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October 16, 2019

Hewlett Elementary School

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Mitchell Greebel, *President*; Melissa Gates, *Vice President*; Paul Critti, Cheryl May, Judy Menashe, Debra Sheinin, Daniella R. Simon

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- Dr. Colleen O'Hara welcomed attendees to Hewlett Elementary School and introduced the six fifth grade students who led the Pledge of Allegiance: Valery Alvarado-Mazariegos, Jacob Kurtz, Emilie Joseph, Joshua Vasserman, Camila Moriera, and Iven Reznikov.
- The same students then shared the work they are doing in their tech design class under the direction of Mrs. Kristina Gallagher. Students use technology to build bridges and connect with others within the school, community, and around the world. Students shared their flipgrids created with their grid pals in India.













- Students then recognized the members of the Board of Education in honor of National School Boards Recognition Week. Board members were presented with a key chain and a bracelet made in the tech design class, as well as a certificate of honor.
- Dr. Marino recognized Mrs. Kim Parahus, who was recently elected as the first female president of the New York State School Facilities Association.

Administrator's Reports

- The Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Marino. He shared many of the events he recently attended, including the pep rallies and homecoming, HES Bingo Night, the OES EdCamp event called It's All Greek to Me, and the AP Seminar class at HHS. Dr. Marino also attended bus runs to FECC and HES and hosted staff chats at OES and the maintenance department. He held a Superintendent's Roundtable at the Hewlett Fire Department. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The kick-off meeting of the Implementation Team was held on October 2. The Curriculum and Instruction survey will be launched on October 23 to all students in grades 6-12. The Public and Private Schools Council met on October 10. The meeting was very well attended and featured a presentation on cyber security from Mrs. Amanda Kavanagh. The council decided to form a sub-committee that includes parents and administrators from both non-public and public schools to discuss ways to share thoughts and concerns.
- Dr. Secaur provided the Curriculum and Instruction Report. He recently attended the National Council of Jewish Women volunteer breakfast. This event marks the kick-off to their work with our English Language Learners. The PTA Curriculum Committee has met and discussed professional development for the upcoming year. Dr. Secaur gave a presentation on our approach to Professional development at the Long Island Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Fall Conference. Dr. Secaur discussed the upcoming EdCamp V, which will be held on Superintendent's Conference Day on November 5. He will attend the Long Island Tech Summit on October 18. An update was provided on aligning principal and chairperson goals with the HW 2025 strategic plan. Recently, Dr. Secaur's office hosted professional development for all administrators who evaluate teachers. He has met with the Professional Development Committee and discussed our approach to PD. He is preparing for the upcoming visit from the Tri-State Consortium, who will evaluate our mathematics program.
- Mr. Frontario provided the Business Report. The transportation office has been very busy and is running smoothly. The Audit Committee met on October 2 and reviewed the results of the audit. The results are recommended for approval by the Board of Education. He attended a State Aid Planning workshop provided by BOCES. He participated in a webinar on the 180 Calendar Instructional Requirements in order to complete the information on the SED portal. Budget development is underway for the 2020-2021 school year. The next Budget Planning session is on November 13 prior to the Board of Education work meeting.
- The Special Education Report was given by Dr. Lo Verde. October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an annual campaign to educate the public about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of workers with disabilities. The District offers job coaching to students to assist them in entering the workforce. Dr. Lo Verde asked that residents patron the businesses who offer our students employment. Any business owner who would like to participate by providing employment to our students should contact her office. Dr. Lo Verde recently attended a social workers meeting, where TEMPO discussed the dangers of vaping. Her office is currently developing a Crisis Plan, which will be shared with members of the superintendency soon. SEPTA and the FECC PTA recently held a joint PTA meeting where many

ideas were shared. On September 24, training was provided for parents who wished to learn more about the CSE process. Trained parent members may then assist other parents in understanding the CSE process.

- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources Report. He thanked HES for hosting the meeting and sharing the work of the tech design class. In October, his office focuses on completing all of the information for the BEDS report. HR is currently conducting the search for the new Executive Director of Special Education. There are many qualified applicants and they will begin to screen for the best candidate shortly. His office is also planning the Staff Development Day for clerical employees. The discussion will include resiliency in the workplace and building effective work teams. His office also coordinated the dissemination of flu shots on October 7.
- Ms. Rachel Miller spoke on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. The recent pep rally and homecoming were very successful. The Blood Drive had 35 donors. The freshman class recently held their elections. The executive board will be hosting a fundraiser soon.
- Mrs. Robyn Kelstein reported for the Central Council PTA. FECC: the family picnic, Pizza on the Playground, was a huge success. The after-school program is running smoothly. They recently held a joint PTA meeting with SEPTA. Author, Amy Logan, will visit on October 22. HES: Bingo Night was very well attended. A music technology assembly was recently held. Tech University is on October 23. Costume parade and extravaganza are planned for October 31. OES: EdCamp for parents was wonderful. The pumpkin patch and the mums fundraiser began yesterday. The Vocabulary Parade will be at the end of the month. WMS: Author, Gordon Korman, visited the school. The sixth graders all have Chromebooks now. HHS: Homecoming was very exciting. SEPTA: held a joint meeting with FECC and will continue throughout the year to partner with school PTAs for meetings. The Paint Night Fundraiser is almost sold out. They donated t-shirts to the life skills students.

Board Committee Reports

- Mrs. Menashe 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, with the exception of item #25838.
- Mrs. Simon reported on behalf of the Communication Committee. The committee met recently and discussed the District app, Facebook page, and website. The new brochure for realtors is almost complete. The Happy New Year Newsletter will be sent once again in January to all residents.
- Mrs. May reported for the Audit Committee. The committee met in early October and has reviewed all of the audit reports.

Board Reports

- Mrs. Gates reported that she recently attended the LIASCD conference with Dr. Secaur. She attended several valuable workshops.
- Mr. Greebel encouraged Board members to attend the upcoming Twice Exceptional Advocacy Seminar on November 8 at Molloy College.
- The consent agenda was approved by the Board of Education.

- The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 6:30 PM Budget Development Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
- Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 7:30 PM Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
- Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 7:30 PM Tour of Facilities, Ogden Elementary School
- Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 8:00 PM Board Meeting, Ogden Elementary School

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