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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 14, 2024

Prior to the meeting, the Board of Education conducted a tour of the building, led by Director of School Facilities and Operations, Ms. Kim Parahus.

REGULAR MEETING



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

Dr. Anzalone, OES Principal, welcomed the Board of Education, administration, parents, students, and members of the community to OES.

Dr. Anzalone introduced fifth grade student Yasmin Rahmanzada to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The All-County Music festival participants performed the Star Spangled Banner.



Fifth grade students Casey Santana, Yasmin Rahmanzada, Isabella Kopach, Sabine George, Jasmine Gao, and Torie Hopkins welcomed the Board of Education and each spoke on behalf of the different programs and cultural experiences available at Ogden. Under the direction of Mrs. Santanastaso, third grade students sang “Turn the World Around,'' and danced as part of a cultural arts performance. The fifth grade students also presented the Board of Education with various items that represent Ogden and their commitment to the various cultures that make up OES.

















Dr. Fund, Director of Art and Music, invited music students to the podium to be recognized for their participation in the Nassau Music Educators Association All-County Festival.

All-County participants: Miel Bargig, Logan Fratti, Eliana Grinberg, Aiden Hsi, Gwen Kennedy, Annika Koroveshi, Isabella

Kutsovsky, Michelle Raskin, Adriana Rodriguez, and Nathan Zhang.

He then invited art students to the podium to be recognized for their participation in New York State School Boards Association Art Exhibit, Colors of Long Island Art Exhibit, and All-County Art Exhibit.



New York State School Boards Association participants: Elinor Zaurov and Dalia Madjar. Colors of Long Island participants: Jolene Grandez Garzon and Sabine George. All-County Art Exhibit participants: Zachary Niyazov, Claire Wang, and Vivienne Tejada.

Dr. Greenberg, HHS Principal, introduced Dr. Bissoondial and Mr. Van Wie, who presented certificates to distinguished students from the Science Research and Social Science Research programs. Dr. Bissoondial recognized Samuel Hsu who was selected as a 2024 Regeneron Scholar, and Science Research students David Abelev, Sidrah Ashrafi, Dylan Butler, Stella Fratti, Ariella Golbin, Naomi Golbin, Emily Smukler, and Ariel Vilensky, who were selected as Regional Semifinalists in the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Mr. Van Wie recognized Social Science Research students Sahara Ahmad, Ryan Hung, and Simon Kupchik who were selected as Regional Semifinalists in the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Dr. Bissoondial and Mr. Van Wie highlighted the research projects of all eleven students. Dr. Bissoondial was presented with a Certificate of Merit from the Regeneron Science Talent Search.









Board President, Mrs. Sheinin, thanked the Ogden students for their informative presentations and delightful gifts. She congratulated the art and music award winners, and the high school award winners. She thanked all the students in attendance. Mrs. Sheinin congratulated Mrs. Milan-Thompson on her new position as the P-12 Mathematics chairperson.

Board Trustee, Dr. Altus, congratulated the Science Research students and admired their passion and level of intensity toward their very informative research topics.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He congratulated all the wonderful and talented students who were recognized, and thanked OES for the warm welcome to the building. Dr. Marino introduced Kimberly Milan-Thompson, P-12 Mathematics Chairperson, who was appointed at the meeting. Dr. Marino attended many wonderful building events over the last month including Read Aloud Day and the NYS State Fair at HES, a staff chat at OES, the Open Houses at WMS and HHS, the Hewlett Theater Company performance of *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, a Business Advisory Board meeting at HHS, and he participated in a Virtual Enterprise teams' practice before the next round of competition. Dr. Marino also attended the Gallery One Art Show which featured more than 400 pieces of artwork from students across the community. The Board of Education Legislative Committee met with Legislator Howard Kopel and Assemblywoman Michelle Solages and are scheduled to meet with Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick. Items of discussion included: Preschool special education, school security, grants, civil service, and state funding. The fifth budget development session took place on February 7. Dr. Marino reiterated that all budget presentations can be found online on the budget section of the website. Ms. Donnelly's upcoming budget sessions will take place on March 13 and March 21. The Public Budget Forum is scheduled for March 26. Dr. Marino

provided an update on HW 2025. The State of the District Survey results were received and will be reviewed at the upcoming Making Feedback Matter workshops in March. The Superintendent's Roundtable scheduled for February 13 was canceled due to the snow day, and the next Roundtable is scheduled for March 14 at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment.

Mr. Krieger spoke on behalf of the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association. He offered his appreciation to all the students from OES who performed, and he congratulated the student award winners in art, music, and the sciences. Mr. Krieger welcomed Mrs. Milan-Thompson to the District and congratulated her on her appointment as P-12 Mathematics Chairperson.



Alyssa Pilarte reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. She spoke about fundraising efforts in the high school, skate night at Grant Park, the high school assembly on January 29 from the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, and Valentine's Day teddy bear grams. Battle of the Classes is March 1 and the theme is Decades. Each grade will represent a different decade. A BOE member inquired if the Student Advisory Council had been made aware of the suggested revisions to Policy #4710, Grading Systems. Mrs. Sheinin advised that all stakeholders, including students, are contacted for feedback on policy revisions. It was suggested that the Student Advisory Council advisor review the policy with students.

Mrs. Michelle Morgan and Mrs. Bonnie Kurtz provided a report on behalf of the Central Council PTA. The Central Council Newsletter from February can be found HERE.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Legislative Committee. The Committee met with Legislator Howard Koppel on January 29 and discussed CPSE funding and challenges. The Committee also met with Assemblywoman Michelle Solages on February 9 to discuss school security, grants, civil service, and state funding.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Communications Committee. The Committee met on February 8. Topics of discussion included a debrief of the District's Open Houses, the changes coming to the District website, and budget communications.

Dr. Altus reported on behalf of the Extracurricular Activities, Co-Curricular Activities, and Interscholastic Athletics Committee. The Committee met on February 1 and discussed uniform orders and warm up suits. Mr. Viegas will address the discrepancy in uniform sizes with the coaches. Also discussed were professional athlete pictures, scholar athletes, and the process for nominating athletes for awards. Lastly, students playing on both school teams and club/travel teams was discussed.

Mrs. Sheinin reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The Committee recommends for approval the recommendations of the Committee for Special Education and the Committee for Preschool Special Education.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. The Committee recommends two policies for approval: Policy #5280.1 Student Participation on Non-School Sponsored Athletic Teams, and Policy #8130.2 Workplace Violence Prevention.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. May thanked the building principals for inviting members of the Board of Education into their buildings to attend many wonderful events this month. There is so much to be proud of throughout Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools and we are looking forward to the future.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

There were no public comments on agenda items.

ROUTINE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The minutes were accepted from the Regular BOE Meeting on January 17, 2024.

The Consent Agenda was approved, excluding item 9.3 District Calendar 2024-2025, and 10.1 Policy #5280.1, which will be voted on separately.

Item 9.3 District Calendar 2024-2025. A BOE member spoke about the District's obligation to include the Eid holidays on the school calendar as we strive for a more inclusive environment. The proposed calendar was approved.

Item 10.1 Policy #5280.1 Student Participation on Non-School Sponsored Athletic Teams. A discussion took place regarding this policy. A BOE member inquired about the necessity of a written request to the Coach if an athlete is also participating in a non-school sponsored sports team. The policy was approved.

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

A BOE member spoke about Policy #9240 Recruiting, Hiring, Retention, and Staff Development. However, it was decided that since the matter concerns employment of certain personnel, it should be discussed in Executive Session.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 PM, Budget Session, Woodmere Education Center

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

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 PM, Building Tour, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, March 20, 7:30 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the February 14 Regular Meeting.