



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

Regular Meeting - September 16, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Board President Debra Sheinin. Mrs. Sheinin introduced Natanel Bargig, Secretary of the Student Council and member of the Class of 2027, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board President Debra Sheinin recognized the District's new employees, who were honored during a reception held prior to the meeting, and congratulated them as they begin their careers with Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools. Mrs. Sheinin also thanked Dr. Lorraine Smyth, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Leadership Development, for her work organizing the employee reception.



Superintendent's Report



Superintendent Dr. Dina M. Anzalone provided updates on the status of Regents examinations, Superintendent's Conference Day, and the positive feedback received regarding Navy SEAL Lt. Wylie's presentation. She discussed the successful start of the 2026–2027 school year, visits to all District schools, and the first District Leadership Team meeting. Dr. Anzalone also highlighted Patriot Day ceremonies and events commemorating the 25th anniversary of September 11, Back-to-School Nights, and the announcement of National Merit Semifinalists David

Balzac and Ivan Resnikov. Additional updates included upcoming Homecoming events, construction and safety initiatives, Fall Youth and Adult Recreation registration, and the New Employee Reception welcoming new employees to the District.

Student Advisory Council Report

Natanel Bargig, secretary of the Student Advisory Council, reported on the council's ongoing preparations for Homecoming. He shared information about the America's 250th Anniversary theme, grade-specific sports themes, the Homecoming carnival, and voting for Homecoming Royalty. He also promoted Homecoming shirt sales at Back to School Night and encouraged students to wear pink on Wednesdays throughout Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.



Ex-Officio Student Board Member Report



Alexa LaPaglia reported on her participation in the July 22–23 Leadership Consortium at Nassau BOCES. During the two-day program, she participated in team-building and problem-solving activities, as well as sessions focused on Board of Education responsibilities. The program included simulated Board ceremonies, mock Board meetings, and budget sessions. Alexa expressed her appreciation for the opportunity and shared her enthusiasm for applying what she learned.

Employee Organization Report

Amy Pernick, vice president of the Hewlett-Woodmere Administrative and Supervisory Association, welcomed the District's new employees. She thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Dina M. Anzalone for their support and expressed her anticipation for a successful school year.



PTA Central Council Report



Central Council PTA co-presidents Etereya Savin and Kristina Aronshtein thanked Dr. Anzalone and the Board of Education for their support. They shared information about upcoming events, including FECC's Pizza on the Playground, Hewlett Elementary School's Glowin' Back-to-School Night, FECC, HES, and OES FestiFALL events, and Hewlett High School's "Kiss Your Mom Goodbye" campaign. They also announced that SEPTA's first meeting is scheduled for October 5.

They described the Central Council PTA's first meeting of the school year as positive and productive. They welcomed the new employees to the District and expressed their excitement about the upcoming Homecoming celebration.

Board of Education - Committee Reports

Special Education Committee: Mrs. Sheinin reported on behalf of the Special Education Committee, which recommended approval of the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education.

Policy Committee: Mrs. May reported on behalf of the Policy Committee and reviewed recommendations for approval of policies concerning Homebound Instruction, Attendance, Student Participation on Non-School Sponsored Athletic Teams, Information and Data Privacy, Security Breach and Notification, and Insurance.

Audit Committee: Mrs. May reported on the newly established Audit Committee, including upcoming discussions related to Wincap training and cross-training.

Student Experience, Arts & Athletics Committee: Mrs. King reported on behalf of the Student Experience, Arts & Athletics Committee, which discussed the committee's goals and priorities for the upcoming school year.

Health, Safety & Wellness Committee: Mrs. Jeter reported on behalf of the Health, Safety & Wellness Committee. Discussion topics included drills and schedules, new solar stop signs, construction updates, and signs to be posted on school grounds. The committee also received a presentation from a New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal representative regarding playground training and chemical storage. Transportation updates were also discussed.

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

None

Routine Actions

The Board approved the minutes of the August 19, 2026 Regular Meeting. The Board also approved the instructional actions, personnel actions, financial actions, and miscellaneous actions as presented.

Financial Actions - The Board approved the following financial actions:

- Treasurer's Report
- Schedule of Contracts
- Schedule of Board Appointments
- Surplus Equipment
- Transfers of Appropriation

Policy Actions - The Board approved the following policies:

- **Policy #4327:** Homebound Instruction
- **Policy #5100:** Attendance
- **Policy #5280.1:** Student Participation on Non-School Sponsored Athletic Teams
- **Policy #8635:** Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification
- **Policy #8700:** Insurance

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:53 PM.

NOTE:

Click [HERE](#) for the agenda and supporting documentation for the September 16 meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for the September 2026 Central Council PTA Newsletter.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Oct. 7

WORK MEETING, 7:00 PM, WEC

Oct. 14

REGULAR MEETING, 7:30 PM, WEC