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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

Special Meeting - October 7, 2026

The Board of Education held a Special Meeting at 7:00 PM, called to order by President Debra Sheinin, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board approved the Personnel Action Report and adopted three policies:

- Policy #4710, Grading Systems
- Policy #5100, Attendance
- Policy #5280, Interscholastic Athletics

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Regular Meeting

Mrs. Sheinin called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Reports and Presentations

Facilities Update: Representatives from School Construction Corp. and Mr. William Dworsak, Director of School Facilities and Operations, provided updates on construction progress throughout the District and responded to questions from Board members.

Maintenance of Geothermal Systems: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dina M. Anzalone, presented a proposal from Island Geo Drillers, LLC for annual maintenance visits to Hewlett High School's geothermal systems. The discussion focused on the value of regular maintenance in supporting the systems' longevity.

Twilight Program Report: Dr. Patrick Fogarty, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Innovation, introduced Mr. Honerkamp and Mr. Hess, who reviewed student results from the 2025-2026 Twilight Program and explained the program's structure. Ms. Lisa Silveri from BOCES also attended and responded to questions.

Summer 2027 Program Options: Executive Director of Communications, Community Services, Registration, & Grants, Mrs. Barbara Giese, and Dr. Susan Farber, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services, presented options for the District's Summer 2027 programs, followed by discussion and questions from Board members and the community.

Community Garden Discussion: Dr. Anzalone outlined plans for a potential Community Garden Club focused on creating a sustainable garden for the community. Discussion included enrollment, future development, potential funding through ReWild and the HWPS Endowment Fund, and opportunities for students and community members to participate. Ex-Officio Student Board Member, Liev Hecht, expressed interest in involving the National Honor Society in the project as a possible community service initiative.

Financial Reports

Business Administrator, Mr. Michael Goldberg, reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Budget Status Reports, Revenue Status Reports, and the August 2026 Warrants and Summary of Findings of the Claims Auditor. He also discussed the new format for the Treasurer's Report.

The Board reviewed a resolution to accept the District's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and Purchasing Cycle Audit.

Financial Actions

Mr. Goldberg reviewed the following financial actions presented for Board consideration:

- Schedule of Contracts
- Schedule of Gifts
- Applications for Club Charters
- Board Service Personnel Schedule of Annual Appointments, Revised

Curriculum/Miscellaneous Reports

Dr. Fogarty reviewed the following items:

- Conference and Travel
- Field Trips
- New textbook adoption for Earth and Space Science, primarily for Grades 9 and 10

Policy Actions

The Board reviewed four policies for initial review:

- **Policy #1500, Public Use of School Facilities:** The policy review included adding language regarding e-scooters. A community member raised concerns about non-residents using District facilities and the measures in place to address this issue.
- **Policy #4327, Homebound Instruction**
- **Policy #4750, Promotion and Retention**
- **Policy #6700, Purchasing**

Discussion took place regarding the policies under review.

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

During the non-agenda public comment period, Mrs. Judy Menashe requested that the District consider converting Hewlett High School to a nine-period day to provide students with additional opportunities for extra help.

The Work Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:48 PM.

Note:
Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the October 7 Special Meeting.
Click HERE for the agenda and supporting documentation for the October 7 Work Meeting.
Click HERE to view the Facilities Update presentation.
Click HERE to view the Twilight Program Report.
Click HERE to view the Summer 2027 Program Options presentation.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Oct. 14
REGULAR MEETING,
7:30 PM, WEC

Nov. 4
BUDGET SESSION #1,
6:30 PM, WEC

WORK MEETING,
7:00 PM, WEC