



Re-Cap!

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

Board Members: Debra Sheinin, President; Cheryl May, Vice President; Judy Menashe, Francois Tenenbaum, Shari L. Amitrano, Jonathan D. Altus, Chana Jeter

November 15, 2023

Prior to the meeting, the Board of Education conducted their annual Tour of Facility of Woodmere Middle School, led by Director of School Facilities and Operations, Ms. Kim Parahus.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by WMS student, Mischa Zhang.

Dr. Bauer welcomed the Board of Education to WMS and expressed gratitude for their dedication and commitment to the students of Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools. The Board members were given “kindness cards” as part of the middle school’s GOTCHA initiative, where they recognize students and staff for random acts of kindness.

Under the direction of Ms. Ruggles, WMS orchestra teacher, the WMS string quartet performed the Star Spangled Banner. The following students performed in the string quartet: Nicole Zhang, Joshua Racer, Alessandra Estioko, Allison Jean-Baptiste, Mischa Zhang, Mason O’Hare, Derin Artan, Samuel Racer, and Shmuel Silver.



Dr. Fund, Director of Art and Music, invited Ms. Mizel and Ms. Sileo, WMS art teachers, and their students, to the podium to speak about the art curriculum and their recent projects.

Dr. Fund then presented certificates of participation to



Eden Atias, Esther Blumenthal, Mikayla Field, Alexander Kenna, Sienna Lopez, and Noa Shteinberg, for their selection and participation in the New York State School Boards Association Art Show.



Dr. Fund invited Ms. Ruggles and WMS music students to the podium to be recognized for their participation in All-County and the Long Island String Festival Association. All-County participants: Derin Artan, Leo Chen, Anastacia Frekhtman, Jacob Goldberg, Andrew Levin, Nicholas Nieves, Rei Preis,



Samuel Racer, Shmuel Silver, Dylan Singh-Dorsey, Elexis Weisner, Hannah Yamen, and Matthew Yefremashvili. LISFA participants: Derin Artan, Mason O'Hare, Samuel Racer, Shmuel Silver, Dylan Singh-Dorsey, and Mischa Zhang.



Board President, Mrs. Sheinin, thanked the teachers in attendance and offered congratulations to all the art and music students. She thanked Dr. Bauer for hosting the meeting.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He attended many wonderful costume parades and fall-themed events in the buildings. The Veterans Day celebrations in the schools were filled with meaning and gratitude. He attended a college signing for three high school athletes who will continue to play their sport at the college level. Superintendent's Conference Day was a great day of learning with lots of presentations available to staff. He enjoyed the lively production of *Footloose* and encouraged everyone to see a performance. The District, in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary Committee, has located a company that could possibly bring a carnival to Arts Below Sunrise on May 19, 2024. The 2024-2025 budget development is underway and meetings were held on October 11 and November 8. Dr. Marino reiterated that all budget presentations can be found online on the budget section of the website. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW 2025. The State of the District and School Climate Assessment Survey drafts have been sent to the administration team for review. Once ready, the State of the District will be sent to staff members, students, parents/guardians, and community members, and the School Climate Assessment will be sent to high school parents/guardians, students, and staff members. Dr. Marino held a Superintendent's Roundtable at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment (CALE) on October 19, and has one scheduled for Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 PM at Woodmere Fire Department.

Melanie Shvartsberg and Julia Zorluoglu reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. They reported on the happenings in the high school and the upcoming holiday toy drive. The Student Council visited the White House Experience at LIU and thanked Dr. Greenberg and the Board for the memorable opportunity.

Mr. Stark, HWFA President, provided an update on behalf of the District's Employee Organization. HWFA will be working with Rock and Wrap It Up to collect holiday donations. HWFA members are researching Policy #4710, Grading Systems, and extensive feedback is forthcoming. Mr. Stark also announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2024, but will speak more on that topic and his replacement later in the school year.

Mrs. Michelle Morgan provided a report on behalf of the Central Council PTA. The Central Council Newsletter from October can be found [HERE](#).

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee who recommended for approval the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Health, Safety, and Wellness Committee. The committee met on November 13. Mrs. May attended in lieu of Mrs. Jeter. It was noted that all schools are working on their fire drills. There will be an early dismissal drill on November 22, 2023. All students will be dismissed 15 minutes early. The SCOPE after school program will still be in session, and high school athletics will begin at 3:45 PM.

Mrs. May also reported on behalf of the Extracurricular Activities, Co-Curricular Activities, and Interscholastic Athletic Committee. She was thrilled to recognize the 126 athletes, from seven varsity teams, who were designated scholar athletes by NYSPHSAA. The students will receive a certificate from the Health, Physical Education, and Athletics office. She congratulated them on behalf of the Board of Education. Dr. Altus thanked Mrs. May and the members of the committee for ensuring that our student athletes are recognized for their wonderful achievements.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Public and Private Schools Council. The Council met on November 6 and discussed school transportation. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2024 at Lawrence Woodmere Academy.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

Mrs. Sheinin read the Speaker Protocols.

Mrs. Meredith King, Hewlett, spoke about the NYSPHSAA awards.

ROUTINE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The minutes were accepted from the Regular BOE Meeting on October 18, 2023.

Mr. Tenenbaum mentioned the absence of the following information from his Board report, he attended the Nassau-Suffolk School Board Association Resolutions Meeting on September 27 and the New York State School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting on October 16.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Policy #4322, Programs for the Gifted and Talented, has been tabled and will be sent back to the Policy Committee for additional consideration.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

SB, Hewlett, spoke about emails to parents going into spam folders.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, December 13 6:30 PM, Budget Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 PM, Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 PM, Tour of Facility, Hewlett High School

Wednesday, December 20, 7:30 PM, Regular Meeting, Hewlett High School

NOTE: Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the November 15 Regular Meeting.