



**MANHASSET UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Manhasset, New York 11030  
Regular Board MEETING Minutes  
February 15, 2024  
District Office/Community Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Panzik, President, Jill Pullano, Vice President, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, and Ted Post, Trustees

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:** none

**STUDENT DELEGATE PRESENT:** Sophia Zouak

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Gaurav Passi, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Sam Gergis, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations; and Dr. Donald Gately, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Human Resources and Allison Rushforth, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

**Meeting called to order at 7:031 PM**

**A. Meeting Opening**

**1. Executive Session/Verification of Quorum**

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

**B. Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the January 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 Board Meetings.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

## **C. Student Matters and Curriculum**

### **1. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Gaurav Passi

### **2. Student Delegate's Report**

Sophia Zouak

## **D. Discussion**

### **1. Fund Balance Presentation (as of January 31, 2024)**

Sam Gergis

## **E. Regular Agenda**

### **1. Policy Review**

<b>Adopted</b>	
9520.6	Right of Employee to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace
<b>Move to Second Reading</b>	
4321.12	Timeout and Physical Restraint (All Students)

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **2. Board Discussion and Committee Reports**

1. Audit Committee
2. CAC Finance
3. MAAC (Athletics)
4. School Community Association (SCA)
5. Tower Foundation
6. PASE (Special Education)
7. CASA
8. CAC Technology
9. Economic Opportunity Center (EOC)
10. Team Name Committee

## **G. Personnel**

### **1. 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 ("Board") hereby approves the attached personnel schedule dated February 21, 2024, for Instructional and Non-instructional personnel in accordance with their appropriate collective bargaining and/or individual personnel agreements as follows:

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **2. Resolution to Appoint a Substitute Teacher**

**WHEREAS** the District has the need to appoint a substitute drama teacher; and **WHEREAS**, the District has conducted a good faith recruitment search to find a properly certified candidate to fill this position, but has determined that there are no available certified teachers that can perform the duties of such position; **NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to 8 NYCRR 80-5.4, the Board appoints Victoria DiCarlo to serve as substitute drama teacher for a period of 90 days, effective February 16, 2024.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik, second NONE.

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **3. Resolution to Approve Settlement Agreement**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free school District approves the terms of a Stipulation Settlement dated February 5, 2025 between the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District and the individual named in Confidential Attachment A; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the Board be authorized to execute said Settlement Agreements on behalf of the Board.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik, second NONE.

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

## **G. Consent Agenda**

### **1. CSE/CPSE/Section 504 Minutes**

**Resolution:** 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 February 15, 2024.

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **2. Ratification of Conference Requests**

**Resolution:** 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.

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **3. Approval of DOL/DOR Special Education Services Contract**

**Resolution:** The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the attached Special Education Service Contract for Parentally-Placed Non-Public School Students for the 2022-2023 school year for the following "District of Residence" whose students attend non-public schools in Manhasset ("District of Location") - Valley Stream Central High School District

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **3. Acceptance of Bid Rejection Recommendation from District Architect**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset School District hereby accepts District Architect John M Grillo's letter of recommendation to reject bids received by the District on January 31, 2024 for Bond Issue Related Capital Improvement Program Phase 1 SED No.: 28-04-06-03-0-001-027

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **5. Approval for Additional Healthcare/Benefit Consultant Services for September 19, 2023- June 30, 2024**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education approves a proposal from Jacqueline Yorio, to provide Health Care/Benefit Consulting Services to the Manhasset Union Free School District from September 19, 2023 - June 30, 2024, at an hourly rate of \$46.42/Daily rate \$325.00; for additional service not to exceed \$15,000. The Board authorizes the President of the Board to execute said Proposal.

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **6. Accept the Final Corrective Action Plan Pursuant to the Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District, based on the recommendation of the District's Audit Committee, hereby accepts the Management Letter for the year ended June 30, 2023 as presented by the District's independent external auditor, R. S. Abrams & Company LLP, Islandia, New York, approves the Corrective Action Plan and authorizes and directs the Administration to implement the Corrective Action Plan. Further, the Board of Education hereby directs the District Clerk to file a certified copy of this resolution and the District's Corrective Action Plan with the Commissioner of Education and the Office of the State Comptroller.

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

## **7. Resolution to Excess Furniture**

**Resolution:** The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education has determined that the Corner Cabinet located in the Community Room is broken and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively and safely by the District and authorized the furniture to be discarded or donated in whatever way the District sees fit.

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

## **8. Resolution to Excess World Language Text Books**

**Resolution:** Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education has determined that the World Language textbooks listed below are obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the District and authorizes the books to be discarded or donated in whatever way the District sees fit.

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

## **9. Treasurer's Financial Reports - December 2023**

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

**11. Warrant and Wire Report for the Period Ended December 2023**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District approves the Warrant and Wire Report for December 2023.

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

**11. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

**Resolution:** That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

**H. Upcoming Items of Interest**

**1. Upcoming Items of Interest**

Date	Day	Meeting	Anticipated Presentations/Discussions	Location	Time
<b>February</b>					
15	Thursday	Board of Education	Fund Balance as of January 31, 2024	District Office	7:00pm
<b>March</b>					
7	Thursday	Board of Education	Preliminary Budget Presentation	District Office	7:00pm
21	Thursday	Board of Education	Informal Budget Hearing	Shelter Rock School	7:00pm

**I. Open Time**

## **1. Public Comment**

No public comments

## **J. Adjourn**

**Action:** 1. Motion to Adjourn Public Session

The Board of Education hereby adjourns the public session at 8:26 pm.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Jill Pullano, Erin Royce, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

Respectfully submitted by,  
Nicole M. Rosenberg, District Clerk