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

November 12, 2025

Public Hearing: District-Wide School Safety Plan

The Director of Health, Safety, and Security, Mr. Mike Losco provided an update on the District's compliance with Desha's Law and the required Cardiac Emergency Response Plan. He noted that the proposed Plan is now posted on the District website for a 30-day public comment period and is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Education for approval at the December business meeting.

Budget Meeting #1

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. Charles Carollo presented an overview of the 2026–2027 budget development process. He shared that budget meetings will now be held monthly leading up to the May 19, 2026 budget vote. Board of Education members asked questions regarding the unappropriated fund balance, the rollover budget, reserve funds, and capital projects.

Work Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Debra Sheinin, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports and Presentations *All presentations are linked at the end of this re-cap.*

Twilight Alternative High School Programs

Dr. Kellie Cook McLaurin, Principal of Specialized Schools at Nassau BOCES, and Mr. Stephen Honerkamp, Twilight Coordinator, provided a presentation on the Twilight Alternative High School Programs. Board of Education members asked questions regarding student enrollment numbers, the enrollment process, program costs, and the amount of aid received.

Capital Improvements & Construction Update

Mr. Robert Caliendo, Executive Vice President of School Construction Consultants, and Interim Director of Facilities and Operations, Allan Wakefield presented an update on ongoing capital improvements and construction projects. Board of Education members asked questions regarding the high school auditorium and spotlights, as well as the concession stand.

Social Emotional Learning Update

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services, Dr. Susan Farber, and Guidance Chairperson, Mary Harrison, provided an update on Social Emotional Learning initiatives across the District. Board of Education members asked questions regarding the push-in process at the middle school, SEL programs in other schools, and available data to assess the effectiveness of the programs.

Special Education & Student Support Services Update

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services, Dr. Susan Farber provided an update on Special Education and Student Support Services. She shared information on public and non-public school enrollment, job coaching, and the Music/Art therapy initiative offered through LI Music Therapy.

Course Handbook for G.W. Hewlett High School: 2026–2027 School Year

Chairperson of Guidance, Ms. Mary Harrison and Interim Principal of Hewlett High School, Dr. Al Bauer, presented the proposed revisions to the Course Handbook for the 2026–2027 school year. Each chairperson discussed their respective additions, deletions, and modifications, with Ms. Harrison presenting on behalf of Dr. Terry. Board of Education members asked numerous questions, and additional information will be provided by the science department.

Financial Reports

Mr. Carollo reviewed the following financial reports:

- Treasurer's Report
- Budget Status Reports
- Revenue Status Reports
- Extraclassroom Report
- Warrants and Summary of Findings of the Claims Auditor

Financial Actions

Mr. Carollo presented the following financial actions:

- Schedule of Contracts: Additional contracts may be added for November 19
- Transfers of Appropriation
- Application for Club Charters

Curriculum/Miscellaneous Actions

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Innovation, Dr. Patrick Fogarty reviewed the Conference & Travel Schedule.

Policy Actions

The following Policy Actions were presented by Dr. Anzalone for initial review:

- **Policy #1120**: School District Records
- **Policy #1336**: Fee Policy
- **Policy #2410**: Policy Development, Adoption, Dissemination, Implementation and Evaluation
- **Policy #2245**: Ex-Officio Student Member of the Board
- **Policy #4526**: Network and Technology Acceptable Use Policy

Board of Education members asked questions regarding #1336 (Fee Policy), #2245 (Ex-Officio Student Member of the Board), and #4526 (Network and Technology Acceptable Use Policy).

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 10:05 PM.

Opportunity for the Public to be Heard, Agenda Items

None

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

None

Upcoming Meetings

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

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, Woodmere Education Center
6:30 PM - Budget Session
7:00 PM - Work Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 2025, Franklin Early Childhood Center
7:00 PM - Building Tour
7:30 PM - Regular Meeting

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the November 12 Work Meeting.

Click HERE for the District-Wide Safety Plan.

Click HERE for the Budget Presentation.

Click HERE for Twilight Alternative High Schools Presentation.

Click HERE for the Capital Improvements/Construction Update.

Click HERE for the Social Emotional Learning Update.

Click HERE for the Special Education and Student Support Services Update.

Click HERE for the 2026-2027 HHS Course Handbook Presentation.