



General Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2025 at 7pm

HBT Cafeteria

Good evening, everyone.

The meeting will come to order, at 7:04 pm with a quorum present (*majority of the board - 14 members - Section 4 of Article 11*). An attendance will be taken by sign in sheet. Please make sure you sign the sheet on the tables.

Board of Ed (Carol Cheng, Lisa Coscia, Susan Falkove, and Tom Rotolo), Dr. Rogers and Dr Curry came to speak about the upcoming budget and election vote.

I. Approve minutes - April 2025

We had distributed the minutes via email from our last PTA meeting in **April** for review. Does anyone have comments, changes, or questions? If not, minutes stand as approved. Thank you.

II. Treasurer's Report – Sunita Hansraj

Opening Balance 3/22/2025 \$54,459.53
Income/Deposits \$1,024.83
Expense/Cash Disbursements \$3,060.00
Checking Balance (4/22/25) \$52,424.36
Savings Balance as of 4/30/2025 \$6,253.42
Total Cash on Hand as of 4/30/2025 \$58,677.78

All Balances were reconciled to the bank statements. The books were reviewed and found to be in order by Tara Ginsburg. Thank you, Tara Ginsburg.

III. Correspondence - None

IV. President's Report

I would like to thank Katerina for helping with the Awards this year. We will present them towards the end of our meeting.



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Staff recognition lunch is coming up next week, you will hear more information about it in a few minutes.

This week we will distribute the link to sign up to chair or help on a committee for next year. Please consider signing up, it is a great way to get involved at school. If you have friends who are not here tonight tell them to look out for sign up. All volunteers are appreciated, thank you in advance.

There is still time to purchase raffle tickets for front row seats at the spring concerts. You can find the link to purchase in the weekly email and on our social media accounts. We are looking for two more people to be on our Audit committee, if you are interested please let me know.

V. Principals' Report

Mr. Bonanno -

- Our custodian, Franco, celebrated his birthday today - he has been at HBT for a very time and always supports everything we do
- Kids decorating hallways in advisory for a contest between the hallways
- Testing is over for math and ELA - did not have many issues, science is this week
- Upcoming Field Trips - 7th grade Bronx Zoo May 19th, 6th grade Adventureland June 9th, 8th grade Great Adventure/Urban Air June 10th
- 8th grade yearbook lunch June 5th
- Moving Up June 16th at the Tilles Center - 4 tickets, contact if need more, kids to arrive at 3, parents allowed in at 3:15, starts 4; takes about an hour
- Orientation/tours for incoming 6th grade parents tonight, tours at 7:30

VI. Standing Committee Reports

A. 8th Grade committee - [Liza Oyaga](#) and Jen Biondo

Lawns signs, lunch, ceremony preorder

B. School Supplies



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The school supplies are available for all students entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade with lots of optional items. Please remember this is a fundraiser as well as an effortless way to get your school supplies.

C. Staff Recognition - Inna Choi and Trupti Bahl

Lunch is coming up on May 16th - donate money or dessert. Sign up to volunteer.

We will now hear the report of the Council Committees given by our Delegates

- a. **Annual District Election & Budget-** Sarah Lin- The next budget hearing is at SW Middle School 8PM on Monday May 12th. The Annual District Election & Budget Vote will be held Tuesday, May 20 from 6:00am – 9:00pm. Ballot #1: David Ginsberg, Ballot #2: Inna Choi, Ballot #3: Jack Ostrick, Ballot #4: Thomas A. Rotolo, Ballot #5: Lynn Abramson
- b. **Cultural Unity** - Trupti Bahl - The showcase will take place on May 29th at 7pm at Southwoods Middle School. We invite students to submit a piece of literature, art, digital art, photography or dance/music composition that answers one or all of the following: What does culture mean to you? How is culture celebrated in your home? What has culture taught you? Or anything that defines culture to you!
Entries will be divided into the following categories: K-2, 3-5, Middle School, and High School. Each participant will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a gift card. Multiple winners will be picked randomly from each category.

New Business

In order for a council to take a position on the district budget in the name of the council, an instructed vote is required. Each unit's general membership takes a vote and each unit then has one vote on the council. If there is a dissenting unit their vote can be listed as such.

We need to take a vote now on whether our unit supports the proposed Syosset District 2025-2026 budget. Please note this does not ask for nor does it need to indicate how you will personally vote on May 20.



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All those in favor of HBT supporting the proposed Syosset District 2025-2026 budget?
All those opposed? HBT votes to (support/not support) the proposed Syosset District 2025-2026 budget.

(I will report our unit's support at the May 12th BOE meeting.)

Awards

Liza Oyaga - Advocate in Action Award

Krista Harris - Advocate in Action Award

Dates to Remember

- **May 12** - Budget and Board of Education Meeting, 8pm SW
- **May 16** - HBT Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- **May 20** - **Annual SCSD Trustee Election and Budget Vote (6a-9p)**
- **May 22-26** - **School Closed**
- **June 9** - Monthly Board of Education Meeting, 8pm SW
- **June 18** - **HBT PTSA Meeting - 7:45pm at HBT**

If there is no further business (*pause*), the meeting will stand adjourned.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:26 p.m.