



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

June 10, 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.

The Board reviewed a resolution regarding Policy #4710, Grading Systems. Following a discussion, the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

The Special Meeting adjourned and the Work Meeting was called to order.

Work Meeting

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

Reports and Presentations (*where applicable, presentations are linked below*)

Facilities Update

Mr. Allan Wakefield, Interim Director of School Facilities and Operations, and representatives from the School Construction Corporation (SCC) provided an update on facilities projects throughout the District.

Discussion focused primarily on the upcoming Hewlett High School geothermal project, which is scheduled to begin on June 29. Board members discussed the possibility of convening a Facilities/Construction Committee meeting prior to the public presentation. Questions were also raised regarding the geothermal system and the scope of work required to investigate and repair underground piping.

College Visits Update

Hewlett High School counselors Melissa Leder and Colleen Murphy presented an overview of recent college visits and professional development opportunities designed to enhance the college counseling process.

The presentation highlighted participation in professional conferences, including opportunities to meet with college admissions representatives and visit institutions such as the University of Pennsylvania, Haverford College, Villanova University, and Swarthmore College.

The counselors discussed how these experiences strengthen relationships with admissions offices and provide valuable insight into helping students identify the right academic, social, and financial fit when developing college lists.

Board members asked questions regarding how information is shared among counselors, future participation in college visits, and how relationships with admissions representatives benefit students throughout the application process.

Mrs. Leder and Mrs. Murphy also shared that approximately 100 colleges are expected to visit Hewlett High School during the fall admissions season.

Attendance Update

Hewlett High School Interim Principal Dr. Al Bauer provided an update on District attendance initiatives and the impact of the newly established Attendance Counselor position.

Dr. Bauer reviewed attendance data, noting reductions in both chronic absenteeism and Denied Credit due to Absence (DCAs) compared to the previous school year.

The presentation included an overview of intervention strategies, including attendance notifications, parent communications, meetings with administrators and the attendance counselor, home visits, and individualized support plans designed to address underlying causes of absenteeism.

Board members discussed the potential impact on summer school enrollment, attendance monitoring systems used by neighboring districts, and strategies for identifying and addressing chronic absenteeism.

Mrs. Sheinin thanked Dr. Bauer and Dr. Anzalone for their work in establishing the attendance counselor position and noted the positive impact reflected in the data.

Threat Assessment Update

Dr. Susan Farber, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Student Support Services, presented an overview of the District's threat assessment protocols.

The presentation reviewed the District's use of the CSTAG (Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines) model and the Navigate 360 platform.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Anzalone discussed the Strategic Plan, as well as a new Portrait of a Graduate framework and graphic. Board members discussed edits to the graphic representations. Ms. Giese will edit and provide two additional options for review and approval.

Financial Reports

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

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

Financial Resolutions

Mr. Snyder reviewed the following financial resolutions:

- Non-Resident Tuition Rates
- Transfers of Appropriation
- Schedule of Gifts

The Board also discussed the proposed Full Property Tax Exemption for 100 Percent Service-Connected Disabled Veterans. Action on the item was deferred pending additional guidance from Nassau County.

Miscellaneous Actions

The Board reviewed:

- Applications for Club Charters
- Professional Development Plan
- NYSSBA Annual Convention Participation
- Board of Education Recognition Program

Board members engaged in discussion regarding club funding, fundraising expectations, student participation, and methods for increasing awareness and engagement with the Board of Education Recognition Program.

Policy Actions

Dr. Anzalone reviewed the following policies:

- **Policy #4526.1 - Internet Safety Policy: Annual Review:** The Board discussed revisions to the policy and agreed it may be fast tracked for approval.
- **Policy #5695 - Students and Personal Electronic Devices:** initial review
Discussion included updates related to cell phones, smart devices, and emerging technologies, ensuring alignment with current state guidance and District practices.

- **Policy #8135 - Instructional Technology Systems and Emergencies:** initial review
The Board conducted an initial review of the policy.
- **Policy #1336 - Fee Policy:** initial review
- **Policy #1500 - Public Use of Facilities:** initial review
Board members discussed facility rentals, revenue opportunities, prohibited uses, and the need for additional legal review of certain provisions.
- **Policy #4322 - Programs for Gifted and Talented Students:** initial review
Discussion focused on the District's Math Enrichment Program, eligibility criteria, consistency across schools, and the annual review process. Board members and administrators discussed the balance between objective and subjective measures used to determine student participation. Dr. Anzalone indicated that feedback would be shared with the committee for further review.
- **Policy #4327 - Homebound Instruction:** initial review
The Board conducted an initial review of revisions related to eligibility requirements, verification procedures, and communicable disease considerations.

Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mr. David Friedman addressed the Board regarding the name change of the HW Business Association and the robotics program.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:00 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 7:30 PM
Woodmere Education Center

Board of Education - Work Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 5:00 PM
Woodmere Education Center

Board of Education - Organization & Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Woodmere Education Center

NOTE:

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the June 10 Work Meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the Attendance Update Presentation.

Click [HERE](#) for the Threat Assessment Presentation.

Click [HERE](#) for the Strategic Plan Update Presentation.