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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

April 15, 2026

Special Meeting of the Board of Education - 6:45 PM

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Board President Mrs. Sheinin.

Dr. Anzalone presented the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 school year (see presentation linked below), highlighting additional funds that have been identified. These funds will be used to reduce the tax levy while also increasing support for upcoming construction projects included in the proposed budget.

The following propositions will appear on the ballot:

- Proposition 1: Hewlett-Woodmere School District Budget
- Proposition 2: Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library Budget

Members of the Board of Education engaged in a thoughtful discussion, inquiring about past construction projects, the use of newly identified funds, the tax levy, and the role of the District's auditors in reviewing finances.

Mrs. Sheinin thanked the administration and Board members for the thorough and collaborative discussion.

The Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2026–2027 school year budget.

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 & Associates, the District's internal auditors, presented their report, led by Director Erin Teta.

Ms. Teta provided an overview of the auditing process and reviewed findings from Quarters 2 and 3. She reported that results were consistent, with no formal findings identified during either quarter.

Ms. Teta also expressed appreciation to the District's business office for their cooperation throughout the review process.

Facilities Update

Mr. Kelly Caliendo of the School Construction Corporation (SCC) provided an update on current construction projects, accompanied by Mr. Allan Wakefield, Interim Director of School Facilities and Operations.

The presentation included a review of ongoing work at the high school, with discussion focused on the concession stand and the Bulldog medallion. The School Construction Corporation SCC also shared updated photos and provided input from the general, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical contractors. Mr. Caliendo left paver samples for the District's review. It was noted that a Board of Education Ribbon Cutting will be planned following the final walkthrough on April 30, 2026.

Additional discussion included updates on the middle school storage building project.

Mr. Snyder noted that information related to the Schedule of Bids will be available for Board approval on April 22, 2026.

Communications Update

Ms. Barbara Giese, Executive Director of Communications, Community Services, Registration & Grants, provided a communications update highlighting efforts to strengthen connections between the District and its various stakeholders, and emphasizing the importance of clear and consistent communication.

A range of communication platforms and strategies were discussed, including ParentSquare, social media, the District Website, expanded media coverage, and crisis communication planning.

Members of the Board of Education asked several questions and thanked Ms. Giese for the informative presentation.

Financial Reports

Richard Snyder, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, reviewed the following financial reports:

- Treasurer's Report
- Budget Status

- Revenue Status
- Fund Balance
- Warrants

It was noted that the format of the Fund Balance Report will be updated moving forward.

Financial Resolutions

Mr. Snyder reviewed the Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding resolution.

Financial Actions

Mr. Snyder reviewed the following Financial Actions:

- Schedule of Contracts
- Schedule of Bids
    - Discussion included project locations with JAG, with additional information forthcoming
    - Topics included the middle school shed and fifth bay, storage shed and container usage, tennis court lighting, and projects currently on hold
- Transfer of Appropriation
- Surplus Equipment
- Establishment of the Wondarama Tire Trade Scholarship
- Addendum to an Established Scholarship
- Club Dissolutions
- Acceptance of the Property Tax Report Card for the 2026-27 school year
    - Discussion and explanation provided by Mr. Snyder

Miscellaneous Actions

Dr. Patrick Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Innovation, and Dr. Anzalone reviewed the following items:

- New K-5 Social Studies Curriculum
- Field Trips
    - Board members inquired about funding and the need to revisit policy related to fundraising
- Conference and Travel
- Nassau BOCES Budget and Board of Trustees
    - The District is awaiting information from BOCES for the Board of Education to cast its vote at the Special Meeting on April 28
- Nassau BOCES Board of Trustees
    - Same as above

- Board of Registry for the May 19, 2026 school district election
- Board of Education Meeting Dates
    - The Board expressed a desire for consistency, aiming to meet on the second and third Wednesday of each month whenever possible.

Policy Actions

Dr. Anzalone discussed updates/revisions to the following policies:

- **Policy #0115**: Student Bullying, Harassment Prevention and Intervention
- **Policy #4710:** Grading Systems
- **Policy #5100:** Attendance
- **Policy #5300:** Code of Conduct
- **Policy #5695:** Students and Personal Electronic Devices

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 8:37 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Woodmere Education Center
8:15 AM - Special Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, Woodmere Education Center
7:00 PM - Work Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Woodmere Education Center
7:30 PM - Regular Meeting

NOTE:
Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the April 15 Work Meeting
Click HERE for the Proposed Budget Presentation
Click HERE for the Internal Claims Auditor Presentation
Click HERE for the Capital Improvement Program/Construction Update
Click HERE for the Communications Update