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

June 4, 2025

Employee Recognition Ceremony

The annual Employee Recognition Ceremony was held prior to the Board Meeting to celebrate the remarkable contributions of Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools staff.

The event honored employees who reached milestone anniversaries—ranging from 10 to 45 years of service—as well as retirees. Each individual recognized has played a vital role in fulfilling the District's mission of Empowering the Next Generation for Success in Life.

Years of Service Honorees:

- **45 Years:** David Greco
- **40 Years:** Barbara Callahan
- **35 Years:** Sylvana Bocci, Anne E. Drossman
- **30 Years:** Mindy Fenton, Kristina Lacy, Brenna Leighton, Vincent Lospinuso, Sharon Morelli
- **25 Years:** Sally H. Adams, Terrence Bissoondial, Amy Bravo, Margaret Chiofolo, Matthew Csorba, Karen Cunningham, Paula Delia, Ellen Donoghue, Christine Fischer, Jodie Meyer-Hetzler, Stephanie Maltz, Susan Patello, Michelle Rosenthal, Kelly A. Roderick, Diane M. Schneider, Lisa Scotti, Sonia Tejada, Randi L. Ward
- **20 Years:** Mindy Albenda, Donovan Berthoud, Rosemary Dirks, Elizabeth Forelli, Kristina L. Gallagher, Mary Gibbons, Lauren Hargreaves, Lisa G. Holze, Karen M. Konik, Lisa Lapetina-Forgione, Donna L. Matalevich, Jodi B. Nadler, Linda M. O'Grady, Ginette Orlando, Michael A. Parisi, Elizabeth Ruiz-Quintana, Barbara M. Randazzo, Joseph G. Whitney
- **15 Years:** Janet Alfieri, Francesco Artusa, Maria Cappas, Nadia Hopkins, Donna Lynch, Jared Pittelli, Mark Talbot
- **10 Years:** Rosemarie Abrignani, Marina Babayeva, Susan Albergo, Gina Carrillo, Mary Gibbons, Pamela Griffin, Valerie Hall, Molly Henck, Margarete Hoerlein, Ina B. Jacobson, Lisa Kaneblei, Michelle Kinhackl, Ruth Lipman, Kelly Logan, Robert Machado, Ralph Marino Jr., Josephine McGuinness, Alexander Moran, Heather D. Napoli, Elizabeth

Oleksiak, Sadie Ann Oliphant-Plunkett, Salvatore Perrotta, Deanna Pisciotta, Matthew Redash, Jarrett Rubin, Lauren Sanfilippo, Mercedes Scheinwald, Anthony Scro, Lisa Scotti

2025 Retirees:
Caryn Bachar, Albert Bauer, Karen Cunningham, Joseph DiBartolo, Rosemary Dirks, Rosemarie Lombardo, Ralph Marino, Jr., Grace Mattel, Melissa Morgan, Kim Parahus, Santos Surita, Patricia Weinrauch

The District extends its sincere gratitude to all honorees for their years of service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the Hewlett-Woodmere community. Click here to view the photos from the evening.

Public Hearing: Code of Conduct Policy

The public hearing allows for commentary on Policy #5300, Code of Conduct.

Dr. Marino noted that the policy will be under final review by the Board of Education later during the work meeting, and scheduled for approval on June 11 at the Regular meeting.
No comments from the public.

Special Meeting : Policy #2245: Ex-Officio Student Member of the Board

Policy approved as amended. Qualifications and selection criteria amended to:
5. Two letters of recommendation from G.W. Hewlett High School peers

Work Meeting - Reports & Presentations

(Presentations are linked at the bottom of this re-cap)
Dr. Nicole Montellese, P-12 Chairperson of World Language and ENL, presented an overview of the Tri-State Consortium visit, P-12 ENL, and Curriculum and Programmatic review. Dr. Montellese presented an overview of the process. The final report from the Consortium will be shared with the Board of Education in the fall. Mrs. Sheinin thanked Dr. Montellese for the organized and efficient planning and preparation for the three-day Tri-State visit in May. Several Board members enthusiastically participated in events and noted it was a meaningful learning experience.

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services, Dr. Susan Farber, presented an update on Social Emotional Learning (SEL), highlighting the significance of emotional intelligence and the comprehensive SEL curriculum at HWPS. During the discussion, a Board member inquired about the mechanisms in place to collect feedback from staff and students regarding the implementation of these initiatives. Mrs. Sheinin expressed her gratitude to Dr. Farber for her insightful and thorough presentation.

Financial Reports

Mr. Carollo reviewed the following financial reports:

- Treasurer's Report
- Budget and Revenue Status Report
- Preliminary Fund Balance Report
- Warrants
- Use of Cellular Phone & Electronic Equipment

Financial Resolutions

Mr. Carollo reviewed the following financial resolutions:

- Authorizing the Discretionary Reserve Accounts and the Voter Authorized Reserve Account
- Actions Related to District Reserve Accounts
- Risk Operations Center Data Privacy Agreements
- Participation in Cooperative Purchasing.

Financial Actions

Mr. Carollo reviewed the following financial actions:

- Schedule of Contracts
- Schedule of Bids
- Non-Resident Tuition Rates
- Transfer of Appropriation
- Schedule of Gifts

Miscellaneous Actions

Dr. Dina Anzalone reviewed the Conference and Travel Schedule and Field Trips. Regarding the Robotics Trip to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, July 24-28, 2025, the Board discussed the current policy limitations and requested full commitment from the students scheduled to attend. Dr. Anzalone will work with the school district attorney on the appropriate documentation.

Dr. Marino reviewed the following:

- 2025 - 26 District-wide School Safety Plan
- NYS School Boards Association Resolution Kit 2025 - 26 (NYSSBA). The Board is drafting three resolutions for submission to the NYSSBA committee. Resolutions will be reviewed at the June 25 work meeting.
- Policy #4531, Field Trips and Excursions. Discussed by the Board,will go back to the Policy Committee for comparison with other LI school districts.

Policy Actions

The following Policy Actions were presented by Dr. Marino:

Final Review:

Policy #5300: Code of Conduct
Policy #0110: Sexual Harassment
Policy #1336: Fee Policy
Policy #2160: School Board Officer, Members, and Employee Ethics
Policy #8113: Extreme Heat Condition Days

Initial Review:

Policy #0100: Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination
Policy #4322: Programs for the Gifted and Talented

Opportunity for the Public to be Heard, Non-Agenda Items

A resident spoke about the importance of the District's early morning swim program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

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

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

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, Woodmere Education Center
5:00 PM - Organization and Regular Meeting

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the June 4 Work Meeting.
Click HERE for the Tri-State Consortium Visit Overview: English as a New Language
Click HERE for the Social Emotional Learning Update