



**MANHASSET UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MANHASSET, NEW YORK 11030**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**  
**SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**DISTRICT OFFICE-COMMUNITY ROOM**

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**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AND VOTING:** Ms. Patricia Aitken, President; Ms. Jill Pullano, Vice President; Ms. Erin Royce, Mr. Steven Panzik, Ms. Nadia Giannopoulos, Trustees

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:** NONE

**STUDENT DELEGATE PRESENT:** John Paul Grassano

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Gaurav Passi, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Joseph Dragone, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations; Ms. Allison Rushforth, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Dr. Donald Gately, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel

**A. CALL TO ORDER and VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

On motion duly made at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Aitken verified the presence of a quorum and called to order a Regular Meeting of the Manhasset Board of Education Meeting.

**PROPOSED BY:** Ms. Aitken

**VOTE:** Ms. Aitken, Ms. Pullano Ms. Royce, Mr. Panzik, Ms. Giannopoulos – **YES**

**MOTION APPROVED:** 5-0

On motion duly made at 6:30 p.m., the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting and convened Executive Session for discussions involving proposed, pending, or current litigation and discussions involving matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

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**PROPOSED BY:** Ms. Aitken

**VOTE:** Ms. Aitken, Ms. Pullano Ms. Royce, Mr. Panzik, Ms. Giannopoulos – **YES**

**MOTION APPROVED:** 5-0

7:34 pm – over 30 Staff and Community Members were present

**B. Student/Staff Recognition**

**AP Capstone Diploma****Class of '23**

Kyra Balacek  
 Maxwell Jervis  
 Sofia Lago  
 Nicolette Polena  
 Joana Rontiris  
 Tiffany Shu

**Class of '22**

Scott Bayardelle  
 Chloe Chan  
 Connor Chun  
 Emily Fleck  
 Landon Kissella  
 Michael Ma  
 Stylianos Papadonikolakis  
 Charlie Sacha

**AP Seminar and Research Certificate****Class of '23**

Marissa Cerrone  
 Caroline Kelly  
 Mirei Kuzukyan  
 Joella Linder  
 Emilie Mannino  
 Andrew Mei  
 Sophia Motroni  
 Christian Rontiris  
 Eileen Shum  
 Anna Stougiannou  
 Victoria Suh  
 Veronica Tsalikis

**Class of '22**

Silvana Davi  
 Emma Sim

**C. Approval of Minutes** (Enclosures)

**MOTION:** The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the September 8, 2022 Board Meeting.

**PROPOSED BY:** Ms. Pullano

**VOTE:** Ms. Pullano Ms. Royce, Mr. Panzik, Ms. Giannopoulos - **YES**

**MOTION APPROVED:** 4-0

**D. Superintendent's Report****E. Appointment of Assistant Principal Adam Kuranischi** (from Personnel Schedule)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Education (“Board”) appoints Adam Kuranishi to a four-year probationary appointment as an Assistant Principal (tenure area: Assistant Principal) effective 10/6/2022, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure.

**PROPOSED BY:** Ms. Aitken

**VOTE:** Ms. Aitken, Ms. Pullano Ms. Royce, Mr. Panzik, Ms. Giannopoulos – **YES**

**MOTION APPROVED:** 5-0

**F. Student Delegate’s Report**

**G. Presentation: Long-term Facilities Planning Overview** - Dr. Gaurav Passi with John Grillo, District Architect

**H. Discussion: Shared Decision-Making District Plan** – Dr. Donald Gately

**I. Gifts to District** (Enclosures)

**Acceptance of Gift for Imagination Playground at Munsey Park School**

**MOTION:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District gratefully acknowledges and authorizes the administration to accept a gift of \$6,480 for an "Imagination Playground" and recess equipment at Munsey Park School from the "Run for Julie" foundation in memory of Julie Ann Viola.

**Acceptance of a Gift for the Middle School Bridge Program**

**MOTION:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District gratefully acknowledges and authorizes the administration to accept a gift of \$2000 to provide food and resources to students involved in the Middle School Bridge Program from the Plandome Woman’s Club.

**Acceptance of a Gift to Fund the Jr. Tower Foundation Club**

**MOTION:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District gratefully acknowledges and authorizes the administration to accept a gift from the Manhasset Tower Foundation in the amount of \$1,954 to fund the Jr. Tower Foundation Club Advisor stipend, inclusive of pension and payroll taxes.

**PROPOSED BY:** Ms. Aitken

**VOTE:** Ms. Aitken, Ms. Pullano Ms. Royce, Mr. Panzik, Ms. Giannopoulos – **YES**

**MOTION APPROVED:** 5-0

**J. Board Discussion and Committee Reports**

1. Audit Committee – Pat Aitken
2. CAC Finance
3. MAAC – Pat Aitken and Indians Rock (Athletics)
4. School Community Association (SCA)
5. Tower Foundation – Nadia Giannopoulos

6. PASE (Special Education) – Nadia Giannopoulos
7. CASA
8. CAC Technology
9. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
10. Long-Term Facilities Planning Committee – see Presentation Item G

**K. PERSONNEL SCHEDULE:** (Enclosures)

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL SCHEDULE:**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby approves the attached personnel schedule dated September 20, 2022, for Instructional and Non-instructional personnel in accordance with their appropriate collective bargaining and/or individual personnel agreements as follows:

Instructional Appointment: 48  
 Instructional Termination: 2  
 Non-instructional Appointment: 2  
 Non-instructional Setting of Salary: 1  
 Non-Instructional Termination: 1

\*\*\*See Agenda Item “E” above for additional resolution

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH MAUREEN APPIARIUS, Ed.D.**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby approves an employment agreement, dated September 20, 2022, between the Board and Maureen Appiarius, Ed.D, as Special Administrator for Human Resources and Personnel, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute said employment agreement on behalf of the Board.

**PROPOSED BY:** Ms. Aitken

**VOTE:** Ms. Aitken, Ms. Pullano Ms. Royce, Mr. Panzik, Ms. Giannopoulos – **YES**

**MOTION APPROVED:** 5-0

\*\*\*Mr. Panzik recused himself from item IA46 of the personnel schedule

**L. Consent Agenda**

**1. CSE/CPSE/Section 504 Minutes** (Enclosures)

**MOTION:** Upon recommendation of the CSE/CPSE/Section 504 Chairperson, the Board of Education hereby approves recommended placements, services, supports, and/or accommodations as recommended in CSE/CPSE/Section 504 meetings held on the dates so indicated in the Committee Recommendations for Board of Education Review with Details, dated September 20, 2022.

**2. Ratification of Conference Requests** (Enclosures)

**MOTION:** The Board of Education hereby ratifies the Conference Requests reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel and approved by the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations.

**3. Approval of HS Orchestra Trip to Disney World** (Enclosures)

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District authorizes and approves the Contract and Rider with Custom Tours, Inc., for travel to and from Disney World in Orlando, Florida for the Manhasset High School Orchestra field trip from February 3 to 6, 2023; and authorizes, ratifies and directs the Superintendent of Schools and/or his designees to undertake the necessary steps to effectuate and undertake the aforementioned Contract and Rider in accordance with their terms and the terms of this resolution.

**4. Approval of Agreement with CASA** (Enclosure)

**WHEREAS**, THE Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse, Inc. (“CASA”) is a not-for-profit corporation formed under the laws of New York State for the purposes of promoting community interest in the reduction and prevention of substance abuse and engaging in cooperative community efforts to reduce and prevent substance abuse within the community through the education of parents, teachers, children and other members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District desires to engage CASA to promote interest in the reduction and prevention of substance abuse among the students, parents and faculty of the Manhasset Public Schools; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement with CASA for services relating to the reduction and prevention of substance abuse among the students, parents and faculty in the Manhasset Public Schools, and authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

**5. Approval of a Private School Instructional Agreement** (Enclosure)

**MOTION:** The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a Private School Instructional Services Agreement with the following school in accordance with the IEP(s) of special education student(s) for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Developmental Disabilities Institute

**6. Approval for the Formation of the Chess Club** (Enclosures)

The Chess Club is a schoolwide club established for students interested in learning the game of chess. Club meetings will consist of a brief lesson introducing a new strategy or concept, then participants will practice their skills through play. Each month there will be a tournament within the school and/or with surrounding districts.

**MOTION:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District authorizes the formation of The Chess Club.

**7. Approval for the Formation of the Film Club** (Enclosures)

The mission of the Film Club is to create a club in which students can unite under their common love and passion for movies. The club would be created to inspire and foster the talent of young potential filmmakers by allowing students to identify, discuss storytelling

through cinematography. The club would explore offering cultural film festivals, movie nights, etc.

**MOTION:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District authorizes the formation of the Film Club.

**MOTION:** The consent agenda is hereby unanimously approved.

**PROPOSED BY:** Ms. Aitken

**VOTE:** Ms. Aitken, Ms. Pullano Ms. Royce, Mr. Panzik, Ms. Giannopoulos – **YES**

**MOTION APPROVED:** 5-0

### **M. Upcoming Items of Interest**

#### **Upcoming Board of Education Meetings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Anticipated Presentations/Discussions</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>October</b>					
6	Thursday	Board of Education Meeting	LTFP & Scope of Work Adoption (anticipating a December 8 vote)	Shelter Rock School	7:30 PM
20	Thursday	Tenure Recognition Event		Black Box Theatre	7:00 PM
20	Thursday	Board of Education Meeting	Instructional Spotlight: Broadcast Journalism	District Office	8:00 PM
<b>November</b>					
3	Thursday	Board of Education Meeting	Audited Financial Statement and Reserves of Year Ended June 30, 2022	District Office	7:30 PM
17	Thursday	Board of Education Meeting	Counseling Plan/SEL Program Overview	District Office	7:30 PM

### **N. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

10:57 p.m., a motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

**PROPOSED BY:** Ms. Aitken

**VOTE:** Ms. Aitken, Ms. Pullano Ms. Royce, Mr. Panzik, Ms. Giannopoulos – **YES**

**MOTION APPROVED:** 5-0

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine N. Michelen, District Clerk