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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

May 20, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Board President Debra Sheinin. Abby Fraser from Woodmere Middle School led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Mrs. Sheinin thanked the community and the District staff for a successful school budget vote. She congratulated reelected Board Members, Mrs. Cheryl May and Mrs. Shari Amitrano.

RECOGNITIONS:

The Hewlett-Woodmere Administrators and Supervisors Association presented the following Citizenship Awards:

School	Presenter	Student
FECC	Mrs. Nicole Montellese	Tiago Garcia Garcia
HES	Mrs. Heather Sosnovsky	Kyle Li
OES	Mrs. Nicola Lynch	Liam Khan
WMS	Mr. John Andruszkiewicz	Abby Fraser-Baez
HHS	Dr. Al Bauer	Mikayla Kotlyar
Non-Public	Ms. Ginette Orlando	Josh Saal













The Hewlett-Woodmere Faculty Association presented scholarships to the following students:

School	Presenter	Student
FECC	Mrs. Albenda	Alexandra Noiman
HES	Mrs. Mizrahi	Lianna Makofske
OES	Dr. Logan	David Lansky
WMS	Mrs. Leighton	Ellie Sapir
HHS	Mrs. Henck, Mrs. Hanlon	Ari Rechtweg
Non-Public	Mrs. Kaitlin Coder	Sarah Kaufman











The Hewlett-Woodmere Secretaries Union presidents, Mrs. Anna Garvin and Mrs. Barbara Gittlitz, co-presidents, presented their scholarship awards to Da'shawnnea Sterling (not present).

HWFA president, Mrs. Kaitlin Coder, presented the Partner in Excellence Award to Mrs. Jackie Zarro.



Dr. Al Bauer, HHS principal, presented the Jewish Athlete Award to senior Chase Rivas.



Dr. Dina M. Anzalone honored the following student athletes of the Hewlett Ice Hockey Club:

JV Players : Mark Davidman - HAFTR 9th grade, Owen Findling - WMS 8th grade, Dylan Sheflin - HHS 9th grade, Sammy Sobel - HHS 9th grade.

Varsity Players: Ryder Borriello - HHS 11th grade, George Chikvanaia - HHS 11th grade, Michael Goldstein - HHS 12th grade, Efraim Ilyaich - HHS 11th grade, Dominick Lord - HHS 11th grade, Sam Polyakov - HHS 11th grade, Chase Rafield - HHS 12th grade, Phillip Uspensky - HHS 12th grade. They brought home the Nassau County Championship and this summer several of the students will go on to represent Long Island on the 17U and 15U teams at the Maccabi Games in Pittsburgh.



Mrs. Susette Preziosi celebrated the Unified Bowling Team: Libby Baigel, Michael Berzner, Mia Campos, Moshe Cohen, Steven Figueroa, Angel Fournier, Nathan Freud, Coby Kaufman, Daniella Kotlyar, Alexa LaPaglia, Aidan Manzano, Eyal Mizrachi, Mark Nosov, Julian Orrego, Mila Profiloski, Ryan Restifo, Tommy Rivera, Logan Rosenthal-Pastore and Samuel Zinn, who won 1st place in the division. Ms. Preziosi thanked the Board of Education, Dr. Anzalone, Dr. Bauer and Mr. Viegas for their support.



Ms. Kim Thompson and Mrs. Beryl Danseyar recognized eight students for their achievements at the Long Island Math Fair:

Silver Medal Winners: Deep Aryal, David Balzac, Raj Bhatta, Alexander Baum, Ivan Reznikov

Gold Medal Winners: Tamar Bober-Tsafrir, Raphael Levi, Leanna Shalomayev



PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS:



Dr. Montellese and Mrs. Amy Pernick presented Mrs. Halley Manyin with the Teacher Spotlight Award. Throughout her 33-year career in the reading department, she has served as a literacy lead teacher and has been recognized for her expertise and the positive influence she has on her students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Dina M. Anzalone thanked the community for their support of the 2026-2027 school budget and congratulated Mrs. May and Mrs. Amitrano. Dr. Anzalone highlighted her attendance at several District events, including the District Technology Showcase, Arts Below Sunrise, PTA staff appreciation lunches, the spring concerts, Honor Society Induction Ceremonies, Ribbon Cutting of the Concession Stand, Bulldog Invitational, and the Friendship Games.

She encouraged all community members to line the streets for the Memorial Day Parade.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Daniella Kotlyar reported the key upcoming events at Hewlett High School, including the blood drive, the "Battle of the Classes" scheduled for next Friday, the Memorial Day parade, and preparations for the student council elections.

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS REPORT

Mrs. Leslie Rose thanked the community for passing the budget and thanked the parents, students, and teachers for getting the word out. She recognized the BOE and Dr. Anzalone for a clear transparent budget and stated she is proud to be part of this amazing community.

PTA REPORT

Mrs. Irina Abramovich thanked Dr. Anzalone, the Board of Education, and the staff for all of their work on the 2026-2027 budget. She congratulated Mrs. May and Mrs. Amitrano. And thanked the community for their support. Mrs. Abramovich also reminded the community about the upcoming Scholarship Soiree at the Sands.

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. Amitrano reported on behalf of the Endowment Fund. She thanked the community for their support of Arts Below Sunrise, which was a wonderful event.
- Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee, which recommends the approval of the following policies: #0115-Student Bullying, Harassment Prevention, and Intervention, #4710-Grading Systems, #5100-Attendance, #5300-Code of Conduct.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NON-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. May thanked the community for the support of the budget and for coming out to vote for she and Mrs. Amitrano. She also thanked Mrs. Menashe who was the originator of the idea to host a concert on the day of the Budget Vote.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD, AGENDA ITEMS

None

ROUTINE ACTIONS

Minutes of the April 15, April 22, and April 28th meetings 2026 Board of Education meetings were accepted and approved.

The 6th grade trip proposal was approved.

The following policies were approved: #0115-Student Bullying, Harassment Prevention, and Intervention, #4710-Grading Systems, #5100-Attendance, #5300-Code of Conduct.

The Consent Agenda approved.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD, NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A community member addressed the Board of Education about leadership changes at schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 10, Woodmere Education Center
Work Meeting, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 17, Woodmere Education Center
Regular Meeting, 7:30 PM

NOTE: Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the May 20 meeting.
Click HERE for the May Central Council PTA Newsletter.