



PTSA Minutes

September 9, 2026 at 7:30 pm
HBT Cafeteria

The meeting came to order at 7:33 pm, with a quorum present.

Attendance was taken by sign in sheet.

I. Special Event – BOE & District Administration

BOE: Lynn Abramson, Inna Choi, David Ginsburg, Brian Grieco, Shany Park
Administration: Erin Goldthwaite, David Steinberg

The Board Members and Administration introduced themselves and relayed their eagerness for the start of the school year. Ms. Goldthwaite recommended that families consider joining SEPTA.

A question was posed about the ongoing construction. Entry and exiting will be by the side of the building for the entire school year even though the front should be done by the spring, per Mr. Grieco. Dr. Park referred to the construction chart referenced at the last BOE meeting, available on the District's website.

II. Approve Minutes – June 2026

The minutes from our last PTSA meeting in June are included on our HBT PTSA website. The minutes were approved, without any comments/questions.

III. Presidents' Report – Jamie Lund and Theresa Resnick

The Co-Presidents introduced themselves and thanked Mr. Bonanno, Mr. Naraine, Mr. Harrigan, Ms. Waters, and all of the HBT teachers and staff for a great start to the school year!

The Executive Committee was hard at work over the summer, preparing for a great year. The Co-Presidents worked with Treasurer Su Fang on our budget, which was distributed by email (and which was voted on later in the meeting).

The PTSA's biggest fundraiser is Membership, so attendees were asked to make sure to sign up to be a PTSA member. In middle school, the PTSA is a Parent, Teacher, and Student Association, so children / students may also sign up. They can participate in the Committees and be part of PTSA events! Another benefit to membership is that it provides access to Directory Spot, which is up and running now. Paid PTSA members will be sent an email to activate/reactivate their Directory Spot accounts.



The Co-Presidents also thanked the Executive Board, Executive Committee, and Administration and reminded the attendees that the PTSA is always looking for new voices and would appreciate any and all help.

A reminder was delivered for the Newcomer's Reception which will be hosted by the Syosset Council of PTAs on October 1, 2026 at 7:30 pm in the SHS Auditorium. Dr. Rogers and other members of the Administration along with PTA leaders will have Meet and Greet presentations to welcome new families to the District and families whose child(ren) are just starting their journeys through the Syosset schools. This informative event provides a wonderful oversight of the many opportunities and experiences which await your child(ren).

IV. Treasurer's Report – Su Hu

As of August 31, 2026, these were the account balances:

Ending Checking Balance: \$37,911.25

Ending Saving Balance: \$6,257.65

Total Cash on Hand: \$44,168.90

For two months ending August 31, 2026, these were the following balances:

Total Income: \$421.43

Total Expense: (\$99.96)

Net Profit/(loss): \$321.47

All balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Sherri Smith, with thanks to Sherri.

V. Correspondence Report

We had no new correspondence.

VI. Principal's Report

Mr. Bonanno provided an update on the construction, noting appreciation for the families' increased bus use and liking of the new dropoff procedures. Clubs will begin soon, which will aid in lessening pickup traffic at the end of the school day. Work is being done during different parts of the day, so everyone should stay out of the front circle. This school year, the busses have been reasonably on time so far. Families should let Mr. Naraine or Ms. Pick know if there are any transportation issues.

Picture Day was scheduled for September 10 and 11.



Locker rooms are not completed yet. Currently, the half gym is being used as the main gym, due to locker storage. Access to the smaller gym would be starting, and the interior area was scheduled to be available within approximately two weeks.

HBT's Open House is scheduled for September 22, providing a short burst of each student's classes. It was anticipated that parking would be tough, and it was recommended to use Willits' parking spaces or walk.

The 25th anniversary of 9/11 was approaching. There would be a moment of silence, and Mr. Bonanno would be speaking. Some students would participate in delivering the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Garner and some chorus members would record patriotic songs which would be played that day. The 8th grade Social Studies teachers would do some programming for the day. There would be a focus on how the events of the day impacted everyone (without any political references). Parents/guardians with any questions/concerns were invited to reach out to the school beforehand.

Mr. Naraine also provided an update on transportation, noting that the adjustment to using the side entrance has been working well. During the afternoon, students wait in the building and busses go to the side and back. The busses leave at 3:05 pm, and then students can leave for pickup. Use of bus service alleviates stress on the system.

HBT was described as a family environment in which the Administration takes care of the students. As such, the school is open to calls, conversations, etc. The new 6th graders are adjusting and doing great, conducting themselves beautifully.

Ms. Waters reminded the PTSA to let the school know if something was going on outside of school with a child. Guidance counselors are listed at the top of each student's schedule, and families can call the guidance office.

Ms. Waters also spoke of HBT's Life Skills programming and robust special education services.

Mr. Harrigan reported that he had been in a lot of classes that week. Right from the start of the school year, students and staff were doing great.

The extra help program is robust. All teachers are meeting from 7:15 am – 7:55 am, or 3:00 pm – 3:40 pm. Information is available in Google classrooms.



Also outside of class hours, there are dozens of clubs available for students to join (beginning the week of September 21). Sports start in 7th grade. A virtual club fair would convene during Advisory periods.

The 8th graders will have their Washington, D.C. trip on November 18 – 20. There will be a lot of preparation, and approximately 25-30 teachers would go on the trip, along with Mr. Bonanno, Mr. Harrigan, and two nurses. Room selection would be happening soon.

The NWEA would be administered during regular class periods, using 2-3 class periods per test. The tests give good information to guide programming.

In answer to a parent's question, it was reported that coaches were made aware that it should not be held against a student if they attended extra help or a club after school.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Audit Committee (presented by Co-Presidents):

On July 30, 2026, the Audit Committee examined the books of the HBT PTSA Treasurer for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Thank you to the Audit Committee, their findings will be presented in October.

B. Membership (Krista Harris): Membership is one of the easiest ways to show your support of the HBT PTSA. As a member, you help support the PTSA, as well as allow it to continue to provide programs and activities to benefit the community and students. Membership is open to parents, staff members, students, and community members. Membership costs \$17 per adult and \$10 per student. You can sign up through the Memberhub store and pay by credit card. As an added benefit, – by becoming a member you gain access to the HBT directory spot and REMIND Texts. Please become a member today.

C. Directory (Nina Grieco): Please contact Nina Grieco if you need information changed or added in the online directory. Once you become a PTSA member, it may take a few days to be added to Directory Spot for access, as it has to be done manually.

D. Sixth Grade (Nina Grieco): The Sixth Grade Committee presented a Plan of Work and ask anyone interested in volunteering to speak to the Committee after the meeting. The Committee will help with games and prizes at the Sixth Grade Social on October 29, 2026. The Committee will continue what has been done previously, by providing various games for the children to play during the



event and prizes to give out. They will help with the games at the event and recruit other sixth grade parents to help.

- E. **School and Community (Aebeer Mallick):** The Syosset Council of PTAs will be co-hosting a Newcomers' get together with Administration on Thursday, October 1st at 7:30 pm at Syosset High School for parents and guardians of students new to the District. This is a wonderful chance for new families to meet members from Central Administration as well as PTA Presidents and of course other new families in the District. There will be presentations featuring the incredible programming Syosset offers, and attendees will have a unique opportunity to pose questions and get answers directly from administrative representatives from the District while also meeting other new families!
- F. **Eighth Grade Committee (Aebeer Mallick):** The Committee is working on sweatshirts for the eighth-grade students, for their trip to Washington, D.C. The sweatshirts will be free, but there will be an option to personalize the sweatshirts as a fundraiser. More information will be shared soon.
- G. **SEPTA (Danielle Sandjaby):** SEPTA is the district-wide Special Education PTA, but it's really for more families than many people realize. You do not need to have a child with a diagnosis, an IEP, or a 504 Plan to get involved. SEPTA is a place for families who may have questions about learning, attention, behavior, communication, emotional well-being, school supports, or who simply want to learn more about how to support their child. Throughout the year, SEPTA offers parent presentations, helpful resources, district-wide programs, advocacy, and opportunities for families to connect. I'll be sharing SEPTA updates and upcoming events with our school throughout the year. The first SEPTA meeting is September 23rd at 7:45 pm at Village, and everyone is welcome to attend. YOU BELONG HERE. Syosset SEPTA -The PTA for Everyone.
- H. **Reflections (Sarah Lin):** The deadline for Reflections submissions is October 23rd. Students may submit original work in up to 6 arts categories (Photography, Visual Arts, Literature, Music Composition, Film, and Dance Choreography). From there, work will be sent for judging and the winners at each school level will be forwarded to Nassau County. Please contact hbtreflections2627@gmail.com with any questions.
- I. **Book Fair (Hera Bokhari and Carly Goodman):** The Book Fair will be held on October 15-16. Students will shop with their ELA classes during school



hours and will be able to use cash and E-wallets. More interactive components will be considered. A POW will be presented.

VIII. New Business

- Vote on 2026-2027 Budget (Presented by the Co-Presidents and Treasurer):
 - *There was a change in the Budget from the emailed version: The cost of Insurance was changed to \$375.00.*
 - The budget passed.

- Motion for Nominating Committee

Members were invited to volunteer for the Nominating Committee, which would convene later in the school year.

IX. Dates to Remember (September & October)

September 10 & 11: Student Picture Day

September 14: BOE Meeting (8:00 pm at SW)

September 21: School Closed for Yom Kippur

September 22: HBT Open House (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)

September 23: SEPTA Meeting (7:45 pm – 8:45 at Village)

October 1: Syosset Council of PTAs Newcomers' Reception (7:30 pm – 9:00 pm at SHS)

October 6: Student Picture Retakes Day

October 12: School Closed for Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day

October 13: BOE Meeting (8:00 pm at SW)

October 14: Next HBT PTSA Meeting

October 15 & 16: HBT Book Fair

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.