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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

February 7, 2024

Budget Session

Mrs. Sheinin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The fifth Budget Development session was held prior to the Work Meeting. Mrs. Donnelly's presentation can be found HERE.

Board members asked questions about various items in the proposed budget including: tennis courts, tennis court lights, the WMS baseball field, the kitchen at FECC, and the transfer to capital.

Work Meeting

The work meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Reports and Presentations

The Building Condition Survey: Capital Projects Long-Term Planning presentation has been postponed until the March 13 Work Meeting.

Mr. Viegas shared an update on Health, Physical Education, and Athletics. He thanked the Board, parents, teachers, and student athletes for their ongoing support. A new athletic trainer will be starting after February break. Mr. Viegas discussed the lack of officials, particularly at the middle school and JV levels. Some sports are experiencing low enrollment, but that is the trend across Nassau County, as well. Mr. Viegas highlighted the amazing student athletes and their recent achievements. He also spoke about the capital improvements scheduled for the high school during summer 2024. His presentation can be found HERE. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Viegas for his presentation and for the addition of the new middle school teams, but are concerned about the teams with low enrollment. Many student athletes who continue to play a sport at the college level credit their time in the HW athletic programs for their success. There is much excitement around the new softball field. Sizing of new uniforms was briefly discussed, and Mr. Viegas said the issue is being resolved quickly.

Ms. Giese, Executive Director of Communications, Community Services, Registration, and Grants, presented an update on Community Services. The presentation covered Summer Playschool 2023 and the Community Services Recreation and Adult Education programs to date this year. The Summer Playschool program had its largest enrollment ever in 2023. Ms. Giese discussed the swim programs, the lifeguard shortage, and the use of Aquatic Solutions. She spoke about offering a larger variety of classes in the future, including a Driver's Education program. The presentation can be viewed HERE.

Two options of the 2024-2025 school calendar were presented by Ms. Giese. Version B will move forward for approval at the February 14 Regular Board Meeting. A draft of Version B can be found HERE. A Board member asked that the District continue the discussion of adding Eid holidays to the calendar.

Financial Reports

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following reports: Treasurer's Report, Budget Status, Revenue Status, and Preliminary Fund Balance.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following resolutions:

> **Resolution** - *Online Banking with First National Bank of Long Island* - At the July 5 BOE Meeting, the Board designated First National Bank of Long Island as one of the official depositories of the District. The District wishes to utilize First National Bank of Long Island's online banking system.
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> **Resolution** - *Approval of SEQRA Type II Determination for Replacement of Four Existing Exterior Columns at HES* - Capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA. This project is classified as a Type II action.

Mrs. Donnelly reviewed the following Financial Actions: Schedule of Contracts, Transfers of Appropriation, Warrant and Summary Findings of the Claims Auditor, Requests for Proposals Draft for Athletic Trainers and School Orthopedist, Applications for Club Charters, and Schedule of Gifts. Additional contracts will be added to the Schedule of Contracts. There are two budget transfers, one for the 125th Anniversary carnival, and one for music field trips.

Mrs. Donnelly shared the language provided by the District's attorney for the establishment of a Capital Reserve account. This language will appear on the Legal Notice of Annual Election and on the School Budget Vote ballot. The resolution will be submitted for final review and approval at the March 13 and March 20 Board of Education Meetings.

Curriculum and Miscellaneous Actions

Dr. Marino reviewed the Schedule of Conferences and Travel, which included: Dr. Greenberg and Dr. Cohen attending the New York Education Policy Leadership Program (March 2024), Ms. Giese and Ms. Nasso attending the New York State Public Relations Association Spring Conference (March 2024), and Dr. Greenberg attending the Innovative School Summit (July 2024). One additional conference will be added to the schedule for Dr. Yi to attend the Council of Social Studies Conference in Albany in March 2024.

Advisors for the DECA Club at HHS are requesting approval for 36 students and three adults to attend the DECA States Competition in Rochester, New York in March 2024.

Dr. Marino discussed the three seats on the Nassau BOCES Board of Education that are set to expire on June 30, 2024. The seats are currently held by Susan Bergtraum, Martin R. Kaye, and Michael Weinick.

Dr. Marino reviewed the following policies:

> Policy #4710, Grading Systems, is under re-review. Board members discussed the 10% weighting of Regents/Final exams. A Board member indicated that this was recently discussed at Curriculum Committee meeting with input from administration. Additionally, the Policy Committee has spent an extensive amount of time working on this policy with input from the feedback committee.
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> Policy #5280.1, Student Participation in Non-School Sponsored Athletic Teams, is under Final Review. A discussion took place about the wording in Section Three, Approval Procedures.
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> Policy #8130.2, Workplace Violence Prevention, is under Final Review.
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> Policy #4327, Homebound Instruction, is under Initial Review. There was a question from the public about Special Education related services.

There were no public comments on non-agenda items. No speaker cards were submitted. Mrs. Sheinin reminded the audience of speaker protocols.

Several attendees addressed the Board of Education regarding a curriculum question at Hewlett High School. Mrs. Sheinin advised speakers to first discuss any questions or concerns with teachers.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 PM, Tour of Facility, Ogden Elementary School

Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 PM, Regular Meeting, Ogden Elementary School

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the February 7 Work Meeting.