



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

January 14, 2026

Budget Development Session #3 - 6:30 PM

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. Charles Carollo, shared a presentation that outlined the current status of budget development (presentation is linked at the end of this re-cap). The Board of Education discussed the Proposed 2026–2027 Capital Projects, including questions regarding the use of reserve funds and budget transfers. Conversation also focused on the budget, tax levy considerations, and available financial resources. Mr. Carollo advised that a budget proposition would be required on the ballot and noted he would follow up with the District’s attorney to address Board questions. The Board inquired about insurance costs and the process for establishing a new fund. Dr. Anzalone shared that the projects identified were those most critical to health and safety, though they will be revisited in light of the geothermal system. The Board also noted that the 2026–2027 school year will be the final year of the current transportation contract, which is presently held with two providers. Budget Development Session # 4 is February 11, 2026. All are encouraged to attend.

Work Meeting

The work meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sheinin at 7:00 PM.

Reports and Presentations: (All presentations are linked below.)

Internal Claims Auditor Presentation

Representatives from Cerini and Associates, LLP, Erin Tetta and Keith Carson, introduced themselves as the District’s new Internal Claims Auditors and presented their quarterly report. They reported zero findings for the quarter and commended the Business Office for its strong performance.

Capital Improvements Program and Construction Update

Mr. Allan Wakefield, Interim Director of School Facilities and Operations, and Mr. Robert Caliendo, Executive Vice President of School Construction Consultants, provided an update on capital improvements and construction projects across the District. Topics discussed included

the balcony plexiglass, HHS concession stand, FECC doors, HES boilers, HHS pool, and the geothermal system.

The Board of Education recommended not proceeding with plexiglass on the balcony and asked questions regarding water fountains at the concession stand. A soffit sample for the concession stand was presented for review.

School Construction Consultants noted that weather conditions may impact the project timeline and that while spring sports are being closely considered, contractor integrity will not be compromised. The FECC doors have arrived, with hardware still pending as the remaining item. Training and operation for the HES boilers have been completed. A discussion also took place regarding the geothermal system.

The Board of Education thanked all involved for their work.

Business Education Update

Mr. Joseph Virgilio, 6–12 Chairperson, Business & Computer Science Education, provided an overview of the District's business education department, including courses offered and student and staff accomplishments.

The Board of Education expressed interest in exploring greater collaboration with the community, including potential mentorship opportunities connected to the Real Estate course. Mr. Virgilio shared that he will reach out to Real Estate professionals to explore opportunities for them to share their expertise with students.

The Board also inquired about the Bloomberg Lab and offering DECA as a class, as is done in other districts. Mr. Virgilio noted that DECA is a Schedule C program and will investigate ways to expand opportunities in this area.

The Board of Education commended Mr. Virgilio on an excellent presentation.

Nine-Period Day Update (WMS)

Mr. John Andruszkiewicz, Woodmere Middle School Principal, provided an update on the implementation of the nine-period day. He shared that a survey was administered in December to students, staff, and parents/guardians. Mr. Andruszkiewicz shared the overarching themes and plans for next steps.

Financial Reports

Mr. Carollo reviewed the following financial reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** - The Board of Education inquired about the timing of the Treasurer's Report, noting that it reflected October while other reports were current through December. Mr. Carollo explained that completion of the year end

audit contributed to the delay and advised that reporting timelines will be brought up to date.

- Budget Status/Revenue Status Reports
- Warrants & Summary of Findings of the Claims Auditor - November 2025
- Preliminary Fund Balance Report - During review of the Fund Balance Report, Mr. Carollo explained that the projected interest earnings were intentionally conservative, reflecting the downward trend in interest rates.

Financial Actions

Mr. Carollo presented the following financial actions:

- Schedule of Contracts
- Surplus Equipment
- Schedule of Gifts
- Transfers of Appropriation
- Application for Club Charters

Conference and Travel Schedule

Shari Amitrano will not attend the New York State School Boards Association Lobby Day Conference in Albany.

Policy Actions

The following Policy Actions were discussed by Dr. Anzalone and are being returned to the Policy Committee for revisions:

- **Policy #1336:** Fee Policy
- **Policy #1500:** Public Use of School Facilities - revised language to be updated

Dr. Anzalone presented the following Policy Actions for Final Review:

- **Policy #2410:** Policy Development, Adoption, Dissemination, Implementation, and Evaluation
- **Policy #4526:** Network and Technology Acceptable Use Policy
- **Policy #6700:** Purchasing Policy

Opportunity for the Public to be Heard, Agenda Items

None

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

None

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:38 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, Woodmere Middle School

7:00 PM - Building Tour

7:30 PM - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Woodmere Education Center

6:30 PM - Budget Session #4

7:00 PM - Work Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, Hewlett High School

7:00 PM - Building Tour

7:30 PM - Regular Meeting

NOTE:

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the January 14 Work Meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the Budget Development Session #3 Presentation.

Click [HERE](#) for the Internal Claims Auditor Presentation.

Click [HERE](#) for the Capital Improvement Program/Construction Update.

Click [HERE](#) for the Business Education Update.

Click [HERE](#) for the WMS Nine-Period Day Update.