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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

March 20, 2024

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

REGULAR MEETING



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

Ms. Sheinin introduced HHS student, Samantha Schwarz, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He was recently a mystery reader at FECC; attended the HES student council meeting; attended the Foreign Language and English Honor Society Induction ceremonies. Dr. Marino commented on the outstanding student performances at the All-District Orchestra Night, WMS production of *Beauty and the Beast*, and the Joe Sugar Day in Albany. He reminded the community about the Public Budget Forum on March 26 at 6:30 PM at the Woodmere Education Center. He commented that the budget increase is 2.58% and tax levy increase is 0%. Dr. Marino provided an update on HW2025. Making Feedback Matter workshops were held in March and another round is scheduled for May. The Senior Exit Survey is in the planning stages.

Samantha Schwarz, HHS Student Council Executive Board Secretary, reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. The Battle of the Classes was a great success. The theme for the evening was Decades and all students showed wonderful school spirit. The senior class took home the win. A kickball tournament and spirit weeks are in the planning stages.

Mrs. Michelle Morgan provided a report on behalf of the Central Council PTA. She thanked Mrs. Page-Nelson for her efforts in securing grant funding for the PTA. The Central Council Newsletter from March 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. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Audit Committee. She recommended the approval of the risk assessment report for 2023-2024 and the related corrective action plan.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Legislative Committee. The committee met with Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick and Assemblyman Ari Brown in February. Mr. Tenenbaum attended the Public and Private Schools Council meeting on March 12, where Ms. Peterson presented on Special Education. The number of students needing services is increasing at both public and private schools.

Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee. She recommended the approval of Policy #4327 Homebound Instruction.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mrs. May attended the HES Bulldog Ball and applauded HES PTA for bringing this event back. She was also a mystery reader at FECC, where all the kids wanted to check out the book she read, Fly Guy. Mrs. May thanked Mrs. Page-Nelson for her efforts to secure a grant, sponsored by Walmart, for the high school PTA. The HHS PTA will use the money to hold a wellness fair, which Mrs. May looks forward to attending. She thanked the PTA for all of their hard work.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

There were no public comments on agenda items.

ROUTINE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Prior to the Board of Education's review of the agenda, Dr. Marino introduced Samantha Lynn-Mazzeo, who is being appointed as Assistant Principal of Hewlett High School, effective July 1, 2024.

The minutes were accepted from the Regular BOE Meeting on February 14, 2024.

The Consent Agenda, items 5.2 - 9.2, was approved.

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

Speaker cards were submitted by HHS students, Wesley Streter and Francesca Castro. Wesley and Francesca requested that the Board continue their discussion on adding an additional class in the Italian language series.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:51 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 PM, Public Budget Forum, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, April 10, 6:45 PM, BOE Adopts Proposed 24-25 Budget, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM, Board of Education Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 PM, Board of Education Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the March 20 Regular Meeting.