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,
Chana Jeter, Meredith King

February 5, 2025

Public Hearing: To Authorize use of the Athletic Repair Reserve

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:15 PM. Mrs. Sheinin led the Pledge of Allegiance. The hearing was held to authorize use of the Athletic Repair Reserve for the purpose of repairs to the HHS Athletic Fields and to replace the hardwood surface and sub-floor of the HHS gym floor. Mr. Charles Carollo, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Personnel, provided details. His presentation can be viewed at the bottom of this re-cap. The Resolution will appear on the February 12 agenda for approval. This meeting ended at 6:30 PM.

Budget Development Session #3

The Budget Development Session was called to order at 6:30 PM. Mr. Charles Carollo, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Personnel, presented information to the Board on the development of the 2025-26 budget. Presentation can be viewed below. Discussions included Proposition 2 for $3,579,968 for the renovation of the WMS baseball/softball field and additional interior projects and Proposition 3 for $6,000,000 for District-wide security upgrades and lighting for the WMS baseball/softball field and tennis courts. They inquired about the state aid for these projects. The Board also discussed budget items including additional special education staffing, funding for the Summer Learning Academy, the staff developer position, Chromebook upgrades, and Bloomberg terminals. Mrs. Sheinin addressed the community regarding elementary staffing reductions due to decreased enrollment, and a public question was raised about class size guidelines at the elementary level. The Board of Education and administration are committed to presenting a reasonable budget and emphasized the importance of public participation in the May 20 election. The public asked questions on enrollment declines, Chromebook purchases, and requested more detailed budget presentations. The Board provided direction for future budget revisions, with two meetings scheduled in March (March 12 and March 20) and the Public Budget Forum on March 25. All are encouraged to participate and attend.

Work Meeting

Mrs. Sheinin called the Work Meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Reports, Presentations, and Agenda Items

Mid-Year Review of Data Points for District Goals:
Dr. Marino, Superintendent, introduced Dr. Dina Anzalone, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning & Technology, Dr. Susan Farber, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services, and Ms. Barbara Giese, Executive Director of Communications, Community Services, Registration & Grants, who presented data aligned with the District's goals.

Dr. Anzalone provided raw data and generalizations and recommendations on the data points aligned with District goal #1: The District will support and monitor a learning environment, curriculum, and extracurricular activities that allow all students to flourish and meet their fullest potential. (See below for presentation)

Ms. Giese provided information on the data points aligned with District goal #2: The District will promote community engagement and efficient communication.

Dr. Farber provided information on the data points aligned with District goal #3: The District will create a safe, secure, and nurturing environment that supports the physical, social, and emotional needs of our students.

Student Registration/Residency Update:
Ms. Giese provided an update on student registration and residency. Board members inquired about District residency and student withdrawals. (See below for presentation)

District Calendar 2025-2026 School Year:
Ms. Giese presented two versions of the school calendar, A and B, which were reviewed by each bargaining unit. After discussion, the Board agreed on a new version, Version C, with a start date of September 2, 2025 and an end date of June 26, 2026.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports reviewed by Mr. Charles Carollo:
Extraclassroom Report, Budget Status Report, Treasurer's Report, Revenue Status Report, Preliminary Fund Balance Report, Warrants & Summary of Findings of the Claims Auditor.

Financial Resolutions

Financial Resolutions reviewed by Mr. Charles Carollo:
Athletic Repair Reserve (explained during the public hearing), SEQRA Type II Determination

Financial Actions

Financial Actions reviewed by Mr. Charles Carollo:
Transfers of Appropriation; Schedule of Contracts - additional contracts may be added; Request to Establish a Scholarship: Stella Fratti Community Garden Scholarship; Applications for Club Charters; Revised Draft RFP for Insurance Brokerage and Risk Management Services

Curriculum and Miscellaneous Actions

Dr. Anzalone reviewed the following:
Field Trips, New Textbook Adoption: Bridges in Mathematics, PreK

Policy Actions

Dr. Marino reviewed the following policy actions:
Final Review: Policy #0110: Sexual Harassment
Initial Review:
Policy #1500, Public Use of Facilities
Policy #4710, Grading Systems
Policy #5280.1, Student Participation on Non-School Sponsored Athletic Teams
Policy #8332, Staff Use of Cellular Phones and Electronic Equipment
Policy #8334, Use of District Credit Cards

Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

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

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, Hewlett Elementary School
7:00 PM, Tour of Facility
7:30 PM, Regular Meeting

NOTE:
Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the February 5 Work Meeting.
Click HERE for the Special Hearing presentation on Athletic Repair Reserve.
Click HERE for the Budget Development Presentation
Click HERE for the Data Points Presentation
Click HERE for the Registration and Residency Presentation