

Glen Cove Board of Education
MEETING
Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Glen Cove High School

Via Livestream: www.glencoveschools.org

I. Opening Ceremony

On a motion by Trustee Maureen Jimenez, second by Trustee Lia Leone, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) entered into executive session at 5:55 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Meghan Lavine, second by Trustee Angela Raimo, 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
Angela Raimo
Maureen Jimenez
Meghan Lavine
Lia Leone

Absent:
Audre Lynn Hurston James
Anne Markoulis

II. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

Minutes of January 8, 2025 - Presented by District Clerk

The Board of Education by a vote of 4 in favor and 1 abstention (4/1 - President Maria Venuto abstained) moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2025.

Move: Maureen Jimenez Second: Lia Leone Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine

III. Committee Reports

A. Audit Committee

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

Assistant Superintendent of Business, Theresa Khan, reported.

B. Policy Committee

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

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported and answered questions from Board of Education members.

C. Education Committee

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

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction/Technology, Dr. Alexa Doeschner, reported

D. Facilities Report

Theresa Kahan

Assistant Superintendent of Business, Theresa Khan, reported and answered a question that was addressed by a Board of Education member.

E. Board President's Report - Superintendent Search Update

Vice-President Angela Raimo provided an update on the Superintendent search, noting that the district website has been updated with forum details, including those that have already taken place with various in-district units.

A **Community Forum** is scheduled for **March 4th at 6:30 PM** in the **Middle School Library**. Additionally, a **survey for parents and community members** is available in both **English and Spanish** for those who have not yet completed it. A **tentative timeline** for the search has also been posted on the website.

For any questions regarding the search process, individuals are encouraged to contact the search firm directly. The firm's **email address is available on the website**, and only the content of questions—not the sender's email information—is forwarded to the Board of Education.

President Maria Venuto mentioned that a **student forum is being scheduled**, and Trustee Lia Leone reminded the community that if they are unable to attend the March 4th forum in person, they may participate virtually via **Zoom**. A link is provided on the district website.

Community input is highly encouraged, and all are invited to participate in any way possible.

IV. Superintendent Report

A. Updates

Dr. Maria Rianna, stated that the budget season has begun and introduced Ms. Theresa Khan on her first presentation on next year's budget.

1. Budget Presentation

Theresa Khan, Assistant Superintendent of Business, presented Workshop # 1 of the 2025-2026 budget. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation were distributed to the Board of Education and copies were available to all of those in attendance. Dr. Maria Rianna, Superintendent of Schools, added to the presentation and questions from the Board of Education were addressed.

2. Graduation Rate & How Graduation Rates Are Calculated

Dr. Alexa Doeschner, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction/Technology gave a thorough presentation. She answered questions from the Board of Education. Handouts of the PowerPoint presentation were distributed to the Board of Education and handouts were available to everyone in attendance. A comment from Trustee Meghan Lavine was addressed and Dr. Rianna added information to what was presented.

V. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Isabel Basil provided an update on recent events at the high school. She noted that students have been busy taking regents exams this week, with a day off yesterday and another this coming Friday to accommodate testing.

She highlighted a recent **performance by the high school orchestra and select choral ensemble**, which took place on Monday at the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony** at the middle school.

Additionally, Ms. Basil mentioned that **this Friday marks the end of the second quarter**, signaling the transition into the second half of the school year.

She extended **congratulations to Devin Gonzalez, Derrick Brown, and Jayden Johnson**, who were named **All-State in football**. She also recognized **DECA members** who successfully advanced to the **regional competition** in March and wished them the best of luck.

Lastly, she announced that the **Ski Club** is organizing a **mattress sale fundraiser on February 2nd** to help offset costs for their upcoming trip. This also gives the community an opportunity to support this effort.

VI. Public Participation

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

Members from the audience addressed the Board of Education during this section of meeting.

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 (5/0) moved to approve the following.

Move: Lia Leone Second: Maureen Jimenez Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine

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 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 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 of Business, the Board of Education unanimously (5/0) moved to approve the following:

Move: Angela Raimo Second: Meghan Lavine Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine

1. Treasurer's Report - Month of December

2. Financial Reports

- a. Bank Reconciliations - Month of December
- b. Revenue Budget Status Report - Month of December
- c. Appropriation Budget Status Report - Month of December
- d. Register of Bills - Month of December
- e. Check Registers - Month of December

B. Operations

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Business, the Board of Education unanimously (5/0) moved to approve the following:

Move: Meghan Lavine Second: Angela Raimo Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine

1. Contract

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the contract between Glen Cove City School District and Hamburger & Yaffee, LLP and authorizes the President to sign such upon approval.

2. Donation

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, the donation 3 theater flats from JoAnn Criblez to the Glen Cove School District's Fine and Performing Arts Department as outline in their letter.

3. Field Trip - DECA

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the DECA International Business Competition in Rochester, New York from March 5, 2025 through March 7, 2025.

4. 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 2023-2024 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
South Huntington UFSD	60 Weston Street Huntington Station, NY	1 student – St. Anthony's	Special Ed services as outlined in IEP.

5. Field Trip - Music in the Parks Competition

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the participation of the GCHS Orchestra in the

Music in the Parks Competition at Six Flags on April 26, 2025 as outlined in document filed in the Business Office.

6. Field Trip - Junk Kouture

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the trip to the World Final Junk Kouture Championship in Dublin, Ireland from 3/1/25 through 3/6/25 as outlined in paperwork filed in the Business Office.

7. 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
A9050 800	NYS Unemployment Insurance	\$13,294.79	
A2330 153	Summer of Success		\$13,294.79
TOTAL		\$13,294.79	\$13,294.79

To cover unemployment costs.

8. Field Trip - Flag Football Media Day

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the participation of the Varsity Flag Football team in the Flag Football Media Day at Met Life Stadium on February 24, 2025 as outlined in the document filed in the Business Office.

9. Contract - Scott Stone PLLC

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a motion to accept the Agreement for Attorney's Services between the Glen Cove School District and the Law Offices of Scott Stone PLLC to assist the district with Tax Certiorari Matters as specified in the agreement.

10. Contract - BusPatrol

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Amendment to the Opt-in Agreement to participate in the Town of Hempstead, New York/Bus Patrol School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program ("Agreement"), effective immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

11. Refund of Real Property Taxes

WHEREAS, Sageteer Realty, LLC (Thomas Assenzio), of 61 ½ Glen Street, has filed an application pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §556 seeking to correct a clerical error in the 2022 and 2023 assessments in that the assessment roll reflected an incorrect assessment value for the property; and

WHEREAS, the City Assessor determined that a clerical error occurred and recommended that the application be approved with respect to the 2022 and 2023 assessments (2023-2024 and 2024-25 tax years); and

WHEREAS, the City and the County have approved the application and issued the applicable refunds for the years at issue; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the application and the Assessor's recommendation and determined that a clerical error occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to approve the application consistent with the Assessor's recommendation and issue a refund of any taxes paid in error;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Glen Cove City School District hereby approves the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall process the application form as indicated herein and send a copy to the applicant as required by Real Property Tax Law §556; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business shall issue a refund of the taxes paid in error, consistent with the Board's determination.

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 moved to approve the following certified matters.

Move: Meghan Lavine Second: Angela Raimo Status: Passed

1. Appointment of Probationary Teacher

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person, who is properly certified, be appointed as a Probationary Teacher for the Glen Cove City School District as specified below (salary as per contract).

Name: Pereira, Alexandra
Tenure Area: ENL
Building Assignment: Gribbin School /Deasy School
Schedule & Step: MA, Step 2
Effective: o/a 1/23/2025

Certification: ESOL

Comments: Ms. Pereira is replacing Ms. Lightbourne who resigned.

*The probationary period expiration dates set forth above are conditional and subject to extension in accordance with law. These probationary appointments are subject to all applicable provisions of the New York Education Law including, without limitation, that, in order to be eligible for tenure, each of the referenced individuals must have received annual composite or overall Education Law §3012-c and/or §3012-d ratings of Highly Effective (HE) or Effective (E) for at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding school years exclusive of any breaks in service. In addition, if the individuals receive an Ineffective (I) composite or overall APPR rating in his/ her final year of probationary service, s/he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time even if s/he has secured HE or E APPR composite or overall ratings in every other year of his/her probationary service.

**Pursuant to Education Law §2509, a teacher who receives a probationary appointment is entitled to [up to] two years of ["Jarema"] credit toward completion of the probationary period, for service rendered as a regular substitute teacher in the tenure area of appointment.

2. Appointment of Temporary Advisor (HS)

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a Temporary Advisor for the purpose of providing guidance and support to the development of the master schedule that meets the needs of the high school, effective o/a January 23,

2025 (salary - \$850/day, daily rate prorated, if necessary).

Cirnigliaro, Roseann

Comments: The assignment will conclude upon the completion of the 2025-2026 HS Master Schedule.

3. Additional Hours for Credit Recovery Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that an additional 30 hours of credit recovery be approved for the following named persons, effective o/a January 23, 2025 (salary as per contract; not to exceed 30 total hours).

Caesar-Quaye, Liana
Caracciolo, Rachel

4. Appointment of Regular Substitute Teacher

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: Zabransky, Mary
Building: Middle School
Salary: \$125/day (first 30 working days); MA, Step 1 (31st working day, prorated)
Effective: 2/11/25-o/a 5/30/25 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certification: ELA 7-12

Comments: Ms. Zabransky is replacing Ms. Parrinello who will be on maternity/child care leave.

Name: Zabierowski, Alexander
Building: Middle School
Salary: \$125/day (first 30 working days); BA, Step 1 (31st working day, prorated)
Effective: 1/23/25-o/a 2/24/25 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certification: Math 7-12

Comments: Mr. Zabierowski is replacing Ms. Kenney who is on a medical leave of absence.

5. Appointment of Permanent Substitute Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as a 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: Wesch, Olivia
Certification: ECED; CED
Building Assignment: Landing School
Effective: 1/27/25

Name: Zabransky, Mary
Certification: ELA
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: o/a 5/30/25

Name: Zabierowski, Alexander
Certification: Math

Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: o/a 2/24/25

6. Appointment of Part-Time Teaching Assistant

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

Name: Maruca, Robert
Position: Special Education Teaching Assistant
Building: Middle School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: 1/23/25

7. 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: Koenig, Rebecca
From: Pre-K TA, Step 8
To: Pre-K Monitor, Step 8
Effective: 2/1/25

8. 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: Sampson, Jenna
From: .6 FTE Part-Time Teacher
To: .675 FTE Part-Time Teacher
Building Assignment: Connolly School / Deasy School
Effective: 1/15/25

9. Request for Leave of Absence

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

Name: D'Ambrosio, Sara
Position: Permanent Substitute
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: 1/24/25 – o/a 5/20/25

Comments: Ms. D'Ambrosio is requesting an unpaid leave of absence to complete student teaching responsibilities.

10. Resignation

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

Name: Baggia, John
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Building Assignment: Landing School
Effective: 1/10/25 (end of day)

11. 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: Ryder, Jennifer
Position: Teaching Assistant
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Effective: 1/9/25

B. Classified

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource, the Board of Education unanimously (5/0) moved to approve the following classified matters:

Move: Meghan Lavine Second: Angela Raimo Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine

1. Appointment of Head Custodians

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

Name: Helbig, Danny
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Effective: o/a January 27, 2025

Name: Kelly, Shadell
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Effective: o/a January 27, 2025

2. 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 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: Shea, Carol
Assignment: 1:1 Monitor
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: o/a 1/23/25

3. Request for Leave of Absence

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

Name: Ceriello, Elizabeth
Position: Compliance/Lunch Monitor
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Effective: 1/27/25 – o/a 5/9/25

Comments: Ms. Ceriello is requesting an unpaid leave of absence to complete student teaching responsibilities.

4. 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: Lawrence Floyd, Camille
Position: Lunch Monitor
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Effective: 1/20/25 (end of day)

Name: Maruca, Robert
Position: Special Class Monitor
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: 1/22/25 (end of day)

Comments: Mr. Maruca is resigning to accept the Special Education TA position at Middle School.

5. Resignation

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource, the Board of Education unanimously (5/0) moved to approve the following classified matter as amended:

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

Name: Tymchynyuk, Viktor
Position: Director of Facilities
Building Assignment: Thayer House
Effective: o/a February 23, 2025

Move: Maureen Jimenez Second: Lia Leone Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine

X. Unfinished Business

A. Policy# 9800 Second Reading and Adoption

The Board of Education unanimously (5/0) moved to approve Policy # 9800 - Negotiations.

Move: Lia Leone Second: Maureen Jimenez Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine

XI. New Business

A. Policy #5605 - First Reading

B. Policy #1800-E - First Reading

Questions from the Board of Education were addressed.

XII. Board Comments

Trustee Maureen Jimenez shared her experience attending Junior Parent Night, an event focused on preparing students for college. She expressed her gratitude to the guidance department and Mr. Hudson for their efforts in organizing the evening. The event featured a guest speaker from Cornell University, who provided insight into the Ivy League experience. Trustee Jimenez acknowledged that the college process can be

overwhelming but felt reassured by the event's supportive atmosphere. She emphasized that families should lean on the guidance department for support, as they are not expected to navigate the process alone.

Trustee Meghan Lavine shared that she and President Venuto recently toured Deasy School alongside Principal Nastri. During their visit, they explored the new library and STREAM room, noting the creative use of space in a building with limited room. They also had the opportunity to greet some familiar faces. Additionally, they reviewed the newly installed elevator, which is nearing completion, and observed the progress of the school extension project. Trustee Lavine expressed enthusiasm about these exciting updates, particularly seeing the school community in action near the area of the upcoming extension.

President Venuto agreed with Trustee Lavine's remark. She also shared a pile of correspondence sent from some Deasy students. They were handmade notes thanking the Board of Education for various things. The Board of Education was very appreciative of the notes.

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.

Members of the audience addressed the Board of Education with questions and comments, all of which were addressed.

XIV. Executive Session (if necessary)

XV. Adjournment

The Board of Education unanimously (5/0) moved to adjourn public session at 9:23 pm. Our next Board of Education meeting will be February 12, 2025 in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 pm.

Move: Lia Leone Second: Maureen Jimenez Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, Maureen Jimenez, Meghan Lavine

Respectfully submitted by:

Ida Johnson

District Clerk

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