

Glen Cove Board of Education
MEETING
Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Glen Cove High School

Via Livestream: www.glencoveschools.org

I. Opening Ceremony

On a motion by Trustee Anne Markoulis, second by Trustee Lia Leone, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) entered into executive session at 5:47 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Anne Markoulis, second by Trustee Lia Leone, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) adjourned executive session at 7:27 pm.

A. Salute to Flag

Public session was called to order by President Maria Venuto. Salute to the flag was at 7:36 pm.

B. Roll Call

The following Board of Education members were present:

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

Absent:

Angela Raimo

II. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

Minutes of October 9, 2024 - Presented by District Clerk

The Board of Education by a vote of 4 in favor and 2 abstained (4/2 - Maria Elena Venuto and Audre Lynn Hurston James abstained) moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

Move: Anne Markoulis Second: Lia Leone Status: Passed

Yes: Lia Leone, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine, Anne Markoulis

Abstain: Maria Venuto, Lynn James

III. Committee Reports

No Reports

IV. Superintendent Report

A. Updates

1. PSEG Presentation

Ms. Victoria Galante shared that over the last two years, she's been updating the community during the committee report section of the Board of Education meetings on all the projects that go on in the district. Including on reporting on the energy performance projects that both Viktor and Victoria presented at a

prior Board of Education meeting. A lot of these projects can't be seen by the community such as heating, cooling, interior lighting, etc.

EcoSystems, the company hired by the district to manage the district's energy performance contract, has ensured the district to apply for any incentives available through PSEG Long Island rebate program. Mr. Michael Voltz, Director of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for PSEG Long Island, was in attendance and spoke about the incentive program highlighting the district's commitment to long-term energy savings through these projects.

Mr. Voltz presented a PowerPoint showing completed work and detailing financial incentives awarded to the district, with nine projects completed and 9 more expected completion in the coming months. He shared that the annual energy savings for the district is projected to be around \$80,000. Following the presentation, PSEG presented the district with a check for \$89,108 as part of the incentive program, and a photo was taken with the check.

2. Audit Report

Ms. Victoria Galante introduced Mr. Robert Daniele, partner from O'Connor Davies, the district's external auditors, who presented the annual audit report and its findings to the Board of Education and the community. Each board member received a report showing the breakdown of the audit.

Dr. Maria Rianna thanked O'Connor Davies, Mr. Daniele and his team through the years in guiding us. Dr. Rianna also credited Ms. Victoria Galante for her work in helping in this reporting being something to be proud of.

3. Northwell Volunteers

Some Glen Cove High School students were recognized for their volunteer work over the summer at Northwell Hospital in Glen Cove. A video presentation was displayed of these students working at Northwell Glen Cove and the positive effect that they made to those who were in hospital. Two scholarships were also awarded to two of our students.

Each student was called to the podium to receive a certificate of recognition with two of these students' receiving scholarships. A picture was taken of the group.

4. Portrait of a Graduate - QR Code

Dr. Rianna stated that the district is working on a project called "Portrait of a Graduate", resulting in a profile of what we want each of our students to experience as each of them goes through our school system. Everyone's input is needed and encouraged by visiting our website and complete the survey that will help us gather information.

V. Student Board Member Report

Student Board Member, Isabel Basile reported on high school sports as well as many fundraisers all contributing to many great causes. Ms. Basile also mentioned in her report cheering on Skye Roberts who is a contestant on the Voice where everyone is thrilled in cheering her on and seeing her shine. Looking ahead to Trick or Treat Street and the popular teachers costume contest.

Ms. Basile left after her reporting.

VI. Public Participation

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

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 (6/0) moved to approve the following:

Move: Anne Markoulis Second: Meghan Lavine Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, 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 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

No Reports

B. Operations

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Business, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following matters:

Move: Maureen Jimenez Second: Lia Leone Status: Passed

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

1. Budget Transfers

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the attached 2024-2025 budget transfers.

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)			
Account Code	Account Name	Transfer In	Transfer Out
A1621.509	Other Ground Development	\$27,545.08	
A1620.164.25	Salary Security - DW		\$27,545.08
TOTAL		\$27,545.08	\$27,545.08

To transfer funds to cover cost of additional arm on the HS security booth.

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)			
Account Code	Account Name	Transfer In	Transfer Out
A1380.400	Register/Paying Agent		\$4,899.80
A1480.490	Pub Rel - BOCES Svc.		\$15,000.00
A1621.509	Other Ground Development	\$19,899.80	
TOTAL		\$19,899.80	\$19,899.80

To transfer funds for the purpose of purchasing a new digital sign to replace the sign on the corner of Dosoris Lane and Forest Avenue.

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)			
Account Code	Account Name	Transfer In	Transfer Out
A1620.466.25	Building Repair - DW	\$25,000.00	
A1620.160	Summer Help		\$25,000.00
TOTAL		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

To transfer funds for bathroom renovations 1910 building 300 wing.

2. Contracts - Student Services

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the student service contracts as summarized below and authorizes the President of the Board to sign such contract upon approval:

Provider: DOREIT S BAILER
 Address: 330 FOREST AVE
 Locust Valley, NY 11560
 Service: RELATED SERVICE
 Rate: Fee schedule filed in the Office of Special Education

Provider: APEX THERAPEUTIC SERVICES
 Address: 1010 Northern Boulevard, Suite 424
 Great Neck, NY 11021
 Service: RELATED SERVICE
 Rate: Fee schedule filed in the Office of Special Education

Provider: LONG ISLAND NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS
 Address: 45 North Station Plaza
 Great Neck, NY 11021
 Service: RELATED SERVICE
 Rate: Schedule filed in the Office of Special Education

Provider: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES INSTITUTE
 Address: 99 Hollywood Drive
 Smithtown, NY 11787
 Service: TUITION
 Rate: 2-Month: \$13,736; 10-Month: \$83,786

3. Donation - Select Chorale

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$1605.12 (\$1205.12 from Tranquil Heart and \$400 from the Sgt. Al Carbutto Memorial Scholarship Fund) to the Glen Cove High School Select Chorale.

4. Tax Certiorari

Whereas certiorari proceedings have been brought on behalf of the following and:

Whereas it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City School District of Glen Cove to resolve such proceedings:

Now, therefore be it resolved that the City School District of Glen Cove agrees to pay to the attorney of the following in full settlement. This resolution is made under the express understanding that the City of Glen Cove has agreed to pay any and all interest associated with the following hearing officer decisions, Supreme Court stipulations of settlements and certiorari claims:

By Law Office of T. Van Wyck Cushny	
Aldo Verrelli and Melissa Verrelli Sec 31/Blk64/Lot24 Tax Years 2017/18-2024/25 \$4,294.00 Full Payment	Robert Merrill Sec23/BlkF/Lot1795 Tax Years 2017/18-2024/25 \$9,220.00 Full Payment
Maureen Hauser Sec31/Blk51/Lot451 Tax Years 2021/22-2024/25 \$4,102.00 Full Payment	
Breakdown of Total Due 10/31/24	
Full Payments	\$17,616.00
Total Certioraris Due 10/31/2024	\$17,616.00

President Maria Venuto thanked the donor for their generous contribution to the district.

IX. Personnel

A. Certified

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following certified matters:

Move: Anne Markoulis Second: Meghan Lavine Status: Passed

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

1. Appointment of 6th Period Class Teachers

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

Name: Rubin, Brett
Assignment: Concepts of Algebra ICT
Building Assignment: High School
Schedule: 1 period, every day
Effective: 10/15/24 - o/a 11/12/24

Name: Feinstein, Matthew
Assignment: Algebra Explorations 393-11
Building Assignment: High School
Schedule: 1 period, every other day
Effective: 10/15/24 - o/a 11/12/24

Name: Rotolo, Carmine
Assignment: Cybersecurity 816-01
Building Assignment: High School
Schedule: 1 period, every day
Effective: 10/15/24 - o/a 11/12/24

Name: Curatolo, Francesco
Assignment: ENL Geometry Explorations 394E-01
Building Assignment: High School

Schedule: 1 period, every other day
Effective: 10/15/24 - o/a 11/12/24

Name: Amador-Silva, Nicole
Assignment: ENL Geometry 386E-01
Building Assignment: High School
Schedule: 1 period, every day
Effective: 10/15/24 - o/a 11/12/24

Name: Butterworth, Megan
Assignment: Geometry 386-05
Building Assignment: High School
Schedule: 1 period, every day
Effective: 10/15/24 - o/a 11/12/24

2. 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: Maier, Kaylee
Building: High School
FTE: 1.0
Salary: MA, Step 1
Effective: o/a 11/12/2024 – o/a 1/17/2025 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certification: Math 7-12

Comments: Ms. Maier is replacing Ms. Mangiapane, who is on maternity/childcare leave.

Name: Basile, Carmelina
Building: Middle School
Salary: \$150/day (first 30 working days); MA, Step 1 (31st working day, prorated)
Effective: 11/8/2024 – o/a 11/26/2024 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certification: ESOL

Comments: Ms. Basile is replacing Ms. Rodriguez, who will be on a medical leave of absence.

3. Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Permanent Substitute Teachers for the Glen Cove City School District effective the 2024 -2025 school year, as specified below (salary - \$150/day; no benefits).

Name: Bagley, Stephanie
Certification: Math
Building Assignment: High School
FTE: .2
Effective: 10/10/24

Name: Keating, John
Certification: Special Education
Building Assignment: High School
FTE: .2
Effective: o/a 10/24/24

Name: Connors, John
Certification: Social Studies
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: o/a 10/24/24

Name: Bollaci, Sophia
Certification: Childhood Education (Pending)
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Effective: o/a 12/19/24

4. Appointment of Part Time Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons, who are properly certified, be appointed as Part-Time Teachers for the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (salary as per contract, prorated).

Name: Bagley, Stephanie
Area: Math Teacher
Building Assignment: High School
FTE: .8
Schedule & Step: MA, Step 1
Effective: 10/10/24-6/30/25 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certification: Math 7-12

Name: Keating, John
Area: Special Education
Building Assignment: High School
FTE: .8
Schedule & Step: MA, Step 1
Effective: o/a 10/24/24-6/30/25 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certification: SWD 7-12; School Counselor

5. 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: Romano, Jillian
Position: Science Teacher
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: 10/16/24 – 11/8/24

Comments: Ms. Romano is extending her leave for childcare purposes.

Name: Rodriguez, Breacis
Position: ESOL Teacher
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: 11/8/24 – o/a 11/26/24

Comments: Ms. Rodriguez is requesting a medical leave of absence.

6. 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: Commando, Nicholas
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: 10/24/2024 (end of day)

Name: Farrugia, Valeria
Position: Part Time Art Teacher
Building Assignment: Districtwide
Effective: 11/12/2024 (end of day)

Name: Rowan, Lori
Position: ICT TA
Building Assignment: Connolly School
Effective: 10/23/2024 (end of day)

7. Retirement

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

Name: Rianna, Dr. Maria
Position: Superintendent of Schools
Building: Thayer House
Effective Date: 6/30/25 (end of day)

B. Classified

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following classified matters:

Move: Meghan Lavine Second: Anne Markoulis Status: Passed

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

1. Memorandum of Agreement (Glen Cove Educational Association Employees)

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Glen Cove City School District and the Glen Cove Education Support Association as it pertains to the labor agreement for the period of October 23, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

2. Appointment of District Claims Auditor

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following person be appointed as an Internal Claims Auditor of the Glen Cove School District as specified below.

Name: Longobardi, Denise Ann
Position: Internal Claims Auditor
Building Assignment: Thayer House
Salary: \$20,000 pro-rated
Effective: o/a 11/14/24 – 6/30/27

Comments: Ms. Longobardi is replacing Ms. Carrick who resigned.

3. Amended Employee Agreement (Unaligned Personnel)

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approves the Amended Employment Agreement between the Glen Cove School District and the Unaligned Personnel as specified below. Amend the

contract for the current unaligned personnel, for the following employee.

Jon-Stenger, Dulce

4. 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: Pagan, Melissa
Position: Compliance Monitor
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Effective: 10/16/202

President, Maria Venuto acknowledged the retirement of Dr. Maria Rianna. President Venuto read the following statement from the Board of Education:

"It is with deep gratitude and admiration that we recognize Superintendent Maria Rianna for her incredible leadership and unwavering dedication to the Glen Cove City School District. After 12 remarkable years of service, Dr. Rianna has decided to retire at the end of this school year, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy!

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Rianna has guided our district through transformative milestones. With her leadership, we successfully passed a critical bond that has helped to modernize our facilities, ensuring that our students and staff have the resources and environment they need to thrive.

Dr. Rianna along with Ms. Galante worked tirelessly to bring stability to the district's finances, addressing challenges head-on and successfully improving the district's Moody's rating. Their financial stewardship has set a strong foundation for the future of Glen Cove schools, ensuring fiscal health and sustainability.

Beyond numbers and facilities, Dr. Rianna's passion for education and her commitment to the success of every student has shaped the lives of countless young people. Her dedication, resilience, and heart have made Glen Cove a better place for us all.

On behalf of the Board of Education, and the Glen Cove community, we thank you, Dr. Rianna, for your extraordinary service and wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement."

The statement was received to a standing ovation.

Dr. Rianna was very thankful by the statement and in response she mentioned that she's grateful for the way the community has embraced the work we've done during her twelve year tenure. She thanked this Board of Education and those before them for focusing on what the children of this district need. Dr. Rianna continued by thanking her incredible staff, building administrators as well as her administrators in central office. She stated that she has said that this community takes your heart as it surely took mine. She was thankful for the many opportunities that they gave her to do the work that they have done together.

X. Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

XI. New Business

Nothing at this time.

XII. Board Comments

Trustee Meghan Lavine mentioned that this past weekend several board members attended a NYSSBA conference in New York City discussing lots of different ideas going on in the state. We can report on the conference at a later meeting. Trustee Lavine went on by acknowledging Dr. Doeschner at what a great job she did in presenting on Glen Cove's behalf for the second year in a row presenting on our piloted program for the arts pathway to graduation. It was a great presentation and well attended with a great discussion afterwards. Trustee Lavine completed in saying that it was great to showcase our Fine Arts and Music Department and is the envy of many districts in the state.

Dr. Rianna was in agreement with Trustee Lavine's remarks and stated that they have been in contact with at least one district that is interested in pursuing and looking at some of the ideas and also thanked Dr. Doeschner.

Dr. Maria Rianna stated that our boy's soccer team will be going to the next level of competition on Friday night and that we will be cheering them on.

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.

Member from the audience addressed the Board of Education with concerns of which Dr. Rianna acknowledged.

XIV. Executive Session (if necessary)

XV. Adjournment

The Board of Education unanimously (6/0) moved to adjourn public session at 8:42 pm. Our next Board of Education meeting will be on November 6, 2024 at 7:30 pm in the High School Auditorium.

Move: Anne Markoulis Second: Lynn James Status: Passed

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Ida Johnson

District Clerk

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