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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

October 9, 2024

Work Meeting

The Work Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Sheinin led the Pledge of Allegiance and explained the meeting protocol.

Reports and Presentations

Links to presentations can be found below.

- *2023-24 External Audit* - Dr. Alan Groveman introduced Mr. Brendan Nelson, CPA and Partner at R.S. Abrams & Co. Mr. Nelson reviewed the audit findings, commending the Business Office staff for their cooperation. The Audit Committee had previously discussed the report. No questions were raised from the Board of Education, and Mrs. Sheinin thanked both Mr. Nelson and Dr. Groveman for their presentation.
- *High School Science Classrooms* - Mr. John A. Grillo, Ms. Kim Parahus, and Mr. Brian Terry discussed recent meetings with the science team regarding classroom reviews and requested changes. The Board engaged in a discussion to align the designs with the Board's vision. Next steps include determining cost estimates and timelines.
- *Community Services Update* - Ms. Barbara Giese reported on various Recreation, Adult Education, Swim programs, and Summer Playschool initiatives. The Board discussed strategies for increasing participation, rightsizing swim program expenditures, and enhanced publicity methods.
- *Five-Year Budget Projections* - Dr. Groveman presented budget projections for upcoming school years. He recommended a 2% annual budget increase post-2024-2025, with anticipated spending levels between 96-97%. The Board asked questions regarding these projections.

Financial Reports/Resolutions/Actions

Dr. Groveman reviewed the Treasurer's Reports, Budget Status Report, Revenue Status Report, Warrants, Claims Auditor findings, and Analysis of Reserves for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Financial Resolutions:

- Resolution: Acceptance of the Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.
- Resolution: Funding reserved for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Financial Actions:

- Schedule of Contracts, Bids, and discussion regarding the rejected bid for the WMS new storage building.
- Transfers of Appropriation, Schedule of Gifts, Surplus Equipment, and upcoming applications for additional Club Charters.
- Draft RFP for an Architect: A discussion highlighted the need for specificity in listing particular projects.

Curriculum and Miscellaneous Actions

The following were discussed: Field trip proposal for the wrestling team, field trips, conference and travel schedule, and the HW 2025 Implementation Team Roster.

A discussion followed about the NYSED stated purpose of Regionalization. BOE members provided their input and suggested writing a letter to our elected officials.

2024 - 25 Data Points for District Goals - a discussion followed about the three District goals, and related data points for this year. The data points will be reworked by the administrative team.

Policy Actions for Initial Review:

4321.12 Use of Timeout and Physical Restraints
4322 Programs for the Gifted and Talented
4327 Homebound Instruction
4821 School Ceremonies and Observances
4821.1 Instructional Arrangements for School Days of Religious Observance
4821.2 Ceremonies and Observances (will be abolished)
4821.3 Observance of Days of Special Significance (number change)
5150 Initial Entrance and Placement in District Schools
5465 Child Abuse in an Educational Setting (add form)

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

There were no speakers from the audience.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:10 PM to discuss matters of student safety and personnel issues.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 PM at Franklin Early Childhood Center. Tour of Facility at 7:00 PM followed by Regular Meeting.
Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 PM - Budget Meeting at Woodmere Education Center
Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Work Meeting at Woodmere Education Center
Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 PM - Regular Meeting at Ogden Elementary (Tour of Facility at 7:00 PM)

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the October 9 Work Meeting.

LINK TO PRESENTATIONS:

Click HERE for the 2023-2024 External Audit presentation.
Click HERE for the High School Classrooms presentation.
Click HERE for the Community Services Update presentation.
Click HERE for the Five-Year Budget Projection presentation.