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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

August 20, 2025

WORK & REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Debra Sheinin, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

Mrs. Sheinin led a review of the work meeting agenda items, prior to approval by the Board of Education.

Financial Reports

Financial Actions reviewed by Charles Carollo included:

Treasurer's Report, Budget Status Reports, Revenue Status Reports, Extraclassroom Report, Schedule of Contracts, Transfer of Appropriation, Resolution - TSR Reserve, Warrants & Summary of Findings of the Claims Auditor - June 2025, Surplus Equipment, Applications for Club Charters, Nassau BOCES Contract for Cooperative Educational Services (2024-2025), Nassau BOCES Contract for Cooperative Educational Services (2025-2026), School Lunch Pricing 2025-2026, Annual Appointments of Board Service Personnel.

Miscellaneous Actions

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Innovation, Dr. Patrick Fogarty, reviewed the following:

- Woodmere Middle School Course Catalog - presented by Principal John Andruszkiewicz. The Board thanked Mr. Andruszkiewicz for including the requested flow charts and asked a question about a particular math offering.
- New Textbook Adoption for Social Studies
- UPK Allocations



Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dina M. Anzalone, reviewed:

- Board of Education Goals (2025-2026)
- School District Goals (2025 - 2026) - which will carry over from the 2024 - 2025 school year. The Board will pursue a goal to be addressed with the Curriculum Committee this school year.

- Organization Chart (2025-2026) - The Board of Education suggested a change to the chart which will be considered and reviewed. The chart was removed from consideration for approval and will be presented again in September.

Policy Actions

Dr. Anzalone reviewed the following actions:

- Policy #8334: Use of Credit Cards.
- Policy #4322: Programs for the Gifted and Talented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Anzalone began by warmly welcoming all attendees. She also extended a special welcome to Aidan Khan, the ex-officio student board member, noting that she had met with him prior to the Board meeting and is looking forward to receiving his valuable input throughout the year. Dr. Anzalone highlighted the success of the District's five summer programs: the Summer Playschool, which served 378 students; the ESL program, with 271 students; the Extended School Year program; Academic Summer School; and the Summer Art and Music Camp, which included 55 art students and 71 music students. She expressed gratitude to the many staff members who contributed to the District's facilities upgrades, specifically recognizing Allan Wakefield, David Viegas, Andy DeBernardo, and Monique Ciccarelli, as well as the Board members who participated in numerous Capital Improvement Committee meetings. Dr. Anzalone also thanked the custodial staff for their continued efforts in preparing school buildings for the upcoming year. She noted that New Employee Orientation is scheduled for August 26, thanking Dr. Smyth and her team for coordinating the day, and shared that the Staff Welcome Back/Superintendent's Conference Day will take place on August 27, with thanks to Dr. Fogarty and his team for putting together a comprehensive schedule. The District is eagerly looking forward to welcoming students on September 2.



STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Executive Board President Giuliana Oliviero addressed the Board with Board Vice President Luciana Oliviero, and Class of 2026 President Morgan Ruvinsky. The Student Advisory Council is excited for the new school year and especially for the upcoming events of Spirit Week (begins 9/15), Pep Rally (9/19), and Homecoming (9/20).





EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Leslie Rose, co-president, HWFA, is looking forward to working with the Board of Education and the superintendent's cabinet this year.

PTA REPORT

Pam Darby, co-president, Central Council PTA, welcomed Dr. Anzalone, Dr. Smyth, and Dr. Fogarty. CC PTA is looking forward to working together this school year.



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 two policies listed on the agenda:
    - **Policy #8334:** Use of Credit Cards
    - **Policy #4322:** Programs for the Gifted and Talented
- Mr. Tenenbaum reported that the Capital Improvement committee has been involved in the facilities upgrades. Members of the Board of Education provided input related to finishing touches, and prominently displaying the brand of Hewlett-Woodmere. A future goal for the committee will be identifying the decision making process.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. May welcomed the new members of the administration. The entire Board is looking forward to welcoming staff and students back for a new school year.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

None

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings on June 4, June 27, July 23, and August 4, were accepted.

Consent Agenda approved, with the exception of I.6, Organizational Chart, which will be presented again in September.

Policies approved:

- **Policy #8334:** Use of Credit Cards
- **Policy #4322:** Programs for the Gifted and Talented

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

Sabino Vardaro asked for clarification about fees for field usage by outside organizations.

David Friedman thanked the Board of Education and the administration for their continued hard work and wished everyone a successful school year.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 6:05 PM.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, Woodmere Education Center
Work Meeting, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Woodmere Education Center
Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the August 20 meeting.