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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

May 15, 2024

REGULAR MEETING



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

Ms. Sheinin introduced HHS Student Council representatives, Wesley Sreter and Sienna LaPaglia, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the Hewlett-Woodmere Administrative and Supervisory Association (HWASA) presented Citizenship Awards to graduating students who have displayed outstanding qualities of good citizenship among peers and the community. The recipients were:

- Luke Buffalin, FECC, presented by Dr. Smyth
- Alexa Findling, HES, presented by Ms. Sosnovsky
- Adam Khasasov, OES, presented by Dr. Anzalone







- Gabriella Vernov, WMS, presented by Dr. Bauer
- Stella Fratti, HHS, presented by Dr. Greenberg
- Yehuda Palmore-Pollack, Yeshiva of South Shore, presented by Dr. Peterson (not pictured)





The Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association (HWFA) honored deserving students who have made a positive contribution to their school and community by presenting them with Scholarship Awards. The recipients were:

- Matthew Fraser, FECC, presented by Ms. Albenda
- Kensie Makofske, HES, presented by Ms. Gallagher
- Aaron Myaskovsky, OES, presented by Ms. Bachar







- Zhara Barton, WMS, presented by Ms. Escher
- Melanie Shvartsberg, HHS, presented by Ms. Coder
- Alexandre Tourneux, HHS, presented by Mr. Stark
- Gavriella Korman, Shulamith High School, presented by Mr. Stark (not pictured)









Mr. Stark, the outgoing President of HWFA, introduced Ms. Brown, the incoming President of HWFA, to present the Partners in Excellence Award to Dr. Al Bauer in recognition of the positive impact he's had on students and members of HWFA.

Mrs. Sheinin thanked the members of HWASA and HWFA and offered congratulations to the students on their awards and Dr. Bauer for his recognition.

Dr. Marino provided the Superintendent's Report. He extended congratulations to all student award winners and Dr. Bauer. Dr. Marino attended many wonderful spring concerts and congratulated the student performers and their teachers. He also attended honor society inductions and looks forward to the upcoming ceremonies which recognize the hard work of our students. Dr. Marino visited student council meetings at both WMS and HHS and he enjoyed watching our students use the democratic process to make our schools a better place! Dr. Marino participated in the

recognition of HHS student, Christopher Mendoza, on behalf of the New York State School Boards Association and their *Tomorrow's Leaders Today* program. The Senior Exit Survey launched in early May and Dr. Marino looks forward to receiving and interpreting the data. There have been discussions about using focus groups and more face-to-face conversations with constituents during the 2024-2025 school year. The Annual School Budget Vote and School Board Elections are Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM, and the Student Vote is from 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM. All voting takes place at Woodmere Education Center. The next Superintendent's Roundtable is scheduled for June 17 at the Hewlett Fire Department.



Wesley Sreter and Sienna LaPaglia reported on behalf of the Student Advisory Council. A spirit day was held on April 17 where students and staff were encouraged to wear navy blue to honor fallen NYPD officer, Jonathan Diller. The spring blood drive was a successful event, and a large number of high school students signed up to volunteer at Arts Below Sunrise. Wesley and Sienna thanked the Board for inviting them to attend these meetings and report on school events and activities.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sheinin 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.

Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Communications Committee who met on May 2. Items of discussion included the District Open Houses, social media policy, and budget communications.

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 Board Meeting on April 16, 2024.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

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

Maureen Cori, Woodmere, thanked the Board for their efforts in maintaining the pool and the pool programs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 PM, Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 PM, Regular Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the May 15 Regular Meeting.