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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,
Chana Jeter, Meredith King

September 18, 2024

The New Employee Reception preceded the Board Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Debra Sheinin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Sheinin welcomed new staff members and thanked everyone who attended the reception before the meeting. Dr. Marino also welcomed the new employees and introduced Dr. Alan Groveman as the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Personnel.

Awards and Recognition

Dr. Marino presented Ms. Barbara Giese with the 2024 National School Public Relations Association Award of Merit in the category of Special Purpose Publication for the Hewlett-Woodmere Happy New Year Newsletter.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Marino provided updates on the new school year, thanking staff for their hard work over the summer in preparing the schools. He highlighted recent events such as the Senior Sunrise Breakfast, various Patriot Day programs, and Back to School nights.

Dr. Marino announced Homecoming Week activities, including the parade and football game on September 21, where the new high school track and field will have its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony.

An update on HW2025 was provided. Areas of discussion for the focus groups will include school district improvements, communication, and sense of belonging. Focus groups with meet in November and late winter.

Dr. Marino updated the Board on several ongoing construction projects:

- FECC cupola and elevator cab restoration are nearing completion.
- HES elevator cab restoration is complete; exterior column replacement will begin on October 2.
- Hewlett High School renovations include completed boiler room abatement and science lab installations. A Special Board Meeting is scheduled for September 24 to discuss the science rooms.
- Auditorium renovations are underway, with a completion date anticipated for July 2025.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT



Julia Zorluoglu, Vice President, reported on high school activities, including the success of the Senior Sunrise Breakfast. She shared the Homecoming events.

Mrs. Sheinin thanked Julia Zorluoglu for her informative report. She reminded the student council of the Board's support of their initiatives and encouraged communication throughout the school year.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Ms. Joann Brown from the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association congratulated the new staff and Ms. Giese for her award.

PTA REPORT

PTA co-presidents Sarit Kritzman and Pam Darby reported on their first meeting of the school year, emphasizing their goal of achieving 100% membership. The Central Council Newsletter can be found at the end of this recap.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Menashe reported from the Special Education Committee, recommending approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Education.
- Mrs. King reported on the Activities and Athletics Committee, focusing on Homecoming preparation and opening of the new track at HHS.
- Mrs. May provided an update from the Policy Committee, noting forthcoming policies for approval.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

There were no public comments on agenda items.

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Routine recommended actions were approved, with no policies adopted during this meeting.

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

Irina Abramovich from the HHS PTA spoke about the high school science classroom renovations, to which Mrs. Sheinin responded that the Board would address this in the upcoming special meeting to be held on September 24.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:50 PM

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 PM, Special Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 PM, Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 PM, Regular Meeting, Franklin Early Education Center

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the September 18 regular meeting.
Click HERE for the Central Council PTA Newsletter.