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November 20, 2019

Ogden 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. Dina Anzalone welcomed the Board of Education and attendees to Ogden Elementary School and introduced James Pisano and Daniella Donskoi, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.







- Dr. Anzalone then shared a video of the OES news program that features students providing the news of the day.

- Dr. Anzalone then introduced the winners of the OES Shark Tank competition. Each student, or group of students, presented their winning entrepreneurial product to attendees. The student presenters were:

  Grade 2 and 3 Winners

  Evan Petithomme: Mindfull Muffs

  Aristotle Eliopoulos: Switch-a-Roo Bat

  Yajit Garikapati and Benjamin Tsadok, Liam Parag: Crazy Bot 2.0

  Grade 4 and 5 Winners

  Shai Cohen, Leah Vaknine: Supreme Box (third place)

  Mila Profiloski, Sienna Nelson: The Chalk Block (second place)

  James Pisano: Case Clean (tied for first place)

  Daniella Donskoi: Future Toys (tied for first place)














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Administrator's Reports

- The Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Marino. He shared many of the events he recently attended, including: FECC: Kindness Day assembly, Storybook Dress Up Parade, and STEAM night. HES: Unity Day Assembly, Costume Parade Extravaganza, author visit by Brian Heinz. OES: Alvin Ailey Dance Performance, Vocabulary Parade, and Lo Mein and Learning. WMS: Wellness speaker on mental health awareness. HHS: Meeting of the Business Advisory Board, fantastic performance of Mamma Mia! Dr. Marino also attended Veterans Day assemblies in several buildings, bus runs to OES and WMS, and hosted staff chats at FECC, HES, HHS, and WEC. Dr. Marino provided an HW 2025 update. The Curriculum and Instruction survey closed on November 12. The next step is to debrief results with K12 Insight. The next survey that will be administered is the Alumni Survey. The first meeting of the Public and Private Schools' Council Subcommittee is on December 3. Dr. Marino announced that Dr. Lo Verde received the American Music Therapy Association Advocate Award at Molloy College.
- Dr. Secaur provided the Curriculum and Instruction Report. He recently attended the Long Island Tech Summit, where several HW staff members shared their knowledge. He attended the FECC Kindness Day and an NYSED data meeting on how to accumulate shared data in school systems. The Nassau County data warehouse puts HW in a good position to access information and instruction. Dr. Secaur is a member of the Saving Lives Coalition to address drug and alcohol issues in the community. Superintendent's Conference Day featured our fifth EdCamp program, and was a great opportunity for colleagues to share knowledge. He is attending Interview Day at HHS and is planning for the Tri-States Consortium visit on mathematics in April.
- Mr. Frontario provided the Business Report. He recently visited Mrs. Wagner's AP Seminar class and provided insights into his role in the District. He, Mrs. Merendino, and Mrs. Montesdeoca participated in a webinar given by NYSHIP, the District's health insurance providers. The focus of the webinar was reconciliation of monthly billing. He also participated in a NYSIR seminar on contractual risk transfer. Mr. Frontario also met with Triad, the third party administrator of our workers compensation claims. The audit committee met on November 13 and reviewed the corrective action plan. The 2020-2021 budget development process has begun. The next budget session will be on December 18 at 6:00 PM at FECC.
- The Special Education Report was given by Dr. Lo Verde. She reported that the District has joined the Mental Health Consortium sponsored by BOCES. She recently attended a showcase featuring many different vendors, who presented their Social Emotional Learning programs. Dr. Lo Verde attended the FECC Kindness Day session with author, Amy Logan. Her office has completed their non-public school consultation meetings for the year. Dr. Lo Verde also recently attended the Long Island Association of Special Education Administrators, where she participated in two excellent presentations. The Behavioral Consultation Services presentation at OES was very informative and provided information and strategies for managing challenging behaviors. We partnered with Lynbrook Public Schools on Front Door Training, which is required for parents interested in accessing services from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.
- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources Report. He commented about all of the wonderful activities taking place in the District. He served as a judge for the OES Shark Tank and was so impressed with the student participants. HR organized a very successful staff development day for clerical employees that was focused on resilience and building successful teams. His office has completed the national search for the new Executive Director of Special Education. The BEDS report has been finalized. Dr. Fale met with the BOCES regional certification officer regarding changes in teacher certification.

- Mrs. Robyn Kelstein reported for the Central Council PTA. FECC: the STEAM Museum visited and the children had a wonderful time participating in fun activities. November 21 is the I Am Me Kickoff and the children will see an assembly called, Diversity Circus. November 21 is the 2nd annual Thanksgiving feast. They are selling tickets to a private showing of Frozen 2. OES: Shark Tank was held on November 14 and showcased the entrepreneurial spirit and creativity of students. The first book fair, 5th grade bake sale, and holiday boutique will all be held in December. HES: authors visits includes Suzy Kline for 2nd graders, Brian Heinz for 4th graders and Jen Calonita for 5th graders. Held first costume parade where 2nd and 3rd grade students paraded through the halls, followed by Halloween Extravaganza. PTA provided all students with a goody bag. Fifth grade has Volleyball/Gaga night. TCBY fundraiser going on throughout the year. The Book Fair and 4th grade residency coming up in December. WMS: The Fall Dance was a tremendous success, with 192 students attending. The book fairs have been completed and author, Gordon Korman visited and signed books. Cultural Arts events are continuing. The Frost Valley and LI Adventure trips are coming up, as well as the holiday boutique. HHS: The PTA hosted a breakfast for the math department for reaching 100% membership. A vaping presentation will be held at the next PTA meeting. The Senior Committee sold spirit wear on conference day and continues their fundraising efforts with West Side Story tickets, Engraved Bricks campaign, and the upcoming magic show on January 31. SEPTA: The Leaders Friendship Dance was canceled because several schools had conflicts. Instead, class dance periods were held in periods 2 and 8 on November 19 for Life Skills classes. SEPTA provided snacks and pizza for the event. Mrs. Kelstein then wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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.
- Mrs. May reported for the Audit Committee. The committee met on November 13 and reviewed the Corrective Action Plan.
- Mrs. May also reported for the Recreation and Athletic Facilities Committee. The committee met on November 14 and discussed the PA system at HHS, the tennis courts and track at HHS, and the lights and bleachers at WMS. New members are always welcome.

Board Reports

- Mr. Greebel reported he and Mrs. Gates attended the 2019 TECA Building 2E Awareness and Community Conference at Molloy College on November 8. The conference helped to inform attendees about this area of education that is often misunderstood.
- Mrs. Gates added that two Hewlett-Woodmere alumni spoke about their experiences at the conference.
- Mrs. May commented about the HHS musical, "Mamma Mia!" and encouraged all to attend.

- The consent agenda and all policies were approved by the Board of Education.

- The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 9:05 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 7:30 PM Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
- Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 6:00 PM Budget Meeting, Franklin Early Childhood Center
- Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 7:30 PM Tour of Facilities, Franklin Early Childhood Center
- Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 8:00 PM Board Meeting, Franklin Early Childhood Center

NOTE: All agendas and supporting documentation for the November 20, 2019 Board of Education Meeting can be found by clicking HERE.

The November 2019 Construction Update can be found by clicking HERE.