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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

July 1, 2025

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President Debra Sheinin, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sheinin opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. She expressed the Board of Education's enthusiasm for working with the newly appointed Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dina M. Anzalone. Mrs. Sheinin also extended congratulations to the ex-officio student board member, Aidan Khan, and alternate, Jacob Yamen, both of whom were present at the meeting.

The Oath of Office was administered to:

- Newly re-elected Board of Education members, Chana Jeter and Debra Sheinin.
- Ex-Officio Student Board member, Aidan Khan, and alternate, Jacob Yamen.
- Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dina M. Anzalone.







Debra Sheinin and Cheryl May were unanimously elected president and vice president of the Board of Education, respectively, and each was administered the Oath of Office.



The Oath of Office was administered to:

- District Clerk Barbara Randazzo, Assistant District Clerk Charles Carollo, and Assistant District Treasurer Dr. Lorraine Smyth.



RECOMMENDED ACTIONS APPROVED

The following were approved:

- Annual Appointments of Board Service Personnel
- Schedule of Board Appointments
- Schedule of Central Treasurers
- Designation of Bond Counsel and Financial Advisors
- Designation of Newspapers for Legal Notices
- Designation of Banks as Depositories
- Authorization to Secure Crime Bonds
- Additional Authorizations

- Special Education Authorizations: Board Members authorized to appoint Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2025 - 2026 school year; Special Education Committees; and 504 Committees
- Board of Education read and signed the Accountability Statement; Norms and Protocols; and their Committees/Organizations for the 2025 - 2026 school year
- Policy #6240, Investment Policy, was approved

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM by Mrs. Sheinin, who welcomed Dr. Anzalone to her first meeting as superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Anzalone delivered the Superintendent's Report, covering a range of important updates and introductions. The Hewlett Highlights video was shared, offering a snapshot of recent District events and accomplishments. An update on the Summer Playschool program was provided, along with a warm welcome to Dr. Smyth, the new Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Leadership Development, and Dr. Bauer, serving as Interim High School Principal. Dr. Anzalone also welcomed Aidan Khan and Jacob Yamen as the ex-officio student Board member and alternate. A construction update detailed ongoing projects including renovations to the auditorium, gym, tennis courts, and concession stand at Hewlett High School, as well as upgrades to the FECC kitchen, and science rooms at both the high school and middle school. Dr. Anzalone also spoke about the Listening and Learning Tour, which aims to gain a deeper understanding of the District's strengths, challenges, and priorities. Lastly, she noted that a Superintendent's Video would be sent to families later in the week.



EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Kaitlin Coder, co-president of the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association, expressed HWFA's enthusiasm for working collaboratively with Dr. Anzalone, the Board of Education, and the Central Council PTA.



PTA REPORT

Pam Darby, co-president of the Central Council PTA, shared that the PTA looks forward to working collaboratively with Dr. Anzalone, Dr. Smyth, the faculty and supervisory associations, and the Board of Education. She expressed optimism about continuing strong partnerships in the year ahead.



BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Menashe reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee. The committee recommended for approval the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, with the exception of one specific student who has been removed from consideration and is not recommended for approval.
- Mrs. May reported that the Policy Committee had seven policies on the agenda for approval:
  Policy #1230: Public Participation at Board Meetings
  Policy #2250: Board of Education Committees
  Policy #2310: Meetings of the Board of Education
  Policy #2340: Notice of Meetings
  Policy #2342: Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
  Policy #4322: Programs for the Gifted and Talented
  Policy #4531: Field Trips and Excursions
  It was noted that Policy #1230, Public Participation at Board Meetings, includes updated language regarding Speaker Protocols, which has been added to the Board meeting agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Amitrano reported on the wonderful high school graduation.
- Mrs. Jeter thanked the Central Council PTA for their hard work throughout the school year. She noted that the Scholarship Soiree was well attended and served as a fantastic celebration of Hewlett-Woodmere.
- Mrs. May extended her congratulations to the entire administrative team and shared that the Board of Education is very enthused about the upcoming school year.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

None

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2025 were accepted.

Consent Agenda approved with the following exceptions which were voted on separately and approved:
F.1 CSE and CPSE recommendations: One student has been removed from consideration and not approved (see minutes for more details).
G.3 Community Education Staffing.
I.3 NYSSBA Resolutions (as amended).
Item G.9 Resolution and Memorandum of Agreement for Hewlett-Woodmere Administrative and Supervisory Association has been withdrawn from consideration on this agenda.

Policies approved:

- **Policy #1230:** Public Participation at Board Meetings
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Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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

None

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, August 20, 2025, Woodmere Education Center
Regular Meeting, 5:00 PM

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the July 1 Organization and Regular meeting.