

**Glen Cove Board of Education**  
**MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**Glen Cove High School**

Via Livestream: [www.glencoveschools.org](http://www.glencoveschools.org)

**I. Opening Ceremony**

On a motion by Trustee Meghan Lavine, second by Trustee Lia Leone, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) entered into executive session at 5:52 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Anne Markoulis, second by Trustee Lia Leone, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) adjourned executive session at 7:24 pm.

**A. Salute to Flag**

Public session was called to order by President Maria Venuto. Salute to the flag was at 7:34 pm.

**B. Roll Call**

The following Board of Education members were present:

Maria Elena Venuto  
Angela Raimo  
Audre Lynn Hurston James  
Maureen Jimenez  
Meghan Lavine  
Lia Leone  
Anne Markoulis

**II. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting**

Minutes of January 17, 2024 - Presented by District Clerk

The Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2024.

Move: Anne Markoulis Second: Meghan Lavine Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine, Anne Markoulis, Lynn James

**III. Committee Reports**

**A. Audit Committee**

1. Maureen Jimenez
2. Lynn James
3. Meghan Lavine

Ms. Victoria Galante reported.

**B. Policy Committee**

1. Angela Raimo
2. Anne Markoulis
3. Lia Leone

Mr. Andrew DiNapoli reported.

**C. Facilities Report**

Victoria Galante

Ms. Victoria Galante reported with Dr. Maria Rianna adding to the report.

#### IV. Superintendent Report

##### A. Updates

Dr. Maria Rianna wanted to inform the community that she will be working with colleagues in Westchester tomorrow, alongside the Chair of the Senate Education Committee, to advocate for changes in the foundation aid and changes in the budget proposal made by the Governor of New York. The Board of Education will be updated on the outcome of these discussions, and information will be posted to our website so that the community is aware of where we stand with our foundation aid.

##### 1. Budget Presentation

Dr. Maria Rianna turned this section of the meeting over to Ms. Victoria Galante, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Ms. Galante presented via PowerPoint presentation on the second workshop of the 2024-2025 budget. Victoria went over the state aid, the appropriation budget which included the capital and administrative components as well as the reserves. At our next meeting of March 6th, Ms. Galante will be covering the program component, update on state aid and the tax levy. Handouts were available to attendees.

Dr. Rianna thanked Victoria for her presentation and added by stating that we did not receive the increases that we should have gotten in foundation aid even if the formula stayed at what it was. We are advocating consistently. The Governor hears that the current budget impacts school districts in a very negative manner. Although we are getting some increases, it's not what we should have gotten if calculated appropriately. We continue to advocate to the Governor the new amended proposal to the budget be consistent from last years or current aid ratios as well as understanding that a new formula must come into play. We're asking for the 3% increase. Many districts got a significant decrease in state aid. We work on a formula that will appropriately provide for all districts in the State of New York and not just Long Island.

No questions were addressed.

##### 2. K-5 Math Update on New Program & Impact on K-12 Math Curriculum

Dr. Alexa Doeschner, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum/Instruction/Technology announced that they will be going over the new math curriculum and that the presentation will show that program starts at the elementary level and carries all the way to the twelfth grade. Dr. Doeschner introduced Mr. Anthony Allison, math coordinator.

Mr. Anthony Allison made a thorough presentation of the new math program showing the pathways from the elementary level all the way through the twelfth grade. Questions from the Board of Education were addressed and handouts were available to all audience members.

#### V. Student Board Member Report

Absent due to her attending a high school basketball game.

#### VI. Public Participation

This section gives opportunity to residents who wish to raise a question or make a brief statement on agenda items.

A question from the audience was addressed.

## VII. Instructional Report

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction/Technology, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approve the following:

Move: Maureen Jimenez Second: Lia Leone Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine, Anne Markoulis, Lynn James

### A. Committee on Special Education

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for Initial Placement Programs/Services for cases listed from meetings filed in the Office of Special Education and approves the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services.

### B. Committee on Preschool Special Education

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for Initial Placement Programs/Services for cases listed from meetings filed in the Office of Special Education.

## VIII. Business Affairs

### A. Finance

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent for Business, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approve the following:

Move: Angela Raimo Second: Anne Markoulis Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine, Anne Markoulis, Lynn James

1. Treasurer's Report - Month of November
2. Financial Reports
  - a. Bank Reconciliations - Month of November
  - b. Revenue Budget Status Report - Month of November
  - c. Appropriation Budget Status Report - Month of November
  - d. Register of Bills - Month of November
  - e. Check Registers - Month of November

### B. Operations

On the recommendations by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent for Business, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approve the following:

Move: Meghan Lavine Second: Anne Markoulis Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine, Anne Markoulis, Lynn James

1. Field Trip - DECA

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the DECA trip to the State Championship in Rochester, New York on March 6, 2024 through March 8, 2024.

2. Donation - Glen Cove Education Foundation

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$25,000 from the Glen Cove Education Foundation to the Glen Cove School District to be used towards the purchase and installation of a new scoreboard for the new turf field as outlined in the paperwork filed with the Business Office.

3. Donation - Vinyl Backing for Display Case

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of vinyl backing for the red and green games display case from Anne Markoulis and Angelina Stone to the Glen Cove School District as outlined in the paperwork filed with the Business Office.

4. Donation - Sheet Music

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of sheet music from Sylvie DiSaverio to the Glen Cove School District's Fine and Performing Arts Department as outlined in paperwork filed with the Business Office.

5. Contract - Health and Allied Services

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the services as summarized below for the 2023-2024 Health and Allied Services and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such contract upon approval.

District	Address	School/No. of Students	Services
Floral Park-Bellerose School District	One Poppy Place Floral Park, NY 11001	3 Students – Our Lady of Victory	Health and Allied Services

6. Donation - Books

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$629.09 from an anonymous donor to Landing School for the purchase of books for each 5th grade student in honor of Women's History Month.

7. Budget Transfers

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the 2023-2024 budget transfers.

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)			
Account Code	Account Name	Transfer In	Transfer Out
A1620.467.00.02	Equipment Repair	\$60,000.00	
A1621.402	Architect Services		\$60,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$60,000.00</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>

To transfer funds as requested to cover emergency work done with the waterline break at Thayer House. Work was done by Maccarone Plumbing.

8. Donation - GCHS Booster Club

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$10,000.00 from the GCHS Booster Club to be used specifically for the purchase of new scoreboards for the high school gymnasium.

9. Excessing of Books

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the excessing of the following books. The books will be donated to The Book Fairies organization as they are no longer aligned to our curriculum and/or are in poor condition.

Titles	ISBNs	Quantity to Excess
Johnny Tremain Esther Forbes	0-440-94250-0	155
Lyddie Katherine Paterson	978-0-140-34981-8	96
Jacob I have Loved Katherine Paterson	0-06-440368-8	87
Nothing but the Truth Avi	0-380-71907-X	36
My Brother Sam is Dead Collier and Collier	978-0-439-78360-6	77
The Ear, Eye and the Arm Nancy Farmer	0-14-037641-0	90
Charlie Skedaddle Patricia Beatty	0-8167-1317-0	36
We Beat the Streets (The Three Doctors)	978-0-14-240627-4	36
The Education of Little Tree Forrest Carter	0-8263-0879-1	11
Calico Captive Elizabeth George Speare	0-440-41156-4	16
The Winter Room Gary Paulsen	0-440-40454-1	46
The Rifle Gary Paulsen	0-15-205839-7	63
Bull Run Paul Fleischman	978-06-440588-1	178
The Witch of Blackbird Pond Elizabeth George Speare	978-0-440-99577-7	75
I Survived The Shark Attacks of 1916 Lauren Tarshis	978-0-545-20695-2	22
I Survived The Battle of Gettysburg, 1863 Lauren Tarshis	978-0-545-45936-5	4
I Survived The Japanese Tsunami, 2011 Lauren Tarshis	978-0-545-45937-2	5
Who was Rosa Parks? Yona Zeldis McDonough	978-0-448-45442-9	1
Who was Anne Frank? Ann Abramson	978-0-448-44482-6	5
Tree Shaker: The Life of Nelson Mandela	978-1-59643-533-9	15
The Chocolate War	0-44094459-7	5
Hatchet	978-0-545-46220-4	5

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Horse and His Boy	0-590-25477-4	7
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian	978-0-545-10999-4	8
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader	978-0-590-25479-3	10
The Pigman	0-06-075735-3	110

10. Corrective Action Plan

RESOLVES, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Corrective Action Plan as developed in response to the June 30, 2023 Management Letter issued by the District’s external auditors, which will be implemented during the 2023 – 2024 school year.

11. Field Trip - SCAD Day

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the trip to Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Day in Atlanta, Georgia on April 5, 2024 through April 6, 2024.

12. Field Trip - Hispanic Youth Institute

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the LI Bern sponsored trip to the Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute in Albany, New York on March 9, 2024 through March 11, 2024.

13. Donation - Classroom Furniture

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$3,000 worth of classroom furniture from Michelle Mardiney to Deasy School as a result of her winning the New Year, New Classroom Giveaway sponsored by ECR4Kids as outlined on the paperwork filed in the Business Office.

A question from the Board of Education was addressed.

Dr. Maria Rianna thanked the Glen Cove Education Foundation and other donors for their donations.

IX. Personnel

A. Certified

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approve the following certified matters:

Move: Angela Raimo Second: Lynn James Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine, Anne Markoulis, Lynn James

1. Appointment of Mentor Teacher

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a Mentor Teacher for the Glen Cove City School District, effective the 2023-2024 school year, as specified below (stipend as per contract).

Mentor Name: Notice, Marci  
Mentee Name: Cavanagh, Samantha  
Subject Area: Special Education  
Building Assignment: Deasy School  
Effective: 2/8/24

## 2. Change in Status

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).

Name: Wang, Michelle  
From: Permanent Substitute Teacher  
To: .82 FTE Part-Time ENL Teacher/.18 Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Effective 1/16/24

## 3. Appointment of Regular Substitute Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Regular Substitute Teachers for the Glen Cove City School District as specified below.

Name: Colette, Sarah  
Building Assignment: Connolly School  
Salary: MA, Step 1  
Effective: 12/4/23 - o/a 6/26/24 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certifications: CED 1-6

Comments: Ms. Colette is the leave replacement for Ms. Cox.

Name: Janiec, Christie  
Building Assignment: High School  
Salary: \$136/day (first 30 working days); BA, Step 1 (31st working day, prorated)  
Effective: o/a 3/12/24 - o/a 6/26/24 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certifications: Dance Certificate

Comments: Ms. Janiec is replacing Ms. Damazek who will be on a maternity/childcare leave of absence.

## 4. Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teacher

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a Permanent Substitute Teacher for the Glen Cove City School District effective the 2023-2024 school year as specified below. Pending fingerprint clearance\* (salary - \$136/day prorated; no benefits).

Name: Janiec, Christine  
Certification: Dance Certificate  
Building Assignment: High School  
Effective: o/a 2/8/24

## 5. Appointment of 6th Period Class Teacher

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed to a 6th period class, as specified below (salary as per contract, prorated).

Name: Luxenberg, Jennifer  
Assignment: ESOL Teacher  
Building Assignment: High School  
Schedule: 1 period, every day  
Effective: o/a 2/1/24 - 6/26/24

#### 6. Appointment of Club Advisor

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as Club Advisor effective the February 8, 2024 – o/a June 26, 2024, as specified below (stipend as per contract, split where indicated\*).

Name: Sack, Courtney  
Building: Connolly/Landing Schools  
Club: NYSSMA Elementary Club

#### 7. Appointment of Spring Coaches

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Spring Coaches for the Glen Cove City School District, effective the 2023-2024 school year, as specified below (stipend as per contract).

Name: DeCarlo, Thomas  
Sport: Varsity Baseball

Name: Kessel, Kimberly  
Sport: Varsity Girls Softball

Name: Dottin, Christian  
Sport: Varsity Girls Track

Name: Rosario, Hector  
Sport: Varsity Boys Track

Name: Checola, Mark  
Sport: Varsity Girls Lacrosse  
Name: Tripp, Steven  
Sport: Varsity Boys Lacrosse

Name: MacDonald, Christopher  
Sport: Varsity Boys Tennis

Name: Freitag, Jake  
Sport: AV Baseball

Name: Capobianco, Jonathan  
Sport: JV Baseball

Name: Butterworth, Megan  
Sport: AV Softball

Name: King, Amanda  
Sport: JV Softball

Name: Campione, Michael  
Sport: AV Boys Track

Name: Falen, Peter  
Sport: AV Girls Track

Name: Curatolo, Frank  
Sport: AV Boys Lacrosse

Name: Chiclacos, Michael  
Sport: JV Boys Lacrosse

Name: Torchia, Nicolina  
Sport: AV Girls Lacrosse

Name: Russo, Jennifer  
Sport: JV Girls Lacrosse

Name: Meyerson, Jake  
Sport: 8th Grade Baseball

Name: Santagata, Josephine  
Sport: 7th Grade Softball

Name: Glaviano, Mark  
Sport: 8th Grade Softball

Name: Bednarski, Peter  
Sport: Co-Ed Track JH

Name: Rubin, Brett  
Sport: Boys Lacrosse JH

Name: Hernandez, Leonardo  
Sport: Boys Tennis JH

Name: Spagnoletti, Dana  
Sport: Girls Lacrosse JH

Name: Sullivan, Amanda  
Sport: Boys & Girls Track AJH

## 8. Requests for Leave of Absence

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the requests for leave of absence for the following named persons be approved as specified below.

Name: Gleckler, Tracy  
Position: Science Teacher  
Building Assignment: High School  
Effective: 1/15/24 – o/a 2/15/24

Comments: Ms. Gleckler is extending her medical leave of absence

Name: Romano, Jillian  
Position: Science Teacher  
Building Assignment: High School  
Effective: o/a 6/8/24 – o/a 9/2/24

Comments: Ms. Romano is requesting a leave of absence for maternity/childcare purposes

Name: Allison, Anthony  
Position: Coordinator of Math  
Building Assignment: High School  
Effective: o/a 2/27/24 – o/a 3/19/24

Comments: Mr. Allison is requesting a medical leave of absence

#### 9. Rescission of Appointments

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the appointment for the following named persons be rescinded as specified below.

Name: Arena, Ashley  
Position: TA  
Building: Landing School  
Hours: 29.5 hours per week

Name: Fernandez, Marlon  
Position: TA  
Building: Deasy School  
Hours: 29.5 hours per week

Name: Geoghegan, Arlene  
Assignment: Appointment of 6th Assignment Board Approved 8/23/23  
Building Assignment: High School  
Schedule: 1 period, every other day Semester I  
Retroactive to 8/24/23

#### 10. Retirements

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of the following named persons be approved as specified below.

Name: Cox, Nancy  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Building: Connolly School  
Effective Date: 6/30/24 (end of day)

Name: Clark, Margaret  
Position: Elementary Teacher  
Building: Landing School  
Effective Date: 6/30/24 (end of day)

Name: Morra, Jacqueline  
Position: Foreign Language Teacher  
Building: Middle School  
Effective Date: 6/30/24 (end of day)

Name: Spano, Debra  
Position: Special Education Teacher  
Building: High School  
Effective Date: 6/30/24 (end of day)

#### B. Classified

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approved the following classified matters:

Move: Lia Leone Second: Maureen Jimenez Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine, Anne Markoulis, Lynn James

#### 1. Appointment of School Monitor

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a School Monitor for the Glen Cove City School District, effective the 2023 -2024 school year, or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education, pending fingerprint clearance\*, as specified below (salary as per contract).

Name: Kaufman, Randi\*  
Assignment: Monitor  
Building Assignment: Connolly School  
Hours: 15 hours per week  
Effective: o/a 2/8/2024

## 2. Appointment of Security Guard

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed provisionally\* as a Security Guard for the Glen Cove City School District, pending fingerprint clearance, as specified below (salary as per contract).

Name: Castronovo, Craig\*  
Building Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: o/a 2/8/23

## 3. Appointment of Cleaner

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a Cleaner for the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (salary as per contract, prorated).

Name: Marquez, Cesar  
Position Assignment: Cleaner  
Building Assignment: Districtwide  
Effective: o/a 2/8/24

Comments: Mr. Marquez is replacing Mr. Greco who is being assigned to Deasy School.

## 4. Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Cleaner

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a per diem Substitute Cleaner for the Glen Cove City School District, pending fingerprint clearance and letter of good conduct, effective the 2023-2024 school year (salary - \$17.00/hr.)

Quijano, Kenny

## 5. Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Food Service Helper

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a per diem Substitute Food Service Helper for the Glen Cove City School District, pending fingerprint clearance, effective the 2023-2024 school year (salary - \$17.00/hr.)

Garcia, Yuri

## 6. Appointment of Adult Education Program Teachers (Spring Semester)

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED that the following named persons be appointed as Adult Education Program Teachers for the Glen Cove City School District effective February 26, 2024 through May 7, 2024, provided the appointee meets the required qualifications for the job and contingent upon the successful enrollment of members in the class (salary- \$50 per hour).

Name: Rodriguez, Carol  
Course: Line Dancing for your Health

Name: Greman, Marvin  
Course: Tai Chi for All

Name: Estrada, Stacey  
Course: Yoga Chair  
Course: Yoga for Beginners  
Course: Eight Weeks to Wellness

Name: Fiore, Richard  
Course: Latin Dance Moves  
Name: Steiger, Ronald  
Course: Real Estate 101  
Course: Moving your IRA & 401Ks

Name: Abrahams, Beth Polner  
Course: Planning without Fear/Elder Care  
Course: Planning without fear/ Wills

Name: Hinojosa, Juan  
Course: Introduction to Excel for the Web  
Course: Intermediate Excel for the Web  
Course: Advanced Excel Applications

#### 7. Change in Hours

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that a change in hours for the following named persons be approved, as specified below.

Name: Baboolal, Lilawati  
From: 29.5 hours per week  
To: 20 hours per week  
Effective: 2/8/24 – o/a 6/26/24

Name: Portillo, Oriana  
From: 29.5 hours per week  
To: 25 hours per week  
Effective: 2/8/24 – o/a 6/26/24

#### 8. Requests for Leave of Absence

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

Name: Sharma, Monika  
Position: Lunch Monitor  
Building Assignment: Deasy School  
Effective: 1/8/24 – o/a 2/2/24

Comments: Ms. Sharma is requesting a personal leave of absence

Name: Nunez Turcios, Tiffany  
Position: Food Service Helper  
Building Assignment: Gribbin School  
Effective: 1/18/24 – o/a 2/23/24

Comments: Ms. Nunez Turcio is requesting a medical leave of absence  
Name: Bencio, Rolando  
Position: Night Cleaner

Building Assignment: High School  
Effective: 1/3/24 – o/a 3/11/24

Comments: Mr. Bencio is requesting a medical leave of absence.

Name: Abercrombie, James  
Position: Night Cleaner  
Building Assignment: Connolly School  
Effective: 1/18/24 – o/a 2/9/24

Comments: Mr. Abercrombie is requesting a medical leave of absence.

Name: Burton, Danita  
Position: Lunch Monitor  
Building Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: 1/15/24 – o/a 2/29/24

Comments: Ms. Burton is extending her unpaid medical leave of absence.

Name: Primerano, Robert  
Position: Information Technology Assistant  
Building Assignment: High School  
Effective: 1/22/24 – o/a 2/23/24

Comments: Mr. Primerano is extending his unpaid medical leave of absence.

#### 9. Rescission of Appointment

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the appointment for the following named person be rescinded as specified below.

Name: LaRosa, Cassandra  
Assignment: Library Monitor  
Building Assignment: Deasy School  
Hours: 29.5 hours per week

#### 10. Resignations

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the resignations of the following named persons be approved as specified below.

Name: Cammarata, Tina  
Position: Lunch Monitor  
Building Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: 1/17/2024 (end of day)

Name: Dipnarinesingh, Jason  
Position: Head Custodian  
Building Assignment: Landing School  
Effective: 2/7/2024 (end of day)

Name: Quijano, Kenny  
Position: 1:1 Monitor  
Building Assignment: High School  
Effective: 2/8/2024 (end of day)

Comments: Mr. Quijano is resigning to accept a Per Diem Cleaner.

#### 11. Retirements

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the resignation, for the purpose of retirements, of the following named persons be approved as specified below.

Name: Cabello, Justo  
Position: Night Cleaner  
Building Assignment: Middle School  
Effective: 2/29/2024 (end of day)

Name: Roussine, Emilia  
Position: Senior Clerk  
Building Assignment: Carriage House  
Effective: o/a 03/29/2024 (end of day)

Dr. Rianna acknowledged the retirees and thanked them for their years of service.

President Maria Venuto also thanked the retirees for their years of service.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #8130.2**

The Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approve policy # 8130.2.

Move: Maureen Jimenez Second: Lia Leone Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine,  
Anne Markoulis, Lynn James

## **XI. New Business**

Trustee Meghan Lavine stated that her, President Maria Venuto and Vice-President Angela Raimo attended a planning board public hearing regarding the construction of a new bank that will be across the street from the middle school. The construction will change some of the curbing. Both myself and President Venuto had the opportunity to speak and we expressed that there's no issue with the project but instead with the traffic study that the planning board and the city is relying on and also supported by the county doesn't reflect the reality of how that intersection is used during school days. We urged the planning board to take a second look at this with all the school activities that take place throughout different times of the school day. It was agreed that another traffic study would be conducted and the meeting was adjourned with another public hearing to be scheduled.

President Maria Venuto added that she presented photos that the Superintendent of Schools had produced and that it was suggested that drone footage would probably be helpful.

Dr. Maria Rianna stated that a drone could be used however we did have photos of the dismissals taken in preparation for last night's public hearing and for a better understanding of traffic in that area. We could do videotaping at different times of the day of all of the traffic. Right now, under the normal circumstances and without all the additional obstacles but the cars moving in different directions.

Trustee Lavine had stated that the current traffic study stated that no new traffic signal is needed at that intersection. They were looking at a sliver of time that is so minor instead of the actual usage. We'll see what happens.

Dr. Rianna added that the students would be doing the drone footage and it could be done during the course of several different days with the arrival and dismissal at Deasy; the arrival on Dosoris Lane and how it impacts Forest Avenue as well as zero period; the regular arrival and dismissal of middle school and the dismissal of pre-k. The current signal lights are not doing enough for what's happening there. Dr. Maria Rianna was glad to hear that there was a pause on decision making and we would be glad to provide the video that can better explain the situation.

Trustee Hurston James mentioned that it's a worthy question to ask that if you know that you're building near a school, why would you not specifically look at the traffic during the school hours. It's not like they did not know that the school was not there. The question is - what was their logic and why would you not look at those high traffic times?

Vice-President Angela Raimo's observation was that a very small sliver of time looked at and they did not consider to look at zero period or dismal or the consideration of clubs, after school activities as well as the duration of time for cars and buses to come in and out of the area.

Dr. Rianna also stated that there is no issue with the bank coming into the area it's just the impact of how the traffic as well as the safety of the staff and students.

## **XII. Board Comments**

Vice-President Angela Raimo mentioned last week's first play at Landing in several years. It was really cute and they performed "The Jungle Book". The kids, teachers, music and everyone involved did a great job. They all worked well together. It's great to bring it back to the younger kids.

## **XIII. Public Participation**

This section gives opportunity to residents who wish to raise a question or make a brief statement on matters including, but limited to, agenda items.

Dr. Rianna reminded everyone that February 13th will be a Superintendent Conference Day with students not expected to attend school.

One member of the audience addressed the Board of Education with comments and questions all of which were addressed.

## **XIV. Executive Session (if necessary)**

## **XV. Adjournment**

The Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to adjourn the public meeting at 9:03 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2024 at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium.

Move: Anne Markoulis Second: Meghan Lavine Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine, Anne Markoulis, Lynn James

Respectfully submitted by:

Ida Johnson

District Clerk

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