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April 16, 2019
Woodmere Education 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 HHS student, Rachel Miller.
- Dr. Edward Fale recognized the staff members who earned their Doctoral Degree.
- Dr. Edward Fale recognized the staff members who received tenure at the Tenure Reception that preceded the board meeting.
- Mr. Walter Lastowski recognized the NYSSMA All-County, All-State, and All-Eastern participants; and those students who participated in the Long Island String Festival Association. The talented students musicians are listed on the back page of this document.
- Mr. Lastowski presented retiring board member, Mr. Scott McInnes, with a commemorative music department blanket and thanked him for his support of the music department.
- Dr. Ralph Marino, Jr., recognized Mr. McInnes for his years of dedicated and caring service to the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools community.
- Mrs. Linda Kreisman also spoke about her years working alongside Mr. McInnes and steadfast commitment to the entire community.
- Mr. Bill Galati presented Mr. McInnes with an honorary Hewlett High School diploma.
- Board President, Mr. Mitchell A. Greebel, thanked Mr. McInnes for his years of service as the Board President and trustee.
- Mr. McInnes thanked the Board, administration, faculty and staff, parents, students, and the entire Hewlett-Woodmere community.



Administrator Reports

- Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He attended many events throughout the District during the past month, including the circus performance and first grade science fair at FECC, the Student Council meeting and walking trip to Angela's House with HES, the talent show and circus performance at OES, the Shrek Jr. performance and author visit at WMS, and the book trials, social science research presentations, and Carnegie Hall performance at HHS. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. K 12 Insight provided a Curriculum and Instruction Report debrief to the HW team. In early May they will provide a data workshop to our principals and shared decision making team members. The Legislative Committee met with Assemblywomen Miller and Griffin and Senator Kaminsky. Dr. Marino has visited three non-public schools this month including Shulamith, Yeshiva of South Shore, and Lev Chana. He provided an update on the 2019-2020 school budget. Both the budget-to-budget and tax levy increases are 2.95%. Proposition II will allow the District to complete the window replacement project at HHS at no additional cost to tax payers.
- Dr. Marino provided the Curriculum Report in Dr. Secaur's absence. Dr. Secaur recently attended numerous events including the Town of Hempstead meeting with Laura Gillen, The BOCES APPR Briefing, a meeting with the Department of Homeland Security on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the HHS Virtual Enterprise practice, the HHS Book Trials, the AP Capstone presentations and the performance of "Clue." The NYS ELA Tests were administered to students in grades 3-8 on April 2nd and 3rd. The District opt out rate was 56%, which is similar to the past several years. District administrators did an excellent job of managing the administration of the assessments. Dr. Secaur recently participated in MPPR training with the principals The Professional Development Committee is planning for upcoming Superintendent's Conference Days and finalizing the Professional Development plan for 2019-2020. Dr. Secaur presented our approach to professional development at the recent Public and Private Schools Council meeting.
- Mr. Frontario provided the Business Report. The Board of Education adopted the budget on April 10th and the property tax report card has been filed. They are currently preparing the six day budget notice that will be sent home to all residents. A binder containing all required budget materials will be placed in each school building for public viewing. The TRS reserve will likely be signed by Governor Cuomo. Mr. Frontario participated in the student interviews at HHS and all of the students were well prepared.
- Dr. Lo Verde provided the Special Education Report. She recently met with Ms. Hochhauser and Ms. Fennessy to discuss Response to Intervention. The District recently held a SEPTA Transition Fair with Lynbrook Public Schools. A SEPTA Forum on Executive Functioning featured Dr. Elena Spiron as the guest speaker. Dr. Lo Verde's office participated in a Medicaid document review to recap the costs for certain services. She recently participated in the HHS book trials and assisted the Virtual Enterprise team Comforting Canines on the development of their business pan.
- Dr. Fale provided the Human Resources Report. The HR office is busy preparing for the upcoming Employee Recognition Ceremony in May. He recently participated in Career Day interviews and was amazed at the professionalism of the students. His office is continuing to research opportunities to utilize technology to reduce paper consumption. Dr. Fale and his staff have begun work to fill the vacancies for next year throughout the District.
- Ms. Rachel Miller reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. The Senior Fashion Show was a huge success. They are planning to decorate the main hallway for spring after the break. The Senior BBQ is being planned. Next year, Sports Night will be renamed the Battle of the Classes in an attempt to appeal to more students.

- Robyn Kelstein reported on behalf of the Central Council PTA. FECC students are working on book houses for placement at Hewlett Elementary at Woodmere Education Center. Their staff recognition luncheon is on May 10. HES recently held their Sports Night and Someone Special dance. OES fifth graders will visit I Fly. They recently had their fifth grade talent show and second grade circus performance. The WMS performance of Shrek Jr. was wonderful. The eighth grade trip will be to Adventureland. On April 30th they will host an autism walk. The HHS fashion show was a huge success. More than 260 bricks have been sold for the brick fundraiser. The staff luncheon is on June 5th. The SEPTA forum on executive functioning was held in early April.

Board Committee Reports

- Mrs. Judy Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The committee recommended the approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- Mrs. Simon reported on behalf of the Communications Committee. The committee met recently and discussed the budget materials and District website.
- Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Recreation and Athletic Facilities committee. The committee met recently and discussed lighting on the fields, access to the weight room at HHS, turf condition, and bathroom access at HHS. New members are always welcome and can contact Mrs. May for information.

Board Reports

- Mrs. Gates recently attended the National School Boards Association conference in Philadelphia. The conference was very informative and included sessions on students safety, equity, and mental health, among others. There were several excellent keynote speakers, including Sir Ken Robinson and a parent of a student from Sandy Hook.
- Mrs. May commented that she and Mrs. Menashe recently participated in painting the book houses at FECC. The students were very excited about painting the houses. She also served as a judge during the HHS book trials, which was a fantastic experience.

- The consent agenda and the following policy was unanimously approved:

  Policy #5300 Code of Conduct

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, May 8: Annual Budget Hearing, 6:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, May 15: Board of Education Work Meeting, 7:30 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Tuesday, May 21: Annual Budget Vote, 7:00 AM—10:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Tuesday, May 21: Board of Education Special Meeting, 10:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, May 22: Regular Meeting, 8:00 PM, Woodmere Education Center

Note:

All agendas and supporting documentation for the April 16, 2019 Regular Meeting can be found by clicking HERE.

The April Construction Update can be found by clicking HERE.

HWPS BOE Meeting
April 16, 2019
Music Program
Recognition

*****Long Island String Festival**
November 2018
Hewlett High School Students:
Nuelle Gaona
Jared Glassman
Antonia Lee
Emma Van Steertegem

*****NYSSMA All-State Conference**
November – December 2018
Hewlett High School Students chosen for conference:
Danielle Cohen
Danielle Frucchione
Tyler Layne
Morgan Lee
Olivia Lee
Edward Maday
Nathaniel Reyes
Thoedore Tourneux
Chloe Van Steertegem
Students chosen as alternates:
Anna Bromfeld
Danielle Frucchione
Tyler Layne
Morgan Lee
Edward Maday
Elissa Sass
Brandon Weiss

*****NMEA All-County and Peak**
November 2018 (Peak)
Hewlett Elementary School
James Brilli
Sofia Kolodziejczyk
Aviv Paz
Jordan Sapir
Sofia Umanskiy

January 2019 (All-County)
Hewlett High School
BAND
Ethan Baksh
Derek Freiberg-Longaro
Julia Grossman
Nicholas Inglima
Daylin Layne
Jude Tomas
CHORUS
Samuel Fletcher
Sean Fruman
Jada Lewis
Gabriela Pesantez
Olivia Sava
Mackenzie Smith
JAZZ BAND
Sumeet Chinnappala
Lawrence Froymovich
Theordore Tourneux
Brandon Weiss
MIXED CHORUS
Kayla Azinge
Danielle Cohen
Hailee Elias
Morgan Gross
Emma Jacobs
Danna Kutcher
Elissa Sass
Tyler Walter

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ORCHESTRA
Anna Bromfeld
Kelvin Cheng
Antonia Lee
Olivia Lee
Emma Van Steertegem
VOCAL JAZZ
Ava Barone
Shier Benhamou
Danielle Frucchione
Tyler Layne
Sofia Pesantez
Nathaniel Reyes

Hewlett Elementary School
BAND
Deniz Artan
Daniel Baum
Justin Kim
Shane Zamidar
CHORUS
Yvette Borohov
Sam Sava
Olivia Tetsoti
Ari Vanunu
Samantha Welch
ORCHESTRA
Claudia Lee
Sofia Mayvaldov
Shaan Patni
Victoria Son

Ogden Elementary School
BAND
Avery Sookra
CHORUS
Ariana Abdelaziz
Victoria Brodsky
Skai Bleu Easterling
Madison Navarijo
Ariel Paskal

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ORCHESTRA
Simrat Sidhu

Woodmere Middle School
BAND
Anneliese Baum
Suzie Hogue
Ilana Mizrahi
CHORUS
Max Berger
Niva Ettedgui
Avery Frekhtman
Barbara Hogue
Sapir Mizrachi
Isabela Nolasco
Nathalie Vargas
JAZZ BAND
Lucas Giordano
Ariel River
ORCHESTRA
Evan Baum
Dawn Davidson
Krista Lee

*****Long Island String Festival**
March 2019
Hewlett Elementary School
Sofia Mayvaldov
Ogden Elementary School
Yeraz Melconian
Woodmere Middle School
Lucas Giordano
Mia Layne
Lily Cohen

*****All-Eastern Music Conference**
April 2019
Hewlett High School
Danielle Frucchione
Edward Maday
Theodore Tourneux
Chloe Van Steertegem