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**May 22, 2019**

**Woodmere Education Center**

## 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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### Regular Meeting

- Mrs. Melissa Gates, Board Vice President, led the meeting in Mr. Mitchell A. Greebel's absence.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Woodmere Middle School students, Leila Flores and Hiral Chavre.
- The Hewlett-Woodmere Administrative and Supervisory Association Student Citizenship awards were presented by school principals and assistant principals. The recipients were:
    - FECC: Mabel Colon
    - HES: Marek Williams
    - OES: Brandon Sung
    - WMS: Leila Flores
    - HHS: Mithuna Kumar
- The Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association awards were introduced by President Ric Stark to students who have made a positive contribution to their school and community. The recipients were:
    - FECC: Lillian Bababekov (not in attendance), presented by Ms. Jenn Winn
    - HES: Jiyannah Perez, presented by Ms. Lisa Guglielmi
    - OES: Leah Pisano, presented by Mrs. Caryn Bachar
    - WMS: Hiral Chavre, presented by Andrew Fund.
    - HHS: Dominic Russo, presented by Mr. Ric Stark, and Anastasia Kokora, presented by Ms. Beth Wagner
    - Private Schools: Adina Frankel, presented Mr. Ric Stark for Ms. Robin Klein.

### Administrator Reports

- Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Ralph Marino. Recent events attended include the Earth Day Celebration and Music Gala at FECC; the Different Heroes assembly and International Fashion, Food and Friendship Gala at HES; a staff chat at OES; a bus run to WMS; the Friendship Games at HHS Day, and of course, all of the wonderful spring concerts. Dr. Marino provided an update on the HW 2025 initiative. K12 Insight visited the District on May 8 and met with the Implementation Team and Shared Decision Making Team members. The discussion was fo-

## HWFA Award Recipients
















## HWASA Award Recipients












cused on the School Quality and Curriculum and Instruction survey results. The next and last survey for the year will be the State of the District survey. Dr. Marino concluded by thanking the community for supporting the budget and proposition two, and congratulating the elected Board of Education members.

- Dr. Secaur provided the Curriculum Report. Dr. Secaur also attended many events this past month, including the HES Tech Design Class Assembly; the WMS National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony; the AP Capstone Presentations and Action Plan Projects; the District Art Show at the Hewlett-Woodmere Library; the District Technology Committee Showcase; and the Employee Recognition Ceremony. Dr. Secaur discussed the smooth administration of the NYSED 3-8 ELA and Mathematics testing. Curriculum writing projects will take place this summer. The Professional Development Plan for 2019-2020 is scheduled for approval this evening. Planning for the August 29 Superintendent's Conference Day are currently underway. Dr. Secaur gave a presentation at the BOE work meeting last week on the Evidence of Student Outcomes.
- Mr. Louis Frontario provided the Business Department Report. He thanked the community for passing the budget and Proposition Two and congratulated the newly elected Board members. He has been working with Dr. Fale to fill a position in the registration office and an announcement is anticipated soon. Mr. Frontario attended the Employee Recognition Ceremony and recognized the terrific performance by Dr. Fale and his staff and committee. From June 17-19, R.S. Abrams and Company will be in the District to begin preliminary work for the year-end audit. The deadline for reporting the completed audit and associated Corrective Action Plan is October 15, 2019.
- Dr. Debra Lo Verde provided the Special Education report. The Special Education Office, in partnership with the business office, has completed the RFP process for the 2019-2020 school year. She recently attended the LRP Conference on Legal Issues in Special Education, where federal laws and special education regulations were highlighted. Dr. Lo Verde also attended the opening game of the Unified Basketball Team. The new team is off to a great start. Students, staff, and parents thoroughly enjoyed watching the students compete. She thanked Mr. Dubin and Mr. Viegas for their hard work in bringing this idea to fruition. Mrs. Granelli has been working with teachers and parents on writing good, measurable IEP goals. Her office has been providing ongoing professional development to assist staff in writing strong IEP goals, which has been well-received.
- Mr. Ed Fale provided an update from Human Resources. His office recently hosted the Employee Recognition Ceremony. He thanked the ERC committee for their hard work and spectacular performances. The HR office is continuing the recruitment and hiring process for the upcoming school year. He recently presented an Emotional Literacy Pilot Program to the District Leadership Team. Dr. Fale's office is continuing to work toward their goal of reducing paper and is working closely with IT to identify appropriate software programs.
- Mr. Ian Acriche reported from the Student Advisory Council. He congratulated the newly elected Board members. The Blood Drive at the high school was very successful. Many students are applying for positions in student council and elections are forthcoming.
- The PTA Report was presented by Roz Perrotta. She congratulated the new Board members and all student award winners. SEPTA: The Autism Walk was held at FECC, OES, and HES. HHS held theirs during the Friendship Games, and WMS will hold theirs on June 5. For 2019-2020, the SEPTA Co-Presidents will be Lainie Siegenfeld and Michelle Morgan. WMS: Cultural Arts hosted Our Endangered Earth for 7th grade and Within the Silence to 8th grade. The Spring Boutique was very successful. The staff appreciation luncheon was a great success. The tickets for the 8th grade Adventureland trip are selling quickly. The 8th grade breakfast will be held on June 18. HHS: Ices will be distributed to all students to kick off Memorial Day weekend. Current juniors will receive senior t-shirts at the end of the year to wear on the first day of school in September. Engraved bricks are due to arrive this week.

They are hoping to unveil them at the Senior BBQ. The staff luncheon is scheduled for June 5. They are still collecting Graduation Grams. Their slate for next year is complete and will be voted on at next meeting. FECC: The Eat Your Colors program is underway. Students enjoyed a show from Magic of 5 on May 1 about the importance of fruits and vegetables. The staff luncheon was a tremendous success. HES: The International Night of Fashion, Food, and Friendship was a huge success. Many families and businesses donated foods from different cultures. The first C.A.R.E. Camp was held focusing on self-empowerment and citizenship. The first Teacher Appreciation week was held, culminating in a wonderful Staff Luncheon. After school programs will conclude this week. The book fair and plant sale were both very successful. OES: The plant sell was a huge success and leftover plants were donated to the Community Garden. The digital safety event was well attended and featured keynote presentations by the District attorney's office and the Floral Park Police Department. They are currently preparing for the International Game Night, as well as their end-of-year events.

## 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.

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- Mrs. May reported that she and Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Menashe, and Mrs. Sheinin recently attended a NYSSMA Policy workshop, which focused on creating a more positive school environment. It was an excellent and informative workshop.
- Mrs. Gates reported that she will be elected to the Executive Committee of the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association next week.

## Comments from the Public

- Mrs. Farber spoke about the recent division among community members and suggested the establishment of a coalition comprised of both public and non-public school parents.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 7:30 PM: Work Meeting, WEC

Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 8:00 PM: BOE Regular Meeting, WEC

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 5:00 PM: Work Meeting for the July Organization/Regular Meeting, WEC

## NOTE:

All agendas and supporting documentation for the May 22, 2019 meeting can be found by clicking HERE!

The May Construction Update can be found by clicking HERE.