

Glen Cove Board of Education
MEETING
Wednesday, November 6, 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 Vice-President Angela Raimo, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) entered into executive session at 6:09 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Lia Leone, second by Trustee Anne Markoulis, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) adjourned executive session at 7:28 pm.

A. Salute to Flag

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

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 October 23, 2024 - Presented by District Clerk

The Board of Education by a vote of 6 in favor 1 abstention (6/1 Vice-President Angela Raimo abstained) moved to approve the minutes of November 6, 2024.

Move: Lia Leone Second: Maureen Jimenez Status: Passed

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

Abstain: Angela Raimo

III. Committee Reports

A. Audit Committee

1. Maureen Jimenez
2. Meghan Lavine
3. Angela Raimo

Ms. Victoria Galante reported.

B. Policy Committee

1. Lynn James
2. Anne Markoulis
3. Lia Leone

Mr. Andrew DiNapoli reported.

C. Education Committee

1. Maureen Jimenez
2. Lia Leone
3. Anne Markoulis

Trustee Maureen Jimenez reported.

D. Facilities Report

Victoria Galante

Ms. Victoria Galante reported.

E. Board President's Report - Superintendent Search Update

Maria Venuto

President Maria Venuto stated that the Board of Education will be updating the community each time they have a meeting regarding their search for a new Superintendent of Schools. President Venuto went on to say that they are currently interviewing different search firms with one more interview left before they make their decision. The firm, once chosen, will help them do a thorough search and the process should help the community feel included. A decision on which firm they will go with should be made by tomorrow.

IV. Superintendent Report

A. Updates

Dr. Rianna mentioned a situation that has been in the news over the last couple of weeks and in the education community over the last eight weeks and that is regionalization legislation. According to the New York State Education Department this plan presents an opportunity for districts to enhance educational outcomes and achieve some cost savings through a shared service among school districts. Nassau-Suffolk Long Island has always been a community that supports the principals of collaboration and there are some board members across long island that are concerned about the uniqueness of their districts and the fair sharing of services. Every Superintendent in New York State has been asked to complete a survey that will go to the State Education Department and then to local district superintendents at BOCES. She stated that we are going to come together and look at unique opportunities that may or may not exist between districts as well as the possibility of sharing services, staff and items.

The Superintendent of Schools, stated that this is for all New York State in gathering this information. Some districts are smaller than others and are limited at what they can offer as far as course offerings and opportunities. Sharing best practices among districts in the State of New York can have positive results for school districts facing challenges. Superintendents have advocated for the preservation of local control and we want to know as well as be the first to say yes or no as to what can or can't be shared as well as preserve what's unique to our districts. Sharing of services is not mandated and no one is being forced to share best practices.

The governance of the Board of Education is still and will continue to be local control. Concerns have been expressed for the potential to one's district to be prioritized over another and it is vital to ensure that shared services and resources are not reduced in one district over another.

Dr. Rianna has conversed with the members of the New York Education Department, the NY State Council of Schools Superintendents, the New York State School Boards Association's and New York State Small City Schools

Association. She's had the opportunity to speak with the Commissioner and her cabinet and will be meeting with them in Albany on November 22nd to further speak about local control and that not being compromised. Dr. Rianna understands why some people may be concerned as to why this was an emergency regulation if we're not going to be mandated to do anything. Her advice to the Commissioners Chief of Staff as well as others is to make sure that we are transparent, clarity and confirmation that we are working together to provide what is best for students and that the implementation is not compromised. There will also be a document on our website that explains what the Superintendent of Schools has said. The Superintendent can be contacted with any questions.

1. Veteran's Exemption

The Board of Education's approval will be requested on a Veteran's Exemption. We already have one in place but instead of the minimum we will be looking at the maximum benefit. The calculations have been done and the Board of Education has been given all of the information and we will be moving forward on that as a resolution on tonight's agenda.

2. New Computer Science Fluency Standards

Anna Policastro, Coordinator of Information Technology, presented via PowerPoint the breakdown of NYS Computer Science & Digital Fluency Standards. The presentation was thorough with handouts available to both the Board of Education and audience members. The Board of Education commented on the presentation.

Dr. Rianna added to Ms. Policastro's report.

3. Recognition

Connolly school for the last fifteen years has put together a "Connolly Cares Day" which is a fundraiser for breast cancer. This year they raised over \$1,650. The biggest concentration of that money came from bracelets that were made and sold by Connolly student MacKenzie Alexandra, for this fundraiser and sold \$650 worth of bracelets. MacKenzie when asked stated that she wanted to help people with cancer and raise money to help find a cure.

She was presented with a certificate of recognition and had her photo taken with the principal, the Board of Education president and Dr. Rianna.

V. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Isabel Basil shared some of the great events going on in the high school by acknowledging the great success of the football team. She went on to mention that the senior class will be hosting a volleyball tournament fundraiser to support senior class activities and that winter sports are around the corner and students are getting ready for them. Ms. Basile mentioned that the seniors have started receiving their portraits and are making their selections of which ones will be placed in the yearbook. She also mentioned the upcoming play.

VI. Public Participation

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

Comments and questions were presented during this section of the meeting, all of which were acknowledged.

VII. Instructional Report

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

Move: Lia Leone Second: Maureen Jimenez 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

No Reports

B. Operations

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of 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. Acceptance of Independent Audit Report

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the independent audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, as presented by the District’s external auditing firm of O’Connor Davies, LLP on October 23, 2024.

2. 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
A1620.466.25	Building Repair - DW	\$47,758.49	
A1620.169	Substitutes		\$47,758.49
TOTAL		\$47,758.49	\$47,758.49

To transfer funds for two bathroom renovations in the 400 wing of the 1910 building.

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)			
Account Code	Account Name	Transfer In	Transfer Out
A1620.466.25	Building Repair - DW	\$38,750.00	
A1620.169	Substitute		\$37,850.00
TOTAL		\$38,750.00	\$37,850.00

To transfer funds into building repair to purchase materials and supplies to renovate three bathrooms by the district's maintenance crew.

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)			
Account Code	Account Name	Transfer In	Transfer Out
A1910.431	Insurance	\$16,836.00	
A1620.169	Substitutes		\$16,836.00
TOTAL		\$16,836.00	\$16,836.00

To transfer funds to purchase separate flood insurance since NYSIR no longer includes flood insurance in their policy.

3. Contract - District of Residence

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract for the 2024-2025 school year as summarized below in which Glen Cove is the district of residence and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such contract upon approval:

District of Location	Address	School/# of Students	Services
Syosset Central School District	99 Pell Lane Syosset, NY 11791	1 Student – St. Edward the Confessor	Special Ed services as outlined in IEP.

4. Field Trip

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the participation of the GCHS Wind Ensemble in the Music in the Parks festival to be held at Six Flags in New Jersey on April 26, 2025.

5. Contract - Long Island University

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign such agreement with Long Island University and the Glen Cove City School District to work together to enable both institutions to meet the needs of high school students through the Dual Enrollment LIU High School Scholars Program.

6. Donation - Fabric

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of fabric from Rae Montesano to the Glen Cove School District.

7. Field Trip

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the participation of the Glen Cove Theatre/Masquers Society in the NYS Theatre Education Association Student Conference to be held at The Villa Roma in Callicoon, NY from January 10, 2025 through January 12, 2025.

8. Donation - GAGA Pit

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, the donation of \$5,000 from the

Gribbin School PTA to cover the cost of building a GAGA Ball Pit on the Gribbin School playground.

9. 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 Herman Katz LLP	
Nassau Country Club SEC 23 BLK G LOT 45A TAX YEARS 2014/15-2025/26 \$46,129.00	
Breakdown of Total Due 11/1/2026	
First Payment - Due 11/24/2024	\$46,129.00
Second Payment - Due 10/01/2025	\$46,129.00
Third Payment - Due 10/01/2026	\$46,129.00
Total Certioraris Due 10/31/2024	\$138,388.00

10. Approval of 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar.

11. Veterans' Tax Exemption

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2014, the Board of Education of the Glen Cove City School District authorized the application of the Veteran Tax Exemption as contained in New York Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Glen Cove City School District adopted the following maximum exemptions allowable under New York Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a:

For eligible wartime veterans: \$12,000
 An additional \$8,000 for eligible veterans serving in a combat zone
 An additional \$40,000 for eligible veterans who earned a disability rating; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Glen Cove City School District seeks to increase the maximum exemption allowable in accordance with New York Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Glen Cove City School District adopts the following new maximum exemptions allowable under New York Real

Property Tax Law Section 458-a:
 For eligible wartime veterans: \$54,000
 An additional \$36,000 for eligible veterans serving in a combat zone
 An additional \$180,000 for eligible veterans who earned a disability rating.

IX. Personnel

A. Certified

1. Appointment of Central Administrator

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person, who is properly certified, be appointed as Central Administrator for the Glen Cove City School District as per contract.

Name: Kahan, Theresa
Position Title: Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations
Building Assignment: Thayer
Effective: o/a 11/6/24

Certifications: SDBL

Comments: Ms. Kahan is replacing Ms. Galante who is retiring.

2. Appointment of Reinstating Charter Club

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following designated activity be authorized and reinstated for the 2024-2025 school year and be it further RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as advisor of said activity and to be compensated as per the agreement between the Glen Cove City School District and the Glen Cove Teachers' Association, as specified below (stipend as per contract, split where indicated*).

Club: International Thespian Society
Name: Nadel, Lawrence

3. Authorization and Establishment of New Club & Appointment of Advisor

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following designated activity be authorized and established for the 2024-2025 school year and be it further RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as an advisor of said activities and to be compensated as per the agreement between the Glen Cove City School District and the Glen Cove Teachers' Association, as specified below.

Club: I Am My Sister
Name: Ramsaran, Anaiss
School: Middle School

Note: This club will run in lieu of Debate Club.

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: Botka, Helen
Area: Art Teacher
Building Assignment: Middle School; Deasy School; Gribbin School
FTE: .43
Schedule & Step: MA, Step 1
Effective: o/a 11/7/24-6/30/25 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certification: Visual Arts

Name: Rotondi, Jessica
Area: Art Teacher
Building Assignment: High School; Middle School
FTE: .4
Schedule & Step: BA, Step 1
Effective: o/a 11/7/24-6/30/25 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certification: Visual Arts

5. 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: Botka, Helen
Certification: Visual Arts
Building Assignment: Middle School; Deasy School; Gribbin School
FTE: .57
Effective: o/a 11/7/24 – 6/30/2025 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Name: Rotondi, Jessica
Certification: Visual Arts
Building Assignment: High School; Middle School
FTE: .6
Effective: o/a 11/7/24 – 6/30/2025 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

6. Change in Appointment

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

Name: Maziejka, Michele
From: Special Class TA, Step 15
To: Special Class Monitor, Step 15
Effective: 11/7/24

7. 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: Gambino, Francesco
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Building Assignment: High School

8. 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: Topolovec, Lauren
Position: Elementary Teacher
Building: Landing School
Effective Date: 3/31/25 (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 (7/0) moved to approve the following classified matters as amended:

Move: Anne Markoulis Second: Meghan Lavine Status: Passed

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

1. Appointment of Head Custodians

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed permanently as a Civil Service Employee in the Facilities Department of the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (salary as per contract, prorated).

Name: Fitzpatrick, Michael
Building Assignment: Connolly School
Effective: 11/7/24

Name: Rizzo, Hugo
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: 11/7/24

2. Appointment of School Monitors

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as School Monitors for the Glen Cove City School District, effective the 2024 -2025 school year, or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education, as specified below, pending fingerprint clearance (salary as per contract).

Name: Ayala, Linnette
Assignment: Office Monitor
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Hours: 25 hours per week
Effective: o/a 11/7/2024

Name: Maruca, Robert
Assignment: Special Education Monitor
Building Assignment: Middle School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: o/a 11/7/2024

3. Appointment of Cafeteria Personnel

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Civil Service Employees of the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (salary as per contract).

Name: DiMaggio, Alexis
Position: Cook I HS - Assistant Cook
Building Assignment: High School
Hours: 33.75 hours per week
Effective: 11/7/24

Name: Turan, Songul
Position: Cook I HS - Assistant Cook
Building Assignment: High School
Hours: 33.75 hours per week
Effective: 11/7/24

Name: Diaz Alvarez, Blanca
Position: Cook I Elem - Assistant Cook
Building Assignment: Gribbin
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: 11/7/24

Name: Camacho, Pablo
Position: Cook I Elem - Assistant Cook
Building Assignment: Connolly
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: 11/7/24

4. Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Food Service Helpers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as per diem Substitute Food Service Helpers for the Glen Cove City School District effective the 2024-2025 school year (salary - \$17.00/hr.)

DeValle, Ana Julia
Martinez, Jorge
Megia Garcia, Blanca
Moreno, Sandra
Turizo, Katherine

5. Appointment of Part-Time Food Service Helpers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Part-Time Food Service Helpers for the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (salary as per contract).

Name: Melgar, Lissien
Building Assignment: Middle School
Hours: 23.75 hours per week
Effective: 11/7/24

Name: Cruz, Mirna
Building Assignment: High School
Hours: 25 hours per week
Effective: 11/7/24

Name: Chicas Vanega, Gloria
Building Assignment: High School
Hours: 25 hours per week
Effective: 11/7/24

Name: Zapata Cubillos, Nadia
Building Assignment: High School
Hours: 27.5 hours per week
Effective: 11/7/24

Name: Vega Guillen, Adelina
Building Assignment: High School
Hours: 25 hours per week
Effective: 11/7/24

6. Request 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: Brunner, David

Position: Head Custodian
Building Assignment: Landing School
Effective: 9/20/24 – o/a 12/15/24

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

7. Rescission of Appointments

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

Name: Pagan, Melissa
Position: Compliance Monitor
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Effective: 10/16/2024

Name: Hazard, Kayla
Position: Special Education Monitor
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Effective: 11/6/2024

Name: Marshall, Darriona
Position: Building Monitor
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Effective: 11/6/2024

8. 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: Diaz Alvarez, Blanca
Position: Food Service Helper
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: 11/6/2024 (end of day)
Comments: Ms. Diaz Alvarez is resigning to accept Cook I – Assistant Cook position.

Name: Camacho, Pablo
Position: Food Service Helper
Building Assignment: Connolly School
Effective: 11/6/2024 (end of day)
Comments: Mr. Camacho is resigning to accept Cook I Elem – Assistant Cook position.

Name: Turan, Songul
Position: Cook I Elem - Assistant Cook
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Effective: 11/6/2024 (end of day)
Comments: Ms. Turan is resigning to accept Cook I HS – Assistant Cook position.

Name: DiMaggio, Alexis
Position: Foods Service Helper
Building Assignment: Landing School
Effective: 11/6/2024 (end of day)
Comments: Ms. DiMaggio is resigning to accept Cook I HS – Assistant Cook position.

9. Termination

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

Name: Mangialino, MaryJane
Position: Secretary – Human Resources
Building Assignment: Thayer House
Effective: 11/15/24 (end of day)

C. Non Classified

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approve the following non-classified matter:

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 Human Resources Office Assistant

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Human Resources Office Assistant for the Glen Cove City School District as specified below.

Name: Mangialino, MaryJane
Building Assignment: Thayer House
Effective: 11/18/24 – 1/3/25

X. Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

XI. New Business

Nothing at this time.

XII. Board Comments

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.

Comments and questions were presented during this section of the meeting, all of which were acknowledged.

XIV. Executive Session (if necessary)

XV. Adjournment

The Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to adjourn public session at 8:30 pm. Our next Board of Education meeting will be on November 20, 2024 in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 pm.

Move: Anne Markoulis Second: Angela Raimo Status: Passed

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Ida Johnson
District Clerk _____
Ida Johnson - District Clerk