



# MANHASSET UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Manhasset, New York 11030

Board MEETING Minutes

April 10, 2025

District Office/Community Room

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Panzik, President, Ted Post, Vice President, Nadia Giannopoulos, Marianna Bruno, and Maria Pescatore, Trustees

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:** none

**STUDENT DELEGATE PRESENT:** Isabella Cholowsky

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:** Dr. Gaurav Passi, Superintendent, Dr. Sam Gergis, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Dr. Rebecca Chowske, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Dina Maggiacomo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM**

### **A. Call to Order**

#### **1. Verification of Quorum**

#### **2. Student/Staff Recognition**

### **Virtual Enterprise NYS & NE Regional Conference and Exhibition National Board Certified Teachers**

Ashley Arcuri-Iaquinto

Allison Weiss Begley

### **NYSSMA All-State Music Festival**

Bernard Chan

Hannah Chang

Felice Chu

Thomas Grygiel

Harrison McKenna

James Tsekouras

## **ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) All-National Honor Choir**

### High School

Adriana Chan  
Colin Gibbs  
Thomas Grygiel  
Isaias Mejia

### Middle School

Winifred Concannon  
Charlotte Cronin  
John Deignan  
Ryan Fini  
Eliana Hakim

## **CMEA All-Eastern Honor Ensemble**

Bernard Chan  
Thomas Grygiel  
Harrison McKenna  
James Tsekouras  
Brian Reilly

## **B. Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the March 20th, 2025 Board Meeting.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

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

### 1. Superintendent's Report

Gaurav Passi

### 2. Student Delegate's Report

Isabella Cholowsky

**D. Approval of the Adoption of the Budget for the 2025-2026 School Year**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby adopts the proposed budget of expenditures in the amount of \$115,043,231 for the 2025-2026 school year, and is authorized to levy the necessary tax thereof after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law, subject to voter approval. The adoption of this budget would require a tax levy increase of 3.11% which is within the statutory tax levy increase limit of 3.11% for this school fiscal year and, therefore, would not exceed the state tax cap and must be approved by a majority of the qualified voters present and voting.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

**E. Approval of the Property Tax Report Card**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby adopts the proposed budget of expenditures in the amount of \$115,043,231 for the 2025-2026 school year, and is authorized to levy the necessary tax thereof after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law, subject to voter approval. The adoption of this budget would require a tax levy increase of 3.11% which is within the statutory tax levy increase limit of 3.11% for this school fiscal year and, therefore, would not exceed the state tax cap and must be approved by a majority of the qualified voters present and voting.

**F. Regular Agenda**

**1. Policy Review**

<b>Adopted</b>	
1050	Annual Budget Vote and School Board Elections
6650	Claims Auditor
<b>Moved to Second Reading</b>	
5100	Student Attendance
9240	Recruiting and Hiring
<b>Moved to Third Reading</b>	
8113	Extreme Heat Condition Days

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

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

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

## **G. Personnel**

### **1. Resolution to Approve the Personnel Schedule**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District ("Board") hereby approves the attached personnel schedule dated April 10, 2025, for Instructional and Non-instructional personnel in accordance with their appropriate collective bargaining and/or individual personnel agreements.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **2. Resolution to Approve Approval of Side Letter with MESPA re: Dec 24 & 31, 2025**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby approves the terms of a Side Letter dated April 8, 2025 between the District and the Manhasset Educational Support Personnel Association ("MESPA") regarding the closing of schools on December 24 and 31, 2025; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign said Side Letter.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **3. Resolution to Approve Approval of Side Letter with MESPA re: Summer Workweek Program 2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby approves the terms of a Side Letter dated April 8, 2025 between the District and the Manhasset Educational Support Personnel Association ("MESPA") relating to a program for alternate summer work schedules for 12 month members of MESPA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign said Side Letter.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

### **4. Resolution to Ament the 2024-2025 Calendar**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education hereby amends the 2024/2025 school calendar to close school on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 in accordance with the contractual provision between the Manhasset Board of Education and the Manhasset Education Association (MEA) which indicates, to the extent there remains at least one unused snow day by May 1 and that the Friday before Memorial Day is already a paid holiday in the official school calendar, the Tuesday following Memorial Day shall be designated as a paid holiday.

## **H. Consent Agenda**

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

**Resolution:** Upon recommendation of the CSE/CPSE/Section 504 Chairperson, the Board of Education hereby approves recommended placements, services, supports, and/or accommodations as recommended in CSE/CPSE/Section 504 meetings held on the dates so indicated in the Committee Recommendations for Board of Education Review with Details, dated April 10, 2025.

### **2. Approval of Special Education DOL/DOR Contract**

**Resolution:** The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the attached Special Education Service Contracts for Parentally-Placed Non-Public School Students for the 2024-2025 school year for the following "District of Residence" whose students attend non-public schools in Manhasset ("District of Location"):

- Glen Cove City School District
- Mineola Union Free School District
- Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District

- Sewanhaka Central High School District
- West Hempstead Union Free School District

### **3. Ratification of Conference Requests**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education hereby ratifies the Conference Requests reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and approved by the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations.

### **4. Approval of Overnight Field Trips and Excursions**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT,** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Board Policy 4531 (Field Trips and Excursions), the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District ("Board") hereby approves the following overnight field trip(s): Music Students, Connecticut Music Educators Association Honors Ensemble April 25-27, 2025.

### **5. Approval of Cross-Contract with Eastern-Suffolk BOCES for Bid**

**Resolution:** Approval of Agreement to Participate in the 2025-2026 Joint Municipal Bidding Program with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for Cross Contract:

Fine Recycled Specialty Paper

Network Copier

### **6. Approval of Agreement with SCOPE for the Summer Enrichment Program**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education approves the agreement between the District and SCOPE Education Services for the 2025 Summer Enrichment Program (Summer Center at Munsey Park), effective July 28, 2025 through August 15, 2025.

### **7. Approval of Hold Harmless Agreement with Molloy University**

**WHEREAS,** the Manhasset Union Free School District and Molloy University desire to cooperate with one another for the purpose of receiving supervised field experience in the area of public school education at the District's schools; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby approves the Affiliation Agreement with Molloy University for that purpose; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said contract on behalf of the Board.

**8. Resolution to Approve Settlement Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District, based on the recommendation of the District’s Audit Committee, hereby accepts that the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District approves the terms and conditions of a Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release, dated April 8, 2025, resolving a litigation matter between the District and the parties named in Confidential Attachment A. ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board President is authorized to sign said Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release on behalf of the Board.

**9. Resolution to Excess Three Golf Carts**

**Resolution:** The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education has determined that the three golf carts listed below are obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the District, and authorizes the equipment to be discarded or donated in whatever way the District sees fit.

Asset	Description
20150001	Golf cart
20150002	Golf Cart
No assigned tag #	Golf cart (blue)

**10. Resolution to Excess Lawn Mower**

**Resolution:** The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education has determined that a John Deere Mower mode Z720A is obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the District, and authorizes the equipment to be discarded or donated in whatever way the District sees fit.

**11. Resolution to Excess Technology Equipment**

**WHEREAS,** the Manhasset Union Free School District has determined that certain technology and/or electronics equipment is obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the District; and  
**WHEREAS** Pup Fish a certified and licensed technology equipment recycling company that specializes in the handling, recycling and disposal of electronic waste in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, has proposed to collect the District’s obsolete technology equipment, wipe all data, and recycle or discard the equipment at no cost to the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education authorizes the District’s Director of Instructional Technology to utilize the services of Pup Fish to dispose of such obsolete technology and electronics equipment, in

accordance with Board Policy No. 6900, and to execute a Business Associate Agreement with Pup Fish on behalf of the Board.

**12. Warrant and Wire Report for the Period Ended February 2025**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District approves the Warrant and Wire Report for December 2024 and January 2025.

**13. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

**Motion** by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Steven Panzik, Ted Post

**I. Upcoming Items of Interest**

April	DAY	MEETING	ANTICIPATED PRESENTATION- DISCUSSION	LOCATION	TIME
23	Thursday	Board of Education	2025-2026 Budget Adoption/Board of Elections	District Office	8:00am
May					
8	Thursday	Board of Education	Formal 2025-2026 Budget Hearing	District Office	7:00pm

**J. Open Time**

**K. Adjourn**

The Board of Education hereby adjourns the public session at 8:12pm.

Motion by Steven Panzik

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Steven Panzik, Ted Post and Nadia Giannopoulos

Respectfully submitted by,  
Nicole M. Rosenberg, District Clerk