

Board of Education Meeting
Glen Cove City School District
Via Remove Location - Zoom Video Conference
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Meeting – Board of Education to Convene

Members Present: Ms. Gail Nedbor-Gross, Ms. Monica Alexandris-Miller, Mr. Robert Field (left @ 7:00 pm), Ms. Mary Murphy, Ms. Lia Leone, Ms. Rosemarie Sekelsky Ms. Karen Ferguson

Also Present: Dr. Maria Rianna, Dr. Michael Israel, Ms. Victoria Galante

Attendees: Due to Covid-19 and receipt of an executive order from Laura Curran and Governor Cuomo, the Glen Cove Board of Education temporarily suspends in-person public access

On motion to by Trustee Mary Murphy, seconded by Trustee Karen Ferguson, the Board unanimously (7/0) entered into executive session at 5:45 pm. On a motion by Trustee Rosemarie Sekelsky, seconded by Trustee Lia Leone, the Board unanimously (7/0) adjourned executive session at 6:38 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Gail Nedbor-Gross, Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken, as noted above at 6:39 pm on a motion by Trustee Karen Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Robert Field, the board unanimously (7/0) moved to start the meeting. President Gail Nedbor-Gross acknowledged all those suffering as well as all our first responders.

Roll Call: Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting - Presented by District Clerk – Deferred A motion for approval and discussion was made by Trustee Karen Ferguson, second by Trustee Rose Sekelsky, the Board unanimously (7/0), moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020; March 18, 2020 and April 1, 2020.

Approval – Minutes of March 16 & 18, 2020 and April 1, 2020

Committee Report – None at this time

Superintendent’s Report - Updates –

At the request of the board of education the following was moved to this section of the meeting.

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Karen Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Lia Leone, the board unanimously (7/0) moved to approve the following:

BOCES Administrative Operations Budget and Election of Trustees
I, Ida Johnson, District Clerk of the Board of Education of the Glen Cove School District, **DO HEREBY** certify that at the public meeting of said Board held on this 21st day of April 2020, a quorum being present, upon a motion duly made and seconded, and after opportunity for consideration and discussion, a majority of said Board cast votes for the candidates for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County whose names are marked with an “X” on the ballot form hereinabove attached, and **I DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that at said public meeting, a majority of said Board adopted the following resolution:

Approval: BOCES Administrative Operations Budget & Election of Trustees

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereinafter “Nassau BOCES”) has proposed and presented its Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2020/2021 school year (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2020/2021 school year in the amount of twenty two million, eight hundred ten thousand, eight hundred seventy-three dollars (\$22,810,873) be, and hereby is,

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X APPROVED BY THIS BOARD	<input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED BY THIS BOARD
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The District Clerk is instructed to check the appropriate box to reflect the action taken by the Board, then sign and mail the ballot and certificate to Nassau BOCES.

Per Dr. Maria Rianna regarding the current situation with Covid 19 and the Governor of New York’s remarks that there will be 20% of cuts in aid, Dr. Rianna’s concerns for the financial impact on Glen Cove families and the community that the following decision was made:

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction, a motion was made by Trustee Karen Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Lia Leone, the board unanimously (7/0) moved to approve the following:

Rescission of Bond Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 21, 2020, RESCINDING THE RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY, THE BOND RESOLUTION AND THE RESOLUTION CALLING THE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 19, 2020, EACH ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON MARCH 16, 2020

Approval –
Rescission of
Bond
Resolution

Recitals

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Glen Cove, New York, (the "Board") adopted a resolution of necessity entitled: "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 16, 2020, SPECIFYING IN DETAIL THE NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SITES, AT THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$46,353,852," a bond resolution entitled:

"BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 16, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SITES AT THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$46,353,852; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, INCLUDING \$425,000 GRANT FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$45,928,852 SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION," and a resolution calling a Special District Meeting to be held on March 19, 2020 entitled:

"RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 16, 2020, DETERMINING THAT A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICT SHALL BE HELD ON MAY 19, 2020, DIRECTING THAT A BOND PROPOSITION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO SUCH VOTERS AT SAID SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED FOR SAID SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING;" and

WHEREAS, the Board has now determined that it is in the best interest of the District to rescind all of the foregoing resolutions and cancel said Special District Meeting on May 19, 2020;

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 - The resolutions of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Glen Cove, New York adopted March 16, 2020 and referred to in the recitals hereof are hereby rescinded.

Section 2 - The District Clerk is hereby ordered to take other necessary and appropriate measures consistent with the intent of this resolution.

Section 3 - This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Robert Field left the meeting at 7:00 pm

Public Participation

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Instructional Report

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction, a motion was made by Trustee Karen Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Lia Leone, the board unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following as amended.

Suspension of Grading Policy

WHEREAS, due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus and the resulting emergency, the Glen Cove City School District ("District") has been closed since March 16, 2020, with the length of such closure uncertain at this time; and

WHEREAS, the District has submitted a distance learning plan to the New York State Education Department to provide for instruction to students during the closure due to the COVID19 outbreak.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the COVID-19 emergency the Board of Education

Approval:
Suspension of
Grading
Policy &
Adoption of
Temporary
Grading
Policy

hereby suspends the District's Secondary Grading Policy 7211 for the 2019-2020 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent to submit to the Board of Education an emergency plan for grading and assessments of District sixth to twelfth grade students for consideration, review and immediate approval by the Board of Education.

Emergency Grading Policy for Grades 6-12 students due to COVID-19 Crisis and Distance Learning

In light of the extreme circumstances we faced with the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, we were forced to transition to distance learning and navigate our way through it without notice. As a result, we are making adjustments to our grading policy for grades 6-12 accordingly.

Below is a guide that has been developed in collaboration with district coordinators, building principals, and other school districts to draft a grading protocol that is reasonable and equitable. We also solicited input from teachers as we toiled with all of the variables that affect our ability to evaluate student performance and provide some accountability. The philosophy of all districts is to provide a 'no harm' approach to our grading practices. Considering the current situation now is the time to shift from focusing on grades to simply focusing on learning. The goal is to best prepare students for subsequent courses and to keep them intellectually engaged during these troubling times. We also have to keep in mind that families have different circumstances, which are directly impacting our students' ability to complete their work.

Third Quarter Grades

- After careful consideration, third quarter grades will be documented numerically.
- Teachers will provide a third quarter grade for their students considering any exams, projects, presentations, or other work completed prior to our school closure. If additional work has been assigned virtually in recent weeks and it should only be considered if it benefits the student. This 'no harm' philosophy has been adopted by districts across Long Island.
- While the Third Quarter runs from January 27, 2020 until April 8, 2020, the expectation is that teachers remain flexible with accepting assignments that may be late or incomplete. It is also impossible to tell what hardships may have interfered with a student's ability to complete the assigned work.

Fourth Quarter Grades and Y1 Grades

- Fourth Quarter grades will follow a Pass/Fail format and will be based upon participation and the completion of assignments, assessments, and projects.
- Calculation of Y1 grades will be determined at a later date based on further discussions and pending Governors' Executive Actions as well as NYSED guidelines.

Advanced Placement Examinations

- We are encouraging students to take the A.P. exam. For the emergency period, participation in the exam will be optional this year. The designation of Advanced Placement will be placed on students' transcripts whether or not they sit for the examination. However, college credit is determined by the university based upon individual student performance.

Regents Examinations and Final Examinations

- NYSED has indicated that Regents Exams will NOT be administered this June. As a result, Regents or Final Exam scores will not be incorporated into final or 'Y1' grades. Students who would have taken one or more Regents examinations during the June 2020 examination period will be exempted from taking those Regents exams with no negative impact on earning a graduation diploma.

To qualify for the exemption, students must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents examination and will have earned credit in such course of study by the end of the 2019-2020 school year;
- The student is in grade 7, is enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents examination and will have passed such course of study by the end of the 2019-2020 school year;
- The student is currently enrolled in a course of study culminating in a Regents examination and has failed to earn credit by the end of the school year. Such student returns for summer instruction to make up the failed course and earn the course credit and is subsequently granted diploma credit in August 2020; or
- The student was previously enrolled in the course of study leading to an applicable Regents examination, has achieved course credit, and has not yet passed the associated Regents examination but intended to take the test in June 2020 to achieve a passing score.

Adoption of Temporary Grading Policy

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Glen Cove City School District hereby approves the Emergency Grading Policy for Grades 6-12.

Business Affairs - Finance

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Assistant Superintendent of Business, a motion was made by Trustee Karen Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Mary Murphy, the board unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following.

Treasurer's Report – Month of February 2020

Approval: of
Treasurer's
& Financial
Reports –
February
2020

Financial Reports:

Bank Reconciliations, Revenue Budget Status Report, Appropriation Budget Status Report, Register of Bills, Check Registers – February 2020

Business Affairs - Operations

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Karen Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Rosemarie Sekelsky, the board unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following.

Donation

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation from Good Sports of hockey equipment valued at \$7,890.00 as per information files in the business office.

Acceptance:
Donation

Budget Transfers

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following transfer:

Approval:
Budget
Transfers

Amount	From	Description	To	Description
\$30,000	A1460 160 25	Salary – RMO	A9040 800	Workers comp claims

*to transfer funds to cover additional workmen's compensation claims.

Amount	From	Description	To	Description
\$5,000	A2110 140	Substitute Salaries	A2110 140 08	Salary – Substitutes – HS
\$3,500	A2110 140	Substitute Salaries	A2110 140 04	Salary – Substitutes – Gribbin
\$2,500	A2110 140	Substitute Salaries	A2110 140 02	Salary – Substitutes – Deasy

*to cover salaries of substitute teachers in various buildings.

Contracts – Health and Allied Services

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the services as summarized below for Health and Allied Services and authorizes the President of the Board to sign such contracts upon approval:

Approval:
Contracts -
Health &
Allied
Services

District	Address	School/No. of Students	Services
Garden City Public Schools	56 Cathedral Avenue Garden City, NY 11530	Waldorf School – 2	Health and Allied Services
South Huntington UFSD	60 Weston Street Huntington Station, NY	St. Anthony's HS – 11 LI School for the Gifted – 4	Health and Allied Services

Victoria Galante answered all questions by the board of education. She included the Governor's comments of 20% cuts to state aid which will affect programs and staffing. Waiting to see what takes place with Governor Cuomo's visit to Washington today. The Governor's April 1st cuts had been replaced with state aid. Victoria Galante had also mentioned that her March budget presentation might be what the district uses as a guide in moving ahead as that's what other districts are talking about doing.

President Gail Nedbor-Gross requested when doing the budget presentation that she's interested in looking back at the last three years and to include state aid.

Dr. Maria Rianna thanked the above donor as well as Peter Cardone.

PERSONNEL – Certified

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made by Trustee Rosemarie Sekelsky, second by Trustee Mary Murphy. The board unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following certified matters:

Notice of Tenure

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education confer tenure to the following educator who is found to be efficient and satisfactory pursuant to Education Law §3012:

Approval:
Notice of
Tenure –
Taylor
Gonzalez

Name	Tenure Area	School	Tenure Date
Gonzalez, Taylor	Special Education	Middle School	9/24/20

Appointment of Part-Time Teaching Assistant

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it **RESOLVED**, that the following named

Approval: of
Jonathan

person be appointed as a Part-Time Teaching Assistant for the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (salary as per contract).

McKinnon –
Part-Time
Teaching
Assistant

Name	School	Hours	Effective
McKinnon, Jonathan	Middle School	29.5hrs./wk.	03/30/20-6/26/20

PERSONNEL – Classified

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion by Trustee Karen Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Mary Murphy. The Board unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following classified matters:

Change in Status (Monitor)

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that a change in status for the following named person be approved as specified below (salary as per contract).

Approval:
Change in
Status - Dina
Scognamiglio

Name	From	To	Effective
Scognamiglio, Dina	Compliance (25 hrs./wk.)	1:1 (29.5 hrs./wk.)	2/26/20

Request for Leave of Absence

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the request for a leave for the following named person be approved as specified below.

Approval:
Leave of
Absence of
Lorraine
Ieraci

Name	Position/Assignment	Building	Effective
Ieraci, Lorraine	Secretary	High School	4/20/20-5/19/20

Comments

Ms. Ieraci is requesting an extension of her paid medical leave.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Maria Rianna will give the board an update on all moving up ceremonies, high school graduation and all other end of year events once something has been determined.

New Business

Trustee Karen Ferguson asked if support staff, monitors, teachers assistants could support students with any social emotional issues by making calls and checking in with kids.

Dr. Maria Rianna responded by stating that there may be issues with support staff assisting students as that staff is to work in conjunction with a teacher. *Dr. Rianna* also went on to mention that there are a number of people that are going above and beyond during this crisis and helping out in many ways.

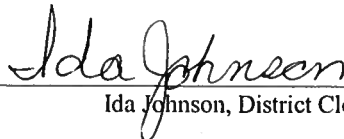
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On a motion by Trustee Karen Ferguson, seconded by Trustee Lia Leone, the Board unanimously (6-0) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Next meeting scheduled for May 6, 2020.

Motion:
Adjourn
Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
By *Ida Johnson*
District Clerk



Ida Johnson, District Clerk