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

September 17, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Debra Sheinin, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Sheinin welcomed new employees to the District and wished them well in their careers with HWPS. Prior to the meeting, a new employee reception was facilitated by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Leadership Development, Dr. Lorraine Smyth.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Anzalone began her report by congratulating all of the new employees who joined the District and wishing them a long and rewarding career in HWPS, while also thanking Dr. Smyth for organizing the welcoming event. She noted that the opening of school on September 2 was very successful and that several buildings have already held their Back-to-School Nights, which were very well attended. Dr. Anzalone shared that she attended the Patriot's Day recognition ceremonies at HES/OES, describing a strong feeling of patriotism throughout the events. Looking ahead, the Hewlett High School pep rally will take place on Friday, September 19, with student-athletes visiting the school buildings the day before, and Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, with Dr. Smyth serving as this year's Grand Marshal. She encouraged everyone to attend and show their school spirit and support for the community. Dr. Anzalone also highlighted the District's transition to ParentSquare, noting that Blackboard Connect is being phased out, and that a Family Information Night will be hosted in October to help parents learn more about the platform. In addition, meetings have been held with non-public schools to explore ways to strengthen communication and partnerships. She shared that all schools in the District have launched Instagram accounts to expand their communication with families. Dr. Anzalone then provided construction updates, reporting that paving of the high school parking lot is complete. The tennis courts are finished and open to the public. Punch list items remain for the high school and middle school science rooms as well as the high school auditorium. She added that excavation for the new concession stand will begin after Homecoming. Dr. Anzalone also reported that NBC Studios visited the District's fields this week for potential



filming of a series and offered high praise for the quality of the facilities. She congratulated the 13 students accepted into All-State Music this year, including six ensemble members and seven alternates, and shared that she recently met with other superintendents and Congresswoman Laura Gillen to discuss district leaders' concerns. Finally, Dr. Anzalone announced that student recognitions will begin at the October Board of Education meeting, which will be hosted at Hewlett Elementary School.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Daniel Brailovskiy and Olivia Tetsoti reported on Spirit Week events at the high school. The students are very excited about Homecoming, including the Pep Rally on Friday. The hallways are decorated. Banners have been completed by each class. Everyone is encouraged to attend Homecoming on September 20.



EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Kaitlin Coder, Co-President, Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association, welcomed the new employees to the District. HWFA hosted a new teachers gathering earlier today. HWFA thanked Dr. Anzalone and her cabinet and they are looking forward to a great school year.





Ginette Orlando, President, Hewlett-Woodmere Administrators and Supervisory Association, also welcomed the new employees to the District. HWASA thanked the Board of Education, Dr. Anzalone, and her cabinet for their hard work over the summer. They are looking forward to a successful school year.

PTA REPORT

Pam Darby and Sarit Kritzman, Central Council PTA Co-Presidents, warmly welcomed the new employees to the District. CC PTA had their first meeting of the school year on September 17. It was a very positive and productive meeting, attended by Dr. Anzalone and her cabinet. They are looking forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming! The Central Council PTA Newsletter can be found at the end of this report.



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. Jeter reported on behalf of the Health, Safety and Wellness Committee who met in early September. Topics of discussion included the emergency drill updates, e-bikes, and the cell phone policy. Also discussed was a potential opportunity for students to become involved with the Hewlett-Woodmere Fire Department.
- Mrs. Jeter also reported on behalf of the Communications Committee which met and set goals for this school year. Items of discussion included ParentSquare, the Instagram pages for the school buildings, and the May 2026 election.
- Mrs. King reported on behalf of the Activities & Athletics Committee. The committee met and set their goals for the school year. It was noted that the national anthem will be played at every home game.
- Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy committee who recommended for approval Policy #4322, Programs for the Gifted and Talented.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Sheinin reported that a budget presentation for the PTAs and the community will be held on November 6. More information is forthcoming. All are encouraged to attend to gain a better understanding of how the budget process works.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

None

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Minutes of the Board of Education meeting on August 20, 2025 were accepted.

Consent agenda approved, with the exception of G.4, Schedule of Community Education and Services Staff, which was voted upon separately.

G.4 - Schedule of Community Education and Services Staff, approved.

Policies approved:

- **Policy #4322:** Programs for the Gifted and Talented

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

None

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:05 PM.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, Woodmere Education Center
Work Meeting, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, Hewlett Elementary School
Tour of Facility, 7:00 PM, Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the September 17 meeting.
Click HERE for the September Central Council PTA Newsletter.