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

February 11, 2026

Public Hearing for Use of Repair Reserve Fund II

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. Charles Carollo, presented information (see link at the end of this re-cap) regarding geothermal wells that are not functioning properly and recommended an expenditure of up to $300,000 for repairs from Reserve Fund II. No questions were raised from the public or Board of Education.

Special Meeting

The Board of Education approved resolutions related to expenditures from Repair Reserve Fund II, including an amount not to exceed $300,000 and the engagement of Island Geo Drillers LLC. The Board also approved a revised Schedule of Board Service Personnel to include Barbara Giese as Assistant District Clerk. Board President, Debra Sheinin administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Giese. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Budget Development Session #4 - 6:30 PM

Mr. Carollo presented budget information (linked at the bottom of this re-cap) to the Board of Education and thanked Joseph DiBartolo for his expertise and guidance throughout the process. Board members asked questions regarding state aid reimbursement and capital projects, the turf field at Hewlett Elementary School, the WMS ventilation system, and the tax levy and anticipated community support. The Board also requested a slide outlining mandatory budget items.

During public comment, Amil Virani of Valley Stream inquired about the use of funds from reserve accounts. High school students asked questions about how state aid works, how the District plans to reduce spending and whether it would affect extracurricular activities, who is ultimately responsible for developing the budget, and whether additional funds could be allocated to high school athletics and heating.

Work Meeting

The work meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sheinin at 7:06 PM.

Reports and Presentations: (Presentations are linked below.)

Capital Improvements Program/Construction Update

A presentation was provided by School Construction Consultants, highlighting progress and updates on the auditorium renovation, tennis courts, parking lot and concession stand, and the FECC kitchen and cafeteria. The Board of Education acknowledged that extreme cold temperatures and significant snowfall may impact project timelines and overall completion schedules.

Civil Service Update

A presentation was provided by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Leadership Development, Dr. Lorraine Smyth. The Board of Education thanked Dr. Smyth for the informative overview. During public comment, Amil Virani of Valley Stream raised questions regarding the timing and effectiveness of civil service exams and inquired about potential system reforms.

2026-2027 District Calendar

Ms. Barbara Giese presented the proposed calendar options for the 2026–2027 school year, with Calendar A recommended for approval.

Mrs. Sheinin thanked Mr. Carollo for his service to the students of HWPS, and wished him well in future endeavors.

Financial Reports

Mr. Carollo reviewed the following financial reports:

- Treasurer's Report
- Budget Status Report
- Preliminary Fund Balance Report
- Revenue Status Report
- Warrants

Financial Actions

Mr. Carollo presented the following financial actions:

- Schedule of Contracts - additional contracts may be added
- Transfers of Appropriation
- Surplus Equipment
- Addendum to Established Scholarship

Miscellaneous Actions

The DECA state competition trip to Rochester (March 4 to 6, 2026) was reviewed by Dr. Fogarty. The Regionalization Opt-Out Resolution was reviewed by President Sheinin and Vice President May and is scheduled for approval on February 25.

Policy Actions

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

- **Policy #1336**: Fees
- **Policy #1500**: Public Use of Facilities
- **Policy #5152**: Admission of Non-Resident Students
- **Policy #4311.1**: Display of the Flag, Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances
- **Policy #4710**: Grading Systems

Opportunity for the Public to be Heard, Agenda Items

None

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

Ex-officio student Board of Education member Aidan Khan inquired about lateness and detention at Hewlett High School. Sarit Kritzman spoke about lateness related to extreme weather conditions and building construction.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, G.W. Hewlett High School
7:00 PM - Building Tour
7:30 PM - Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, Woodmere Education Center
6:30 PM - Budget Session #5
7:00 PM - Work Meeting

NOTE:
Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the February 11 Work Meeting.
Click HERE for the Repair Reserve Use Presentation.
Click HERE for the Budget Development Session #4 Presentation.
Click HERE for the Capital Improvements Program/Construction Update.
Click HERE for the Nassau County Civil Service Presentation.