



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

April 23, 2025

TENURE RECEPTION

Prior to the Board meeting, a Tenure Reception was held recognizing those staff members who were recommended for tenure. Congratulations to:

District

- Andrew Fund

Franklin Early Childhood Center

- Catherine Long
- Robyn Weiss*

Hewlett Elementary School

- Rachel Carlson
- Kristin Gagnano
- Kaylee Polinsky
- Meredith Stefanek

Woodmere Middle School

- Gabrielle Leon
- Theresa Ruggles

George W. Hewlett High School

- Marie DiGiovanni*
- Jessica Hoefer
- Cheryl Nacht
- Christopher Pagan*
- Karen Schmidt
- Emily Siegel



Congratulations!



**Not pictured*

REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Sheinin welcomed everyone to the meeting. She congratulated the tenure recipients and thanked them for the meaningful impact they have on our schools and in the lives of our students.

Mrs. Sheinin then introduced Dr. Dina M. Anzalone, who will be appointed Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2025. Dr. Anzalone led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the meeting. Mrs.



Sheinin spoke about the rigorous search process to find the next Superintendent for Hewlett-Woodmere. In collaboration with search consultants, valuable input was gathered from many constituent groups, including the District Leadership Team, union representatives, the PTA, local organizations, and community members. The Board interviewed several exceptional candidates before ultimately selecting Dr.

Anzalone as the next Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Anzalone thanked the Board of Education for the trust and support placed in her. She is privileged to continue serving the District in her new role, and eager to collaborate with students, families, and staff members as Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Anzalone effective July 1, 2025.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

Dr. Jonathan Altus, Woodmere: Dr. Altus thanked Dr. Ralph Marino for his 10 years of dedicated service to the District and wished him well upon his upcoming retirement. He congratulated Dr. Anzalone on her appointment. Dr. Altus complimented the Board of Education for selecting this exceptional candidate and stated the future of HWPS is bright under her leadership.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Marino provided a Superintendent's Report, which included the following topics:

Dr. Marino congratulated Dr. Anzalone and wished her continued success in the next chapter of her career at HWPS. Dr. Marino also congratulated the tenure recipients upon this significant accomplishment.

Dr. Marino's monthly report contained the following items:

- Many wonderful school events have taken place during the past month. Some highlights include *One World* at FECC, *The Lion King Kids* musical at HES, the assembly with news anchor Cheryl



Willis at OES, and the WMS production of *Beetlejuice Jr.* Dr. Marino participated in Career Day at HES, and the Book Trials at HHS.

- Honor Society inductions are underway. Art Honor Society was held on April 23 at the public library. Congratulations to all those inducted.
- HW 2025 Update: Making Feedback Matter progress sessions will take place in each building in May. This is an opportunity to review progress to date, and the next steps going forward.
- Budget Q & A Sessions will be held as follows:
April 24 at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, 11:00 AM
May 6 at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, 12:00 Noon
May 13 at the Hewlett Fire Department, 7:00 PM
On April 28, Mr. Carollo and Dr. Marino will attend the All-District PTA meeting at WMS to present budget information.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Francesca Castro, Senior Class President, reported on upcoming events at the high school, including a blood drive and a student led kickball tournament. The high school students are looking forward to all the exciting year-end celebrations.



EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Ms. Joann Brown reported on behalf of the HW Faculty Association. She congratulated all the tenure recipients, and wished good luck to Dr. Anzalone as the next Superintendent. Ms. Brown added that Hewlett-Woodmere is very fortunate to have such exceptional leaders. The unit is looking forward to working together.

Ms. Ginette Orlando reported on behalf of the HW Administrators and Supervisory Association. She congratulated the tenure recipients and Dr. Anzalone on her appointment. The unit looks forward to a productive partnership.



PTA REPORT

Central Council PTA Co-Presidents Pam Darby and Sarit Kritzman congratulated Dr. Anzalone and the tenure recipients. Their full report is linked at the end of this re-cap.



BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The committee recommends for approval the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee, who recommends for approval the three policies listed on the agenda:
 - **Policy #2245:** Ex Officio Student Member of the Board
 - **Policy #4710:** Grading Systems
 - **Policy #8332:** Staff Use of Cellular Phones and Electronic Equipment
- Mrs. King reported on the Athletics and Activities Committee, which met on March 31. Items of discussion included the middle school and high school fields, as well as the improved drainage. The fields are currently being used at full capacity. Also discussed were the renovation of the high school auditorium, which is on schedule, and the construction of the gym floor.
- Mrs. Jeter reported on behalf of the Communications Committee, which met on April 3. Topics of discussion included community budget outreach, increasing school enrollment, and plans for the school budget vote. She also reported that the Health, Safety & Wellness Committee met on April 7 and discussed key updates, including the Health, Safety & Security Report, a review of the District-Wide Safety Plan, the Buildings and Grounds Report, the BOCES Report, the Transportation Report, and building-specific reports presented by principals.
- Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Capital Improvement Committee, which met on March 27 to review and approve the final details of the tennis courts and concession stand project at the high school. The committee also discussed a viable solution for the long planned storage building at the middle school.
- Mrs. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Curriculum, Assessment, and Technology Committee, which met on April 1. The April edition of *Hewlett Highlights* was shared, showcasing the incredible accomplishments of our students. Click [here](#) to view. Special thanks to Dr. Anzalone for leading this collaborative effort.

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated March 19, 2025 and the Special Meeting dated March 27, 2025, were accepted.

- Consent Agenda approved, consisting of Items 5.3 through 9.7.
- Item 7.6: Resolution and Personnel Action Report addendum voted upon separately and unanimously approved.
- Policies approved:
 - **Policy #2245:** Ex Officio Student Member of the Board
 - **Policy #4710:** Grading Systems
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OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Pam Darby, Woodmere: Spoke on behalf of PAL Lacrosse and the fence on Everit Avenue being locked which is causing issues. Mrs. Sheinin responded that District security will look into the matter.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a small celebration was held in honor of Dr. Anzalone.



The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:00 PM

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, Woodmere Education Center:

Annual Budget Hearing, 6:45 PM

Work Meeting: 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Woodmere Education Center

Regular Meeting: 7:30 PM

NOTE:

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the April 23 regular meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the Central Council PTA Newsletter.