



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

April 16, 2024

Prior to the meeting, a reception was held to recognize 17 staff members who received tenure.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Ms. Sheinin introduced Student Council President, Melanie Shvartsberg, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Greenberg, HHS Principal, thanked the Board of Education and the administration for inviting her to recognize a distinguished group of students. She acknowledged the following students:

- Simon Kupchik - *Valedictorian and National Merit Commended Student*
- Ariel Vilensky - *Salutatorian and National Merit Finalist*
- Alexandre Tourneux, Lola Scropo, Ryan Hung, and Samantha Schwarz - *National Merit Commended Students*



Dr. Bissoondial recognized Stella Fratti, the 2024 Junior Science and Humanities Symposium National Finalist.

Mrs. Sheinin congratulated all the students who received honors at this evening's meeting.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He extended congratulations to all students who were recognized, all staff members who received tenure, and to Dr. Anzalone who will be appointed as the District's new Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning, and Technology. Dr. Marino attended many wonderful building events this month including One World at FECC and the phenomenal All-District Jazz night. Honor Society inductions have taken place for Foreign Language, English, Art, and Mathematics departments. The school buildings will continue to host events throughout the end of the school year. Dr. Marino provided an update on the 2024-2025 School Budget. He reminded the community about the upcoming Budget Q&A's scheduled for April 17 at Hewlett Fire Department, May 2 at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment, and May 16 at Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library. All budget information including the one-page document, Fast Facts, is available on the Budget Development section of the District website. The Budget Vote is Tuesday, May 21 from 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM at Woodmere Education Center. Dr. Marino also provided an update on HW 2025. The Senior Exit Survey for Grade 12 students and parents will launch on May 3. The next Superintendent's Roundtable is scheduled for June 17 at the Hewlett Fire Department.



Melanie Shvartsberg, HHS Student Council President, reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. There is a blood drive scheduled for May 22. Another Spirit Week will take place after Spring Recess II. Student Council elections will be held to fill next year's officer positions. High school students and staff are encouraged to wear navy blue on April 17 and 18 to honor fallen NYPD officer Jonathan Diller. Overall, the Student Council is very proud of its accomplishments this year!

Mr. Stark reported on behalf of the District's Employee Organizations. Mr. Stark congratulated all the tenure recipients. At the May 15 Board of Education meeting, HWASA will present their annual scholarship awards to students from each building, as well as a student from the non-public schools. Joann Brown has been elected President of HWFA and will replace Mr. Stark upon his retirement from the District.

Mrs. Sheinin congratulated incoming HWFA President, Mrs. Brown, and Dr. Anzalone on her appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Technology.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Altus reported on behalf of the Extra-Curricular Activities, Co-Curricular Activities, and Interscholastic Athletics Committee. The committee met on April 2. Dr. Fund provided an update on Music and Art, including the District's performance in Disney World in February 2025. Mr. Viegas provided an athletics update which included resurfacing the high school gym floor, the field conditions, and the replacement of lacrosse helmets.

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. Sheinin reported on behalf of Mrs. May for the Policy Committee. The committee met on April 15 and are reviewing many policies for inclusion on the May 8 Work Meeting agenda. The committee recommends two policies for approval, Policy #4322 Programs for the Gifted and Talented, and Policy #8135 Instructional Technology Systems: Disaster Recovery Plan.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Tenenbaum and other Board members attended One World at FECC on April 4. Mr. Tenenbaum acknowledged the time and energy that is devoted to putting on this special and worthwhile event. He thanked everyone involved.

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 March 20, 2024.

The Consent Agenda was approved with the exception of Item 9.4: Nassau BOCES Board 2024-2025 school year, which will be voted on separately.

Item 9.4: Nassau BOCES Board 2024-2025 school year was approved. After a discussion between the members of the Board, it was determined that Hewlett-Woodmere will cast votes for Roseann Stein, R. Aline Uzilov, and Michael Weinick.

Policy #4322 Programs for the Gifted and Talented and Policy #8135 Instructional Technology Systems: Disaster Recovery Plan were approved.

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

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, May 2, 12:00 Noon, Budget Q&A, Center for Adult Life Enrichment

Wednesday, May 8, 6:45 PM, Annual Budget Hearing, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 PM, Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Thursday, May 16, 11:00 AM, Budget Q&A, Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM, Budget Vote and School Board Elections, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE: Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the April 16 Regular Meeting.