

Glen Cove Board of Education
MEETING
Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 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 (6/0) entered into executive session at 6:05 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Lia Leone, second by Trustee Anne Markoulis, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) adjourned executive session at 7:29 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
Audre Lynn Hurston James
Meghan Lavine
Lia Leone
Anne Markoulis

Absent:
Maureen Jimenez

II. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

Minutes of January 15, 2025 and January 22, 2025 - Presented by District Clerk

A motion by Vice-President Angela Raimo, second by Trustee Meghan Lavine. The Board of Education approved the minutes of said meetings as stated below:

The Board of Education by a vote of 4 in favor and 2 abstained (4/2 - Trustees Lia Leone and Meghan Lavine abstained) moved to approve the Board of Education minutes of January 15, 2025

The Board of Education by a vote of 4 in favor and 2 abstained (4/2 - Trustees Audre Lynn Hurston James and Anne Markoulis abstained) moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025.

III. Committee Reports

A. Board President's Report - Superintendent Search Update

President Maria Venuto reported that the forums with the search firm have been happening. There's a community forum scheduled for March 4th in the middle school library at 6:30 pm. There's a student forum on February 27th at 3 pm. Everything is on track and on schedule.

IV. Superintendent Report

A. Updates

Dr. Maria Rianna acknowledged the little green stands that were displayed in front of each Board of Education member's seat. This is a thank you from the Tech Department on receiving a new 3D printer. These phone holders were created with that printer and given to each of the members to show their appreciation.

1. Opening Video - Elementary Play

Dr. Rianna continued by displaying a video of Landing students performing a sneak peak of Disney Frozen Kids. This production is scheduled for tomorrow night and a separate production will take place soon at Connolly school.

2. Recognition

Dr. Rianna introduced Anna Policastro, Technology Coordinator, who then introduced Giselle Taylor, the Instructional Technology Coach. She recently was awarded the Bright Lights Recognition Award for her contribution for all that she does for the district. Ms. Policastro presented her with a recognition award from the district. Dr. Rianna added to the recognition of Ms. Taylor's work thanking her for her support to our teachers and students every day.

Ms. Taylor thanked everyone for the recognition. She thanked the entire tech team along with Ms. McKenna for nominating her.

Dr. Rianna called up Ms. Kim Riso to the podium who introduced Derrick Brown, Devon Gonzalez and Jayden Johnson who received the New York State All State Honors in football. They were each presented with a certificate of recognition. Dr. Rianna added to the recognition as well as the skill set of these players in the sport. A photo was taken with the group alongside their coaches, the athletic director and the Superintendent of Schools.

3. Portrait of a Graduate

Dr. Maria Rianna spoke about a district shared decision team meeting that took place last year with discussions including things that may impact our school district. They talked about the students and how much they have provided the district with feedback on what the district does every year. The new changes coming down the pike were also included in those discussions and what a graduate should look like.

The Superintendent of Schools, called up both Ms. Sue Poulos and Mr. Bryce Klatsky who volunteered to take this project on. The committee members stood up in recognition along with the students involved with the project. They received a round of applause for their help with putting a Portrait of a Graduate together. A PowerPoint presentation was presented on the process. Each member of the Board of Education was given a handout of the Portrait of a Graduate pamphlet with copies of the same available to all audience members. A photo of the group was taken along with administration.

Dr. Rianna thanked the two student members who she stated were major contributors in the design of the pamphlet. She went on to say that their work will be a showcase for years to come.

4. Rockefeller Institute Report on Foundation Aid

Dr. Maria Rianna via a PowerPoint presentation summarized the highlights of the Rockefeller Report covering the foundation aid formula. It's a study that has been put together by the Governor of New York. The Superintendent of Schools shared it this evening along with how the distribution of the aid is determined.

Handouts of the presentation were available for all those in attendance.

5. Budget Presentation

Ms. Theresa Khan, Assistant Superintendent for Business gave her third budget presentation via PowerPoint where she covered state aid, appropriation budget (capital and administrative components), and reserves. Handouts of the presentation were available for all in attendance.

Dr. Rianna added to the report.

V. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Isabel Basil, reported that winter sports have ended and spring sports will be starting soon including the new sport of girl's flag football that everyone is excited about. Ms. Basil went on to say that over the weekend the boys and girls' varsity basketball teams hosted a clinic for k-8 grade student players. It was a great opportunity for the younger students to learn from the older athletes.

Additionally, the Athletes Helping Athletes group has been doing great work around the community including visiting Connolly school on Monday to speak about sportsmanship and today they went to Landing school to spread the same message.

The GC Masquers have announced the play Chicago that will be running from March 27 - 29th. They encourage everyone to support them by attending any of the performances.

VI. Public Participation

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

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

VII. Instructional Report

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

Move: Anne Markoulis Second: Angela Raimo Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, 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 for Business, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following as amended:

Move: Meghan Lavine Second: Lynn James Status: Passed

Yes: Maria Venuto, Lia Leone, Angela Raimo, 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
A1480 490	Pub Rel BOCES Services	\$18,651.00	
A2330 153	Summer of Success		\$18,651.00
TOTAL		\$18,651.00	\$18,651.00

To transfer funds to cover annual cost for public relations firm Zimmerman & Edelson

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)			
Account Code	Account Name	Transfer In	Transfer Out
A2330 491	BOCES Summer School	\$148,130.00	
A2330 153	Summer of Success		\$148,130.00
TOTAL		\$148,130.00	\$148,130.00

To transfer funds to cover summer school costs.

BUDGET TRANSFER(S)			
Account Code	Account Name	Transfer In	Transfer Out
A1620 507 25	Building Supply DW	\$35,000.00	
A1620 401	B & G Contractual		\$35,000.00
TOTAL		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00

To transfer funds to cover custodial supplies.

2. Excessing of Books - Connolly School

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the excessing of books from a list filed in the business office.

3. Excessing of Obsolete Equipment

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the excessing of the following obsolete equipment as specified below.

- Forest Avenue Electronic Booster Board

4. Excessing of Books - Middle School

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the excessing of books from a list filed in the business office.

5. Approval of Field Trip

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 8, 2025 through March 10, 2025.

6. Rescission of Resolution - 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/BusPatrol 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.

7. Approval of Corrected Resolution - BusPatrol

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Amendment to the Opt-in Agreement to participate in the City of Glen Cove, New York/BusPatrol 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.

8. Contract - BOCES Summer School

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Regional Summer School Program Agreement between Glen Cove City School District and Nassau BOCES for July/August 2025 as outlined on the contract and authorizes the President to sign such contact upon approval.

9. Contract Scope

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the SCOPE Education Services and Professional Membership Agreement and terms specified in the agreement.

IX. Personnel

A. Certified

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, 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, Angela Raimo, Meghan Lavine, Anne Markoulis, Lynn James

1. Appointment of Additional Assignment (Elementary)

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed to an additional elementary class, as specified below (salary as per contract, prorated).

Name: Rossi, Cristina
Assignment: Elementary ENL
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Schedule: 1 class everyday
Effective: 1/27/25-2/14/25

Name: Hajok, Jennifer
Assignment: Elementary ENL
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Schedule: 1 class everyday
Effective: 1/27/25-2/14/25

Name: Iuliucci, Andrea
Assignment: Elementary ENL
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Schedule: 1 class everyday
Effective: 1/27/25-2/14/25

Name: Rodriguez, Emely
Assignment: Elementary ENL
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Schedule: 1 class everyday
Effective: 1/27/25-2/14/25

Name: Blaslov, Elena
Assignment: Elementary ENL
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Schedule: 1 class everyday
Effective: 1/27/25-2/14/25

2. Appointment of Robotics Team

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Robotics Team Coaches effective the 2024-2025 school year, as specified below.

Name: Silverman, Amanda
Assignment: Robotics Team
Sessions: Up to 11 sessions
Stipend: \$100 per session
Effective: 1/14/25 – 4/1/25

Name: Butterworth, Megan
Assignment: Robotics Team
Sessions: Up to 11 sessions
Stipend: \$100 per session
Effective: 1/14/25 – 4/1/25

3. 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 2024 -2025 school year, as specified below (salary - \$150/day; no benefits).

Name: Mattner, Jonathan
Certification: Working towards certification

Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: 2/13/25

4. Appointment of Part-Time Teaching Assistants

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

Name: McCord, Amanda
Position: ICT Teaching Assistant
Building: Connolly School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: o/a 2/13/25

Name: Leotta, Domenica
Position: Special Class Teaching Assistant
Building: Deasy School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: 2/13/25

Name: DeGeorge, Amanda
Assignment: Pre-K Teaching Assistant
Building Assignment: Landing School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: 2/13/25

5. 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 2024-2025 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: Tripp, Steven
Sport: Varsity Boys Lacrosse

Name: Checola, Mark
Sport: Varsity Girls Lacrosse

Name: MacDonald, Christopher
Sport: Varsity Boys Tennis

Name: Rubin, Brett
Sport: Varsity Girls Flag Football

Name: Freitag, Jake
Sport: AV Baseball

Name: Butterworth, Megan
Sport: AV Softball

Name: Campione, Michael
Sport: AV Boys Track

Name: Falen, Peter
Sport: AV Girls Track

Name: Curatolo, Frank
Sport: AV Boys Lacrosse
Name: Torchia, Nicolina
Sport: AV Girls Lacrosse

Name: Rachel Sheridan
Sport: AV Girls Flag Football

Name: Capobianco, Jonathan
Sport: JV Baseball

Name: King, Amanda
Sport: JV Softball

Name: Chiclacos, Michael
Sport: JV Boys Lacrosse

Name: Russo, Jennifer
Sport: JV Girls Lacrosse
Name: Jackson, Isaiah
Sport: JV Boys Tennis

Name: Gross, Nicholas
Sport: 7th Grade Baseball

Name: Gallo, Anthony
Sport: 8th Grade Baseball

Name: Noelle Bryggman
Sport: 7th Grade Softball

Name: Santagata, Josephine
Sport: 8th Grade Softball

Name: Peet, Sean
Sport: Boys Lacrosse JH

Name: Spagnoletti, Dana
Sport: Girls Lacrosse JH

Name: Glaviano, Mark
Sport: Boys Tennis JH

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

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

6. Appointment of Middle School Athletic & Intramural Supervisor

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as Athletic & Intramural Supervisor for the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (stipend as per contract, prorated).

Name: Kocienda, Steven
Effective: 3/31/25-6/7/25

7. 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: Notskas, Olga
Position: Elementary Teacher
Building Assignment: Connolly School
Effective: o/a 6/12/25 – o/a 11/24/25

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

Name: Maimone, Chiara
Position: Special Education Teacher
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: o/a 5/13/25 – o/a 10/10/25

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

8. Resignations

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

Name: Wesch, Olivia
Position: ICT TA
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Effective: 1/24/25 (end of day)

Comments: Ms. Wesch is resigning to accept a Permanent Substitute Teacher position.

Name: Santagata, Josephine
Position: Middle School Athletic & Intramural Supervisor
Effective: 3/29/25 (end of day)

Name: Zhu, Yi
Position: ICT TA
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Effective: 2/4/25 (end of day)

9. 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: Buehre, Sandra
Position: Elementary Teacher
Building: Connolly School
Effective Date: 6/30/25 (end of day)

Name: Marra, Claudia
Position: English Teacher
Building: Middle School
Effective Date: 6/30/25 (end of day)

Name: Cardaci, Lisa
Position: Elementary Teacher (English)

Building: Middle School
Effective Date: 6/30/25 (end of day)

Name: Skaar, Christine
Position: Spanish Teacher
Building: Middle School
Effective Date: 6/30/25 (end of day)

Name: Malley, Rosa
Position: Spanish Teacher
Building: High School
Effective Date: 6/30/25 (end of day)

Name: Blaslov, Elena
Position: ESOL Teacher
Building: Gribbin School
Effective Date: 6/30/25 (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 (6/0) moved to approve the following classified matters:

1. Appointment of Senior Account Clerk

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

Name: Pascarelli, Donna
Position: Senior Account Clerk
Building Assignment: Special Education Office
Salary: Grade V, Step 15
Effective: 2/24/25

Comments: Ms. Pascarelli is replacing Mr. Castronovo who resigned.

2. Appointment of Cleaner

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person 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: Barnes, Jesse
Position Assignment: Cleaner
Building Assignment: Districtwide
Effective: o/a 2/13/25

3. 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: Summers, Demond
Assignment: 1:1 Monitor
Building Assignment: Gribbin School

Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: o/a 2/13/25

Name: Pascucci, Lea
Assignment: Lunch/Recess Monitor
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Hours: 10 hours per week
Effective: o/a 2/24/25

Name: Pascucci, Christopher
Assignment: 1:1 Monitor
Building Assignment: Middle School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: o/a 2/13/25

Name: Guevara, Marcela
Assignment: 1:1 Monitor
Building Assignment: Middle School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: o/a 2/13/25

Name: Koszalka, Anne
Assignment: 1:1 Monitor
Building Assignment: Middle School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: o/a 2/13/25

Name: Pedro, Lauren Noelle Lee
Assignment: 1:1 Monitor
Building Assignment: Gribbin School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: o/a 2/13/25

Name: Kinckiner, Danielle
Assignment: Compliance Monitor
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: o/a 2/24/25

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.)

Moyaho, Brian
Aleman Cruz, Aura
Aravena, Paula Maria
España, Karol

5. 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: Brunner, David
Position: Head Custodian
Building Assignment: Landing School
Effective: 1/24/25 (end of day)

Name: Castronovo, Craig
Position: Senior Account Clerk

Building Assignment: Special Education Office
Effective: 1/27/25 (end of day)

Name: Diaz Alvarez, Blanca
Position: Cook I Elem - Assistant Cook
Building Assignment: Gribbin
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: 1/31/25
Comment: Ms. Diaz Alvarez is resigning to accept Food Service Helper position.

Name: Leotta, Domenica
Position: Special Class Monitor
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Hours: 29.5 hours per week
Effective: 2/12/25

Comment: Ms. Leotta is resigning to accept the teaching assistant position.

6. Appointment of Security Guard

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

Name: Castronovo, Craig
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: 2/13/25

7. 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: Diaz Alvarez, Blanca
Position: Food Service Helper
Hours: 28.75 hours per week
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: 2/3/2025

Name: Mejia Garcia, Blanca
Position: Food Service Helper
Hours: 25 hours per week
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: 2/13/2025

Name: Villalobos De Valle, Ana
Position: Food Service Helper
Hours: 25 hours per week
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: 2/13/2025

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: Ricciardi, Anna
Position: Lunch Monitor
Building Assignment: Gribbin School

Effective: 2/3/25 – o/a 6/30/25

Comments: Ms. Ricciardi is requesting an unpaid family medical leave of absence.

Name: Pascarelli, Donna
Position: Account Clerk
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: 2/24/25

Comments: Ms. Pascarelli will be taking a leave of absence during the probationary period for the Senior Account Clerk position.

9. 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: Smith, Judith
Position: Payroll Supervisor
Building Assignment: Thayer House
Effective: 4/30/25 (end of day)

Mr. Andrew DiNapoli reminded everyone that there will be a special ceremony in June to celebration of all our retirees.

Dr. Maria Rianna added to the many years of dedication to this evening group of retirees as she thanked them all for that. Dr. Rianna also acknowledged our payroll supervisor's retirement and for her many years with the district.

Mr. DiNapoli continued with acknowledging Dr. Morer our newest Assistant Principal at the high school. He went on to say that we are thrilled to have her join the administrative team as she comes to us with her vast experience and her passion for transformative education.

Dr. Rianna also thanked Dr. Morer for her smooth transition in her role into the district.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Naming of Baseball Field

Trustee Lia Leone spoke on the request that the Board of Education received in naming the Glen Cove Varsity Baseball Field after Mr. John Doleci. She mentioned on the letter that spoke to the legacy, dedication, leadership, his inspiring so many players and so much more during Mr. Doleci's time as a coach for the Glen Cove School District.

Trustee Leone asked for this to be put to a vote.

On a motion by Trustee Lia Leone, second by Trustee Anne Markoulis, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) moved to name the Glen Cove Varsity Baseball Field after Mr. Coach John Doleci.

The Board of Education will notify the family on the naming of the baseball field.

B. Policy# 5605 - Second Reading and Adoption

On the recommendation by the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) moved to approve policy #'s 5605 & 1800 E.

Move: Angela Raimo Second: Anne Markoulis Status: Passed

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

C. Policy# 1800-E - Second Reading and Adoption

XI. New Business

A. Student Representative

President Maria Venuto opened up discussion on how this position will look in the future and how this person will be chosen moving forward.

Vice-President Angela Raimo asked Ms. Isabel Basil for her input.

Ms. Basil added that she felt the position should be separate from the class president with multiple individuals or the class president and someone else to get more than one person's view point.

President Venuto agreed with Ms. Basil with giving another opportunity to another student who may want to specifically do something along these lines or some type of a rotation of students.

Vice-President Raimo added that she's not sure of having too many additional students. Possibly with one specific student and an alternate. Not a different person every time.

Trustee Lynn James feels that she would like to see more than one student, no more than two. The student president already is very engaged and very involved in many things and sometimes is not able to participate in a whole meeting. The way it's being executed now is not giving to the student what it should. There may be another part of the study body that we are not reaching out to.

Trustee Lia Leone agrees with giving more opportunities to more students and maybe putting it to a vote is how to go about it with the whole high school population voting on this with possibility including 8th graders to vote.

President Venuto felt that the 8th graders should not be including in any voting as they are not familiar with the high school student body.

Trustee James prefers for the student representative to be a junior instead of a senior. She stated that it feels like it strips the purpose of having it as a revolving door instead it should include someone who is not involved in sports or theatre, etc. or somehow involves a junior where they get to understand what the position is about more than a senior who is already out the door.

President Venuto acknowledged Trustee James suggestion; however, the state law is that this position must be a senior student. She also added that this is something that should be discussed with the policy committee as something new has to be developed.

District Clerk, Ida Johnson mentioned that in speaking with Isabel the senior class president is voted on by the senior class only not the whole high school body.

Dr. Rianna stated that this will be addressed through the policy committee so that it can be fully addressed with any regulations required towards this seat. The current representative should be invited to the meeting for her feedback and experience. If you can't make the meeting maybe Ms. Basil can email the committee with her input or answer any questions they may need from you. The Superintendent of Schools went on to say that Isabel has done a beautiful job in her role as the student representative.

B. Policy# 1800 - First Reading

Mr. Andrew DiNapoli spoke on this policy and the revisions to be made.

C. Policy# 3230-E - First Reading

Mr. Andrew DiNapoli spoke on this policy and the revisions to be made.

XII. Board Comments

Trustee Meghan Lavine acknowledged the approval of the field trip from last year that was once again approved this year for the Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute to Albany which the students got a lot out of last year. Trustee Lavine is happy they are going again in a few weeks and she went on to say that we're fortunate that the funding for the trip is being donated by the Long Island Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network. She thanked them for giving so many students this opportunity to attend that leadership conference.

Trustee Anne Markoulis stated that there are a bunch of wonderful events coming up in the next few weeks. They include the Landing/Connolly plays; the Wizards are visiting us again and hopefully the community comes out to support this event; the Diamond Club event with our own Superintendent of Schools being honored. Trustee Markoulis congratulated her as well as all the honorees and hopes that the community can support this as well as the money goes toward the children of the district for scholarships. Adding to the events is the District Games, where she mentioned for the principals to encourage the students to come and cheer on our high school students compete against one another.

Vice-President Angela Raimo added that the Wizards visiting is a district wide event even though one of the schools is running it. It's meant for everyone. It was a lot of fun the last time they came.

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 concerns, all of which were addressed.

XIV. Executive Session (if necessary)

XV. Adjournment

The Board of Education unanimously (6/0) moved to adjourn public session at 9:30 pm. Our next Board of Education meeting will be March 5, 2025 in the High School Auditorium at 7:30 pm.

Move: Angela Raimo Second: Meghan Lavine Status: Passed

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Ida Johnson

District Clerk

Ida Johnson - District Clerk