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 19, 2025

BUILDING TOUR - OES

The Board of Education conducted a tour of the building, led by Allan Wakefield, Interim Director of School Facilities and Operations, prior to the Regular Business Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education began at 7:30 PM at Ogden Elementary School. OES Principal, Mrs. Nicola Lynch, warmly welcomed the members of the Board of Education, family members, and community members, to the building. Ogden students led the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the Star Spangled Banner.





Mrs. Lynch spoke about this year's theme: Exploring Our Cultures and Charting Our Course. Assistant Principal Mr. Robert Machado introduced Ogden students who performed a song about culture (view their performance HERE). The Board of Education was presented with an OES Cookbook, which was prepared with love by the staff and families of Ogden Elementary School.





OES students who participated included: 5th Grade: Talya Sasson, Avi Patouche, Jack Tynauer, Olivia Katz, Olivia Grinberg, Chloe Terrelonge, Claire Wang, Lior Harosh, Sofia Orozco Rocha, Sanidhya Thapa, Elliot Hesney, Arielle Jean; 4th Grade: Nika Godzhaeva , Cheryl Weiss, Mika Raz, Lian Kataev, Liel Kataev, Oriane Zaurov, Jacob Liz, Dylan Fratti, Xochilt Ramirez; 3rd Grade: Esther Louis; 2nd Grade: Farrah Aronshtein, Marlene Millien; **Participating staff included:** Kelly Roderick, Roe Ryan, Lisa Coles, Jacklyn Randazzo, Alex Moran, and the Custodial Staff.

Dr. Andrew Fund, Director of Art and Music Education, recognized HES student Tiffany Levin, whose work was 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.

Dr. Fund recognized the following Ogden Art and Music students for their accomplishments.

NYSSBA Art (New York State School Boards Association)
Liya Kopach, Stella Zappia

NMEA All-County Music
Harley Alfano, Aarya Dahal, Rose Hsi, Arielle Jean, Olivia Katz, David Lansky, Sofia Orozco Rocha, Shalom Silver, Claire Wang

PEAK Music (Parents, Educators, and Kids)
Dylan Fratti, Evelyn Isayenko, Jacob Liz, Mika Raz







Ms. Kimberly Thompson, P-12 Chairperson of Mathematics, introduced the #MoreThanANumber initiative and video (click HERE to view). #MoreThanANumber aims to highlight culturally responsive mathematics education by recognizing and valuing the diverse identities and experiences students bring to the classroom. This initiative fosters mathematical literacy (numeracy) that goes beyond procedural fluency to include critical thinking, reasoning, and communication, aligned with NYSED's focus on equity and high-quality math instruction.



Board of Education President Debra Sheinin thanked Mrs. Lynch, Dr. Fund, and Ms. Thompson for their wonderful presentations. She congratulated all of the talented students, and thanked Ogden for sharing their unique cultures with the Board of Education.

Mrs. Sheinin encouraged everyone to attend a performance of *Les Misérables* at the high school. The newly renovated high school auditorium had a grand opening earlier on November 19, attended by the Board of Education members, who then had the chance to watch the phenomenal performance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



Dr. Anzalone highlighted recent District efforts to inform and engage the community, including the School Budget 101 presentation on November 6 and an upcoming OpEd in the Nassau Herald about fiscal responsibility (view it HERE). She shared her participation at The Council's Women's Initiative Conference on November 7 and provided an update on the District's strategic planning work with EdAdvance, which began on November 13. Dr. Anzalone also visited a high school Participation in Government class to discuss the role of the superintendent and Board policies. The superintendent's Cabinet attended the ribbon cutting for the renovated high school auditorium and the outstanding production of *Les Misérables*, and encouraged the

community to attend as well. She closed by expressing excitement for the many festive events ahead happening across the District.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT



Daniella Kotlyar and Logan Sheflin presented the High School Student Advisory Report, thanking the Board of Education for meeting with them earlier in the week to discuss several important topics. Upcoming events at the high school include the Toy Drive, starting December 5, collecting new, unwrapped toys to benefit SIDS Place, and Winter Spirit Week, which will take place just before the holiday break.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Mr. Stephen Krieger extended thanks on behalf of HWFA to the Board of Education for meeting with them earlier in the week to discuss many important items. He thanked the Ogden Elementary School staff and students for the wonderful welcome this evening.



PTA REPORT

Dr. Sarit Kritzman, co-president of the HW Central Council PTA, extended thanks to everyone at Ogden for the warm welcome. School Budget 101: Funding the Future was held on November 6 at the high school. This informative evening provided the community with a clear understanding of how the school budget works. The presentation is linked in Dr. Anzalone's report above. Finally, the Central Council PTA extended holiday greetings to all.



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 Policy #1120, School District Records.
- Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Committee. The committee met in early November and discussed important items including school guidance, curriculum, and ParentSquare.
- Mr. Tenenbaum reported on behalf of the Health & Safety Committee. The committee met in early November to discuss Desha's law, collaboration with Hewlett Fire Department, and safety concerns around unwarranted interaction with our student population.

MISCELLANEOUS BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Tenenbaum noted that the New York State School Board Association's (NYSSBA) Annual Convention and Education Expo was held in New York City from October 23–25, 2025, and was attended by the entire Board of Education as well as Superintendent, Dr. Anzalone.

Mrs. Jeter reported that in early November, the Board of Education was invited to visit the high school Robotics Club. During the visit, students enthusiastically showcased their innovation and teamwork as they prepared for this year's season.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD (AGENDA ITEMS)

None

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated October 22, 2025 were accepted.

Consent Agenda approved with the following exceptions:
G.6 Resolution and Memorandum of Agreement, Custodial Unit
H.2, Schedule of Contracts, #11.10 John A. Grillo, P.C.
I.2 High School Course Catalog
These items were not discussed or voted upon on November 19, 2025 and will be re-examined after further information is received and reviewed by the Board of Education.

Policy #1120, School District Records: Approved.

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

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

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

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the November 19 meeting.
Click HERE for the November Central Council PTA Newsletter.