Summer School and the Extended School Year Program start on July 6.
- Mr. Hogan provided the Curriculum Office Report. He commented that the finals and regents testing period in June went very well. The District's summer programs are all set up to facilitate COVID-19 reporting. Curriculum writing and professional development are occurring throughout

the summer, including Grammar for K-2, Math Skills for PK-K, 5th Grade Science (with a focus on Earth Science), Grade 7 Essay Writing, Grade 6 Land Transportation, High School ENL Geometry, High School AP biology summer assignments.

- Mrs. Donnelly provided the Business Office Report. Her office is preparing for the year end and external audit. They are closing out all outstanding purchase orders and paying invoices so financial statements can be prepared. Simultaneously, Mrs. Donnelly's staff is working to print purchase orders for the 2021-2022 school year to ensure that required supplies and materials are received in time for the start of the school year. The Business Office staff has been working on non-public school invoicing, as well as completing and submitting the Medicaid cost report. The auditors will return on August 10 to complete the external audit. She will schedule a meeting of the Audit Committee for September to allow for submission of the audit and corrective action plan by the October 15 deadline.
- Dr. Bediako thanked all of the staff she met on her first day for the warm welcome. She is ready to work hard and be a part of the HWPS family.
- Ms. Peterson provided the Special Education Report. Ms. Peterson reported that she completed her staff evaluations, discussing with each the strengths from this year and goals for next year. She continued to meet with contracted providers to resolve issues from this school year and ensure services are ready for the start of next year. Ms. Peterson attended many of the end of year celebrations, some in person and some online. She enjoyed attending the car parades with Ms. Donnelly and watching the graduation and moving up ceremonies, seeing the personality of each building in their event. It was great to see the community celebrating these milestones, live and in person. Ms. Peterson met with the Long Island Regional Partnership Center at LIU and some of our high school staff to discuss our upcoming reporting on Indicator 13, a federally required review of secondary transition. While we are not reporting on this Indicator until 2022-23, we will begin training staff during the 2021-22 school year to be prepared and ensure compliance. Ms. Peterson shared that the interviews for the CPSE Chairperson position are underway. Unfortunately, Ms. Christ is unable to continue in the position, but we are looking for the best candidate to take on the role.

Board Reports

- Mr. Greebel reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The Committee recommends the approval of both the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee, who recommends the approval of the policies on the agenda.
- The minutes, consent agenda, and policies were all approved.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 5:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE:

The agenda and supporting documentation for the July 1 Organization Meeting can be found HERE.

The agenda and supporting documentation for the July 1 Regular Meeting can be found HERE.

The July Construction Update can be found HERE.