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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

December 11, 2024

Work Meeting

The Work Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Ms. Sheinin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports, Presentations, and Agenda Items

Links to all presentations can be found below.

- *School Counseling Update* - presented by Ms. Mary Harrison, P-12 Chairperson of Guidance. Ms. Harrison spoke about counselor responsibilities, the yearly calendar, school counseling trends, the partnership with Northwell Health, and other important topics. Questions/comments from Board members included: student participation in clubs, guidance interns, the balance of counselor's time spent on course scheduling and mental health (social, emotional, and academic needs).

- *Student Participation/Academic Achievement Report* - HHS Principal Dr. Alexandra Greenberg and P-12 Chairperson of Guidance Ms. Mary Harrison highlighted the total number of test takers, the passing rate, and mastery rate for Regents over a three-year period. Also discussed were college course enrollment, AP course enrollment, and AP scores. Board members asked questions about algebra and this cohort of students taking three years of new tests, geometry and the mastery rate, and the number of students passing the class.

- *Review of NYSED 3-8 Test Data School Report Card* - presented by Dr. Dina Anzalone, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning, and Technology. The presentation included NYSED 3-8 test data for ELA, mathematics, and science. In addition, the correlation between NWEA and NYS 3-8 tests was explained.

- *Special Education and Student Support Services* presented by Dr. Susan Farber, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services. Dr. Farber spoke about services provided to students in the District, including both public and non-public

schools, the Discovery Program, and post-secondary planning for students with disabilities. Board members asked questions about 2023-2024 suspension data compared to 2024-2025. Mrs. Jeter commented on the very informative parent workshop coordinated with Lynbrook Public Schools.

- *Rockefeller Institute Report on NY Foundation Aid Education Funding Formula* - presented by Mr. Charles Carollo, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Personnel. Mr. Carollo explained the proposed changes suggested by the Rockefeller Institute of Government, outlined in the report. The Board of Education asked questions about possible recourse going forward. Mr. Carollo stressed the need for continued advocacy.

Mrs. Sheinin thanked all the presenters for their thorough and informative presentations.

Agenda Items

The following items were discussed:
5.3 Foundation Aid Letter
5.4 Regionalization Letter and Opt-out Resolution

The Regionalization Opt-out Resolution will be on the agenda for approval December 18, 2024.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports reviewed by Mr. Carollo:

Treasurer's Report
Warrants & Summary of Findings of the Claims Auditor
Budget Status and Revenue Status Report
Use of Cellular Phones & Electronic Equipment

Financial Actions

Financial Actions reviewed by Mr. Carollo:

Schedule of Contracts
Transfers of Appropriation
Surplus Equipment
Applications for Club Charters
Employee Agreement for part-time Business Administrator
Use of Repair Reserve (Athletics): Public Hearing scheduled on December 18 at 7:25 PM.

Curriculum and Miscellaneous Actions

Dr. Anzalone reviewed the Schedule of Field Trips and the Schedule of Conference and Travel.

Policy Actions:

One policy for final review: #4321.12 Use of Timeout and Physical Restraints
Two policies for initial review: #4710, Grading Systems and #0110, Sexual Harassment
Mrs. Sheinin spoke about the work of the policy committee on #4710, Grading Systems.

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

No members of the public spoke on agenda or non-agenda items.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:40 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, December 18, Woodmere Middle School
7:00 PM, Tour of Facility
7:25 PM, Public Hearing on Use of Repair Reserve
7:30 PM, Regular Meeting

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the December 11 Work Meeting.

LINK TO PRESENTATIONS:

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