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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

December 13, 2023

Budget Session

Mrs. Sheinin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The third Budget Development session was held prior to the Work Meeting. Mrs. Donnelly's presentation focused on 2024-2025 Budget Development. The presentation can be found HERE.

Ms. Ginette Orlando, HWASA President, addressed the Board regarding the District's P-12 chairpeople being required to teach two classes in their subject area.

Work Meeting

The work meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.

Reports and Presentations

The Board of Education heard a presentation from Mr. Don Flynn of Covert Investigations and Security. Mr Flynn led a discussion on the District's security initiatives and the possibility of posting armed security guards outside of all schools. The Board of Education requested more information prior to establishing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for this service. There were multiple questions and comments from audience members.

Mrs. Donnelly introduced Mr. Tom Volz, Esq., Volz and Vigliotta PLLC, who reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP) for School Orthopedist and Athletic Trainer. Mr. Volz spoke about the ability to expand the RFP related to insurance requirements. The RFP can be developed with flexibility to allow for a greater level of participation.

Ms. Peterson, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services, presented on Special Education and Student Support Services. The presentation can be viewed HERE.

Ms. Kavanagh, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, presented a Curriculum and Programmatic Review Plan, which included a Curriculum and Programmatic Review Schedule from 2021 - 2032. The presentation can be viewed HERE.

Financial Reports

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following reports: Treasurer's Report, Budget Status, Revenue Status, and Use of Cellular Phones and Electronic Equipment.

There were no Financial Resolutions for review.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following Financial Actions: Warrants and Summary Findings of the Claims Auditor, Schedule of Contracts, Transfers of Appropriation, Review Request for Proposal of Insurance Services, Schedule of Surplus Equipment, Approval of Sale of Surplus Vehicle, Application for Club Charters, Sale of Surplus Vehicle, and Club Charters.

Curriculum and Miscellaneous Actions

Ms. Kavanagh reviewed the Schedule of Conference and Travel: Dr. Andrew Fund and Mr. Anthony Santanastaso to attend the National Association of Music Merchants Conference in Anaheim, California in January 2024.

Ms. Kavanagh reviewed the Schedule of Field Trips: High School Chorus to attend the 2024 American Choral Directors Association Eastern Honors Choir Festival in Providence, Rhode Island in March 2024.

There were no policy actions for consideration this month.

Dr. Marino reviewed the Final Exam and Regents Exam Weighting Resolution for the 2023-2024 School Year. The Resolution would modify the Grading section within the George W. Hewlett High School Student/Parent Handbook. The Board of Education had a lengthy discussion on this matter. The Resolution will appear on the December 20 Board of Education meeting agenda for approval.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:30 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

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

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

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the December 13 Work Meeting.