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

May 14, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Debra Sheinin. Ms. Joann Brown, President of the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association, led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Sheinin expressed gratitude to Ms. Brown and Ms. Orlando, President of the Hewlett-Woodmere Administrators and Supervisors Association, for their ongoing attendance and dedicated representation at monthly Board meetings.





AWARDS & RECOGNITION

HWASA presented their Annual Citizenship Awards to the following students:

- FECC: Madeline McHale
- HES: Issam Ahmed (not pictured)
- OES: Itai Raz
- WMS: Sean Zamorano
- HHS: Yarel Sulman
- Non-Public: Maya Avi-Tsedek











HWFA Student Awards were presented to:

- Non-Public: Ms. Talia Perry
- FECC: Mr. Clark Agliam
- OES: Mr. Ares Singh
- HES: Andrea Rivera Morales
- WMS: Ms. Vidhya Velayudhan
- HHS: Mr. Wesley Sreter and Ms. Julia Zorluoglu (not pictured)













The Hewlett-Woodmere Secretarial Association awarded a scholarship to Sharon (Shani) Zinn.



The HWFA Partner in Excellence Award was proudly presented to Dr. Lorraine Smyth for her outstanding contributions and partnership.



Mrs. Sheinin extended her congratulations to all the student award winners and to Dr. Lorraine Smyth.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Dr. Marino congratulated all student award winners and Dr. Lorraine Smyth, recipient of the Partner in Excellence Award. He also shared updates on recent events across the District. Highlights included the Cornell Cooperative Extension's engaging goat program at Franklin Early Childhood Center, Ogden Elementary's vibrant production of *Finding Nemo Kids*, and the impressive District Technology Showcase held on May 13 - with thanks to Dr. Anzalone and her team.

Spring concerts are wrapping up, and student recognitions will continue with Honor Society and Awards Ceremonies in the coming weeks. The District also welcomed the Tri-States ENL team for a comprehensive review of the program, coordinated by Dr. Montellese.

Dr. Marino reminded the community that the School Budget Vote and Board Elections will take place on Tuesday, May 20, from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM at the Woodmere Education Center.

A construction update included progress on the WMS athletic field and the high school auditorium, with summer projects planned for the MS/HS science labs, FECC kitchen, HS gym floor, concession stand, and tennis courts.

As part of the HW 2025 initiative, “Making Feedback Matter,” progress sessions are ongoing, and the Implementation Team held a productive in-person meeting on May 12. The final Superintendent Roundtable of the school year will take place on June 12 at the Hewlett Fire Department.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Wesley Sreter, Executive Board President, shared details about exciting end-of-year events and encouraged participation in the Annual Spring Blood Drive held on May 21. He also expressed his gratitude to the Board of Education for the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Ms. Joann Brown, HWFA, congratulated all the student award winners and Dr. Smyth.

PTA REPORT

Ms. Pam Darby, Central Council PTA co-president, congratulated all the student award winners and Dr. Smyth. The PTA is busy with exciting activities for the end of the school year. Please refer to their May newsletter 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 four policies listed on the agenda:
    - **Policy #4526.1**: Internet Safety
    - **Policy #5100:** Attendance
    - **Policy #6700:** Purchasing
    - **Policy #8135:** Instructional Technology Systems: Disaster Recovery Plan
- Mrs. Jeter reported on behalf of the Communications Committee, which met on April 25. Topics of discussion included budget communications and brochure, Stars on Broadway on May 20, the student vote, and website updates. She also reported that the Health, Safety & Wellness Committee met on May 5. Items of discussion included summer safety checks, safety drills, the district-wide safety plan, planning for summer work, and the Code of Conduct policy (reference to e-bikes).

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. May and Mr. Tenenbaum toured two recently updated high school science rooms and reported on the progress. They thanked students and staff for their patience during this renovation. The high school auditorium project is moving along nicely and on schedule to be completed this summer. Thank you to the community for supporting this project.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

None

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Minutes of the Special Meetings dated April 3, 2025, April 9, 2025, and the Regular Meeting dated April 23, were accepted.

Routine Recommended Actions approved in the Consent Agenda.

Policies approved:

- **Policy #4526.1:** Internet Safety
- **Policy #5100:** Attendance
- **Policy #6700:** Purchasing
- **Policy #8135:** Instructional Technology Systems: Disaster Recovery Plan

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

Ms. Michelle Morgan, SEPTA co-president, thanked the Business Office for their prompt assistance with a recent insurance issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, Woodmere Education Center:
Employee Recognition Ceremony, 6:30 PM
Work Meeting: 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, Woodmere Education Center
Regular Meeting: 7:30 PM

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, Woodmere Education Center
Work Meeting: 5:00 PM

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the May 14 regular meeting.
Click HERE for the Central Council PTA Newsletter.