Re-Cap!

A summary of the Board of Education Meeting

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Chana Jeter, Meredith King

January 21, 2026

BUILDING TOUR - WOODMERE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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 Woodmere Middle School. Principal of WMS, John Andruszkiewicz, welcomed the Board of Education and community members to Woodmere Middle School and introduced student Tohar Sandler, who then led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Under the direction of music teacher Theresa Ruggles, the WMS String Orchestra – Jia Wang, Julianne Malit, Allyson Higgins, and Samuel Racer – performed the national anthem, “Rhythmos,” and “The Road to Andalusia.”



Mr. Andruszkiewicz recognized ninth-grade students Romy Fruman and Harley Moritz, who were recently named Nassau Herald People of the Year, for their efforts in educating youth about the Kindertransport.



Dr. Andrew Fund, Director of Art and Music, recognized the following WMS Art and Music students for their accomplishments:

All-County Music: Angelina Alvarado, Gorran Chen, Madelyn Ding, Anastacia Frekhtman, Jasmine Gao, Torie Hopkins, Elizabeth Khaykin, Violet Kovtun, Samuel Racer, Daman Rameshwar, Eoin Zamorano

LISFA Music: Jasmine Gao, Samuel Racer

NYSSBA Art: Mergen Godzhaev, Elizabeth Khaykin, Kyleigh Mina, Simone Moskal, Justin Richter, Nicholas Tretyakov





Dr. Fund introduced the WMS teachers:

Mrs. Linda Mizel, Art Teacher, shared information about the Grade 8 Studio Art class. She presented *"Let's Go Bulldogs,"* highlighting the many ways art is incorporated into students' daily lives.



Mr. Douglas LaChance, technology teacher, presented *"AI and Coding,"* explaining what his eighth-grade classes are learning about coding while integrating AI. He is also collaborating with special education students, providing hands-on experience with the laser engraver to help prepare them for life after Hewlett High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Anzalone commended students for their accomplishments and performances, specifically recognizing Harley Moritz and Romy Fruman for the meaningful impact they are making and expressing pride in how this generation continues to represent the District. She thanked students, parents, and teachers for their dedication and hard work.

Dr. Anzalone emphasized the importance of the District's Strategic Planning initiative, noting that it serves as a guiding framework for the future while supporting efforts to streamline the budget without compromising student opportunities.

She also highlighted key events from the month, including the Rowyn Grace Classic, the wrestling tournament, and a presentation at Molloy College led by Dr. Fogarty. Looking ahead, Dr. Anzalone shared enthusiasm about collaborating with the Youth Athletic Organization.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Esther Sionov and Guiliana Oliviero provided the report and shared highlights of recent student activities, including their experiences supporting the toy drive with the basketball team, annual Spirit Week, and upcoming events such as the Battle of the Classes. They also discussed plans to assist the PTA with the Winter Wonderland dance.



EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT



Brenna Leighton, WMS Social Studies teacher, spoke on behalf of the Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association and thanked Woodmere Middle School for hosting the Board of Education meeting and for highlighting the many accomplishments of WMS students. She invited Harley Moritz and Romy Fruman to return in the future to share their passions with current WMS students. Ms. Leighton also introduced her sixth-grade student, Violet Kovtun, who shared snow day superstitions discussed in class.

PTA REPORT

Mrs. Pam Darby and Dr. Sarit Kritzman, Central Council co-presidents, thanked Woodmere Middle School for their performances and congratulated Harley Moritz and Romy Fruman. They also thanked Dr. Anzalone for purchasing appropriate equipment to support virtual PTA meetings and encouraged community members to attend. The PTA Monthly Report, outlining building highlights, can be found linked at the end of this recap.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mrs. Sheinin reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee, which recommends for approval the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.
- Mrs. Jeter reported on behalf of the Communications Committee, which met and discussed the creation of a new budget webpage by the Business and Communications offices, increased sign-ups for ParentSquare, and efforts to develop an alumni database.
- Mrs. King reported on behalf of the Curriculum, Assessment and Technology Committee, which met and discussed AP Exams in digital and hybrid formats, the use of StudentSquare at Woodmere Middle School and Hewlett High School, and the Top 25 initiatives and projects.
- Mrs. Sheinin reported on behalf of the Policy Committee, which recommended approval of three policies on the agenda:
    - **Policy #2410:** Policy Development, Adoption, Dissemination, Implementation and Evaluation
    - **Policy #4526:** Network and Technology Acceptable Use Policy
    - **Policy #6700:** Purchasing Policy

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Minutes of the December 10 and December 17, 2025 meetings were accepted and approved.

Consent Agenda approved

POLICY ACTIONS

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

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Woodmere Education Center
Budget Meeting, 6:30 PM
Work Meeting, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, Hewlett High School
Tour of Facility, 7:00 PM
Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM

NOTE:

Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the January 21 meeting.
Click HERE for the WMS Art Presentation.
Click HERE for the WMS Technology Presentation.
Click HERE for the January Central Council PTA Newsletter.