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November 14, 2018

Franklin Early
Childhood Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

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

Regular Meeting

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Mrs. Niederman's first grade class. After the Pledge, the students delighted the Board of Education and all attendees with songs in honor of Veterans Day, under the direction of music teacher, Ms. Welscher. The students in Mrs. Al-benda's class paid *Hats Off to the Board of Education* with colorful decorations and hats they created for each member of the Board of Education.





Administrator Reports

- Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He recently attended many school events, including the Fall Festivals, Veteran's Day commemorations, and *Bullets Over Broadway*. He has ridden with students on several bus runs and conducted Staff Chats at District buildings. He continues to visit the non-public schools in the District to meet the students in our community and see the schools they attend. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The first Implementation Team Meeting took place on October 23. Their mission is to begin to implement the Strategic Plan. The District is partnering with K12 Insight to assist with the implementation. The first of several surveys planned for this year is currently being administered to students in grades 6-12 and focuses on student engagement. Representatives from K12 Insight will present to the District Leadership Team in December. Dr. Marino shared that the moratorium on APPR will likely be extended. There may be additional legislative action to share in January. He also attended the New York State School Boards Association annual convention in October in New York City with the Board of Education members and several HW staff.
- Dr. Secaur provided the Curriculum Report. He also attended the NYSSBA Conference in New York City. The law conference was very informative. It was great to see the student artwork displayed at the conference. In addition, students and staff from WMS managed a booth highlighting the Outdoor Environmental Center. The New Teacher Induction Program is well underway. The new teachers are learning from administrators and teacher leaders. Most recently, Ms. Amanda Kavanagh presented on classroom technology. On November 14, representatives from East Williston Public Schools came to WMS to view the Outdoor Environmental Center. Dr. Secaur attended the HHS performance of *Bullets Over Broadway*, and he continues to be impressed with the talent of our student performers and their teachers. EdCamp Episode IV was conducted on Superintendent's Conference Day. It was a great day of sharing and learning for all staff. He will participate in Interview Day at HHS on November 15. The Tri-State Consortium will be visiting the District next week and will be focusing on Special Education. Dr. Secaur will be attending the Fall Conference of the New York Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development on November 30.
- Mr. Frontario provided the Business Report. The business office is currently hard at work on the proposed 2019-2020 budget. He, Dr. Fale, and Mr. DiBartolo will be meeting with administrators to review budget codes, expenses, and staffing. He is currently finalizing the corrective action plan stemming from the recent audit recommendations. The Audit Committee will meet on November 29 and review the plan. It will then be presented to the BOE for approval. At the meeting, the committee will also review the report from the internal audit. He and Mr. DiBartolo are working on the Transparency Report, which is now a requirement under ESSA.
- Dr. Lo Verde provided the Special Education Report. She recently attended a meeting of the Long Island Association of Special Education Administrators, who meet on an annual basis to refine skills and learn about legal updates. Dr. Zirkel from Lehigh University was the guest speaker and discussed IDEA and 504 accommodations. On Superintendent's Conference Day she attended a presentation by Dr. Lois Baldwin on twice exceptionality. It was very well attended and resulted in rich conversation about this population. She also recently attended a conference at Molloy College on twice exceptionality, where she attended sessions on neurology and the individual learning needs of this student population. She attended the Life Skills Leadership Dance and the students had a great time.
- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources Report. He recently attended the New York State Con-

ference for Personnel Administrators, where they discussed changes to labor laws, tenure laws, and civil service. His office is solidifying personnel placements and currently conducting the search for the Assistant Director for Special Education. His staff has just completed the BEDS survey that is required for all New York School districts. On Superintendent's Conference Day, his office organized all of the staff development for clerical employees. The training offered was all based upon a needs assessment. He will be participating in Interview Day at HHS.

- Ian Acriche reported from the Student Advisory Council. The Fall Festival and decorated front hallway were a huge success. The Student Council met with Dr. Brian Terry to discuss resources for extra help in the science department and with Mr. Viegas to discuss a new gym course. They will be planning their Winter Festival soon.
- Mrs. Robyn Kelstein reported for the Central Council PTA. She reported that FECC is preparing for their Thanksgiving Feast on November 21, where a drummer will entertain students and teach them about the drums and Native Americans. On November 27 at 5:00 PM, Dinosaur Rocks, an interactive dinosaur museum, will be coming to FECC. Children's book author, Amy Logan, will visit FECC on December 5. HES had their first Family Book Club on October 24 and the third annual Halloween Costume Party on October 26. The Fifth Grade Volleyball/Gaga Night was held on November 5. The PTA has provided all HES students and staff with a Bridge Builder Tee shirt to be worn on special days during the year. The HES Holiday Boutique will be held on November 29-30. On October 5, OES celebrated Make a Difference Day, where the students participated in a dance-a-thon to raise money for John Theissen Foundation. In total, the students raised \$4,500 and 20 bags of toys for this worthy cause. The third grade dance residency took place from October 15-23. Tacos and Talking, an extension of the OES Welcome Back, was held on October 16. The OES Blood Drive was very successful. The OES Holiday Boutique is on November 27. WMS is currently celebrating Wellness Week. The recent Fall Dance was a success. The Holiday Boutique will be December 11-12. The HHS Halloween spirit concluded with teachers dressing up in costume. November 8 was the first annual student vs. staff volleyball game. SEPTA held a dance on November 5 and a great time was had by all. Bulldog Slides will be available again soon. The Paint Nite on November 8 was a huge success.

Board Committee Reports

- Mrs. Judy Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education committee. The Committee recommends the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Board Member Reports

- Mrs. Daniella Simon, Mrs. Melissa Gates, Mrs. Cheryl May, and Mr. Scott McInnes commented about valuable workshops they attended at the recent NYSSBA Convention in New York City.
- The consent agenda was unanimously approved.
- The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 8:40 PM to discuss matters of employment of particular personnel and student discipline.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 7:30 PM Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
- Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 6:00 PM Budget Meeting, Hewlett High School
- Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 7:00 PM Tour of Facilities, Hewlett High School
- Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 8:00 PM Regular Meeting, Hewlett High School

Note:

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