



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

October 22, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING

Chris Schneider of R.S. Abrams & Co. provided a review of the 2024–25 audit results (see presentation linked below) and discussed the Analysis of Reserves as of June 30, 2025. Two resolutions will be voted on at the Regular Meeting later this evening:

1. Acceptance of the Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025
2. Funding of Reserves for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

The Special Meeting was followed by a tour of the Hewlett Elementary School building at 7:00 PM, led by Allan Wakefield, Interim Director of School Facilities and Operations.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education began at 7:30 PM. HES Principal Heather Sosnovsky introduced the students who led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Students: Joshua Balde, Rachel Edmonds, Camila Salazar, Paiden Suleman, and Parker Suleman.

HES Students Sofia Yefremashvili, Daniel Uwadiae, Abigail Cohen, Kiley DelGrosso, Leah Toledo, Mia Garcia and Benjamin Chalouh, spoke about the Problem-Solving Wheel and CARE Camp and presented the Board with CARE bags and thank you cards.



CARE in Action Ambassador Awards were presented to students by Mrs. Sosnovsky and Mrs. Hall, The recipients were: Rachel Rocca, Demi Mirvis, Sophia Konny, Liam Saenz, Ethan Gavrylyuk, Ethan Erez, and Angeline Korovesi.



Dr. Andrew Fund, Director of Art and Music Education, recognized HES student Tiffany Levin, whose work will be on display at the annual NYS School Boards Association Annual Convention exhibit. Dr. Fund also praised the artwork on display at the meeting from HES students.



Students from the HES Musical Theatre Club performed “Friend Like Me” from *Aladdin* at the meeting, offering a lively preview of their upcoming full production scheduled for February 2026. Despite limited rehearsal time, the students impressed and delighted the audience with their enthusiasm and talent. Special thanks to Ms. Serra, Ms. Calev, and Ms. Harrington for their guidance, creativity, and support in preparing the performance. View their performance [HERE](#).



Principal Sosnovsky then introduced a special video created by the students, thanking the Board of Education. The video can be seen [HERE](#).



Dr. Jennie Yi introduced HHS senior Isabel Ginsberg and social studies teacher Mariah Duffy, who shared highlights from their participation in The Young People’s Continental Congress, held July 13–19, 2025. Isabel and Ms. Duffy discussed their experiences engaging with students and educators from across the country, exploring the founding principles of American democracy, and collaborating on discussions and projects that connected history to current civic issues. Their presentation is linked below.



Dr. Dina M. Anzalone, Superintendent of Schools, honored the Hewlett-Woodmere Board of Education in recognition of New York State School Boards Recognition Week, thanking them for their steadfast advocacy and dedication to supporting students in every area of their education.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Anzalone delivered the Superintendent’s Report, highlighting the many exciting fall events taking place across the schools. She encouraged community members to attend School Budget 101 on November 6 at the high school to gain a clearer understanding of the school budget process. Dr. Anzalone also expressed appreciation to the students and staff at Hewlett Elementary for their enthusiastic display of school spirit. Additionally, she thanked the Central Council PTA for organizing the gathering of PTA and District-wide leaders held earlier in the day, acknowledging their dedication and support of the schools.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Giuliana Oliviero and Ester Sionov presented the High School Student Advisory Council Report, sharing their enthusiasm for school spirit initiatives, including the Pep Rally and Unity Week. They also highlighted upcoming events, including the blood drive on November 6 and a toy drive in December to benefit SIBS Place.



EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Kaitlin Coder, co-president of the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association (HWFA), congratulated the exceptional staff and students of Hewlett Elementary School, as well as Mrs. Duffy and Ms. Ginsberg of the high school for their engaging Young People’s Continental Congress presentation. HWFA also expressed sincere appreciation for the ongoing partnership and support of the dedicated members of the Board of Education.

PTA REPORT

Pam Darby and Sarit Kritzman, co-presidents of the HW Central Council PTA, shared highlights from the joint meeting with PTA leaders and District-wide leaders earlier in the day, emphasizing collaboration and ongoing initiatives. The PTA monthly newsletter is available at the end of this report for further details.



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. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Audit Committee. The committee recommends for acceptance the Fiscal Statement dated June 2025 and the Corrective Action Plan.
- Mrs. King reported on behalf of the Activities & Athletics Committee. The committee met in early October and discussed the use of ParentSquare for Music and Athletics, updates on the Emergency Action Plan, and the coaching staff.
- Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee who met in early October and continues their hard work. There were no policies recommended for approval this evening.
- Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Committee. The committee met in early October and discussed their goals, ParentSquare, and the college application process.
- Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Capital Improvement Committee. The committee performed an auditorium visit in late September and reviewed final details with the administration and construction management.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Tenenbaum attended the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association annual meeting on September 17 as the District Delegate, participating in discussions and debates on this year's legislative advocacy priorities. He also represented the District at the New York State School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting on October 16, where officers were appointed and delegates debated and voted on the state's legislative advocacy priorities and official positions.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

None

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Minutes of the September 27, 2025 Board of Education meeting were accepted.

Consent Agenda approved, with the following exceptions:

G.6 Community Education Staff will be voted upon separately.

G.9 Resolution, Salary and Benefits Agreement for the Director of School Facilities and Operations, has been removed from consideration for approval.

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Schedule of Contracts

Board of Education member, Mrs. Jeter expressed gratitude to the Hewlett Fire Department for generously providing important workshops on CPR, bleeding control, EPI pens, and choking at no cost.

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

None

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, November 6, Hewlett High School Library
School Budget 101, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, Woodmere Education Center
Budget Meeting, 6:30 PM
Work Meeting, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Ogden Elementary School
Tour of Facility, 7:00 PM, Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM

NOTE:

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the October 22 meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the 2024-2025 Audit Results presentation.

Click [HERE](#) for the Young People's Continental Congress presentation.

Click [HERE](#) for the October Central Council PTA Newsletter.