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October 18, 2017

Franklin Early Childhood Center

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Scott McInnes, *President*; Cheryl May, *Vice President*; Jonathan Altus, M.D., Melissa Gates, Mitchell A. Greebel, Daniella R. Simon, Stephen B. Witt

Public Hearing

A public hearing was held to answer any questions from the community regarding the District Safety Plan. There were no questions.

Auditor's Report

Ms. Marianne VanDuyne and Mr. Brendan Nelson from RS Abrams presented the Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017. This matter is on the agenda for BOE's action. (Item #I.1.11).



Regular Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by three students from Ms. Winn's class, Ajani Gordon, Derek Martin, and Mason Lopez.

Professional Recognitions

Governor Cuomo has proclaimed October 23-27, 2017 as School Board Recognition Week.

Dr. Lorraine Smyth thanked the Board of Education for their service to the students and community of Hewlett-Woodmere and introduced a video made by students in Mrs. Lacy's class. Click HERE to watch the video.

Mrs. Barbara McNiff recognized and thanked FECC Head Custodian, Mr. Denis Brazil, Jr. for his many years of service to the District and for his extra effort in coordinating tonight's meeting.



Administrator Reports

- Superintendent's Report was given by Dr. Ralph Marino. Dr. Marino has attended many community events including Arts Below Sunrise, the Public and Private Schools Council Meeting, and the Grand Opening of the Nassau County Police Department 4th Precinct. He also attended the FECC first grade walk to WMS, Constitution Day at both HES and OES, the grade 7 debate at WMS, the viewing of the movie, "Screenagers," Parent University at HHS, and the visit from the Danish Ambassador at HHS. Dr. Marino provided an update on the HW 2025 initiative. The Board of Education approved the Stakeholder Planning Team members at the meeting. Meetings to select a company to assist with the strategic plan will begin in November. He also attended the New York State Council of School Superintendent's Fall Conference recently in Saratoga Springs.
- Dr. Mark Secaur presented the Curriculum and Instruction update. He also attended Arts Below Sunrise, and the viewings of "Screenagers" at WMS and HHS. He recently attended the LIASCD Fall Conference and the Education Policy Fellowship Program in Gettysburg. Most recently, Dr. Secaur presented with Mrs. Alba Gallegos at the New York State School Boards Association annual meeting in Lake Placid. Superintendent's Conference Day will be held on November 7 and will include an EdCamp/Workshop model, where staff can choose the sessions they would like to attend and/or suggest additional topics the day of the event. Dr. Secaur will also attend the Long Island Tech Summit on October 26.
- Mr. Louis Frontario provided the Business Department update. The District's year end audit has been completed and submitted to NYSED. Additional information required for submission is in the process of being compiled. He recently attended the State Aid Planning Workshop and the New York State Association of Municipal Purchasing Officers conference in Riverhead. At the conference, attendees discussed all of the rules and regulations governing school district purchasing policies. Mr. Frontario recently met with NYSIR, the District's insurance carrier, who delivered all of our policies for the school year. He has met with JP Morgan Chase to discuss the District's investment account. In addition, the refunding of our $13.6 million bond closed this week.
- Mrs. Barbara McNiff provided an update from Human Resources. She reported that on September 27th, Duane Reed pharmacists visited the Woodmere Education Center to dispense flu shots to interested staff. In total, 61 flu shots were given. She and her staff attended a Q and A Training session with a representative from BOCES on Google Docs and Microsoft 365. She is in the process of planning professional development for the nursing and clerical staff. Mrs. McNiff recently attended the Long Island Association for School Personnel Administrators meeting, where the guest speaker was a representative from the Nassau and Suffolk Civil Service. She also attended the Nassau County ASPA meeting, where they discussed FMLA, Board reports, and substitutes.
- Dr. Debra Lo Verde provided a Special Education report. She hosted the South Shore Consortium of Special Education Directors, where the group discussed ways to address common issues. She reported on the HHS Achilles International program, where students are paired with other runners. Dr. Lo Verde, Dr. Smith and Ms. Elenko visited the non-public schools in the District. She also attended the viewing of "Screenagers' and the Narcan training. She attended the Long Is-

land Association of Special Education Administrators conference, where they discussed the importance of student advocacy. SEPTA hosted their Meet and Greet, which was a wonderful chance to meet the SEPTA Board Members.

- Mr. Brandon Fisher from the HHS Student Council reported that they are in the midst of Spirit Week for Homecoming. The Pep Rally will be held on Friday, October 20 at 1:30 PM and all are invited. The senior class hosted a successful blood drive and are in the process of selling t-shirts.
- Mr. Steve Amara, from the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association, thanked the Board of Education for their dedication to the HW community for School Board Recognition Week.
- Central Council PTA co-presidents Mrs. Susette Preziosi and Mrs. Debi Sheinin provided information from all of the PTA units. They were pleased to see the turnout for the movie, "Screenagers," and all of the work being done at District schools to promote digital citizenship. OES will be hosting a blood drive on November 2 and their dance residency performance on October 24 (at WMS). WMS will be having a book fair this week and a cultural arts presentation on October 24. FECC PTA has purchased dot and dash robots and an LED light table for the school. They are also beginning to sell their spirit wear. SEPTA had their Meet and Greet event and will be hosting their first workshop on November 30. HES PTA will host the 2nd Annual Costume Party. HHS PTA has begun the Senior Night planning for the after-prom party.

Board Member Committee Reports

- Mr. Mitchell Greebel 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, with the exception of one student, who will be removed from the agenda for further review.
- Mrs. Melissa Gates reported that the Policy Committee is meeting next week and will continue to work on the Wellness Policy. She also reported that the Communication Committee is meeting on October 30.

Board Member Reports

- Mrs. Melissa Gates attended the LIASCD conference with Dr. Secaur. She also reported that the NYS ESSA plan was submitted to Department of Education for final approval in January or February. She attended the communications workshop at NYSSBA and will share information at the Communication Committee meeting. She also attended the Business Meeting at NYSSBA as the voting delegate. HW had two resolutions approved at the meeting.

Public Comments

A resident requested an update regarding the addition of the Eid holiday on the District calendar. Mr. McInnes informed the resident that we are waiting on regents dates from NYSED before any calendar discussions can take place. He is welcome to attend the Work Meeting when the calendar is discussed.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Wednesday, November 8: Budget session at 6:30 PM at WEC. Work meeting at 7:30 PM at WEC.

Wednesday, November 15: Tour of Facilities at HHS at 7:00 PM. Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM HHS.

NOTE:

All agendas and supporting documentation for the October 18 meetingcan be found by clicking **HERE!**

Photos of Decorations Made by FECC Students:









