

Glen Cove Board of Education
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:30 PM
Glen Cove High School

I. Opening Ceremony

On a motion by Trustee Lia Leone, second by Trustee Meghan Lavine, the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) entered into executive session at 5:25 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Maureen Jimenez, second by Trustee Meghan Lavine the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) adjourned the first half of executive session at 6:10 pm and re-entered into executive session at 6:19 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Lia Leone, second by Trustee Meghan Lavine the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) adjourned executive session at 7:17 pm.

- A) Salute to Flag
Public session was called to order by President Maria Venuto at 7:30 pm.
- B) Roll Call
The following Board of Education members were present:

Maria 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 April 23, 2025 Presented by District Clerk

The Board of Education by a vote of 6 in favor and 1 abstention (6/1 - Audre Lynn Hurston James abstained) moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2025.

Moved by: Anne Markoulis

Seconded by: Meghan Lavine

Carried

III. Committee Reports

- A) Audit Committee
 - 1. Maureen Jimenez
 - 2. Meghan Lavine
 - 3. Angela Raimo

Ms. Theresa Kahan 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

Dr. Alexa Doeschner reported.

- D) Facilities Report
Theresa Kahan

Ms. Theresa Kahan reported.

- E) Board President's Report - Superintendent Search Update
President Maria Venuto reported that the Board of Education is still in progress with the search for the next superintendent and will announce their decision at the meeting of May 21, 2025.

IV. Superintendent Report

- A) Updates

Dr. Maria Rianna announced that during the recent spring break, work began at the high school in preparation for the demolition and reconstruction of the science labs. In addition to the science labs, renovations will also take place in other areas of the high school, including the construction of a new cafeteria. Work is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of school. Cold lunches will be distributed during the last two weeks of school, to help facilitate the tight timeline for completion before the start of the new school year.

Progress updates will be available on the district website. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies are planned at each building once the projects are completed to celebrate these exciting improvements.

Dr. Rianna also noted that construction at Deasy School is expected to extend into the next school year. In addition, Thayer House will undergo a long-awaited facelift after 118 years. She thanked the community for their ongoing support and patience as the district moves forward with these transformative projects.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna shared that she participates in a collaborative group of 56 superintendents across Nassau County. Each year, this group sponsors an annual essay contest, offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving high school student. She explained that the contest process is thorough and impartial. Each participating district submits two or three student essays, which are reviewed anonymously—without student names. Essays are then assigned to different quadrants of Superintendents for evaluation.

This year, Glen Cove High School student Ethan Arriagada was selected as the scholarship recipient for his outstanding essay. Dr. Rianna proudly announced his achievement and invited Ethan to the podium to be recognized. A photo was taken with the student.

Dr. Maria Rianna continued her report by recognizing the ongoing professional development efforts of Board of Education members. She explained that school board members are required to complete coursework, and many go above and beyond to further their learning and leadership skills. In acknowledgment of these efforts, Dr. Rianna proudly presented the Board Achievement Awards to the following trustees:

- **Anne Markoulis** – for earning more than 75 points
- **Meghan Lavine** – for achieving 150 points
- **Angela Raimo** – for an impressive 250 points

Each Trustee received a certificate of recognition, and a group photo was taken to commemorate their outstanding commitment to board service and continued education.

To conclude her update, Dr. Rianna invited the middle school and high school principals to the podium, along with two students—Panagiotis Karathanasis (Middle School) and Michael Renga (High School)—to share highlights from the recent student trip to Spain. Both students delivered engaging PowerPoint presentations, offering a glimpse into the cultural and educational experiences gained during the trip.

The principals expressed their gratitude for the opportunity and emphasized the positive impact the trip had on students. A special thank-you was extended to the chaperones for their dedication and support in making the trip a success.

V. Student Board Member Report

Student board member, Isabel Basil reported on the final stretch of the school year. She informed every one of the spring concert dates and continued with announcing May 20th for the District Wide Research Symposium Science and Art Fair, where student projects will be displayed in the back gym for all to see. Ms. Basil mentioned AP exams will be taking place this week with several changes in the building to accommodate a quiet space during exams. Regents will also be coming up soon so be sure to take advantage of review days being offered. She continued with stating that many of the sports teams are ending for the year and also mentioned that it's an exciting time of year for the high school seniors. Banners with senior portraits are displayed downtown, prom tickets are on sale in the gallery, and permission slips are still be collected for the upcoming senior trip. Senior college decisions are displayed in the guidance hallway and May 9th is the last day to pre-order your yearbook.

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 and administration. Questions were addressed by administration.

VII. Instructional Report

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

Moved by: Lia Leone

Seconded by: Maureen Jimenez

Carried

- 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 Special Education Office 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 Special Education Office.
- C) Suspension of Grading
WHEREAS, due to the New York State Education Department’s ongoing progress toward the implementation of new Graduation Measures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby suspends the District’s Secondary Grading Policy 4710 for the 2024-2025 school year with respect to the weight of Regents examinations on course grades; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent to submit to the Board of Education a ‘NO HARM’ plan for weighting of the Regents examination for consideration, review and immediate approval by the Board of Education.

The final grade of each Regents course will be calculated by averaging each of the quarterly grades and the Regents examination grade only if the Regents grade is equal or higher than the student’s four quarter average. Should a student achieve a Regents grade that is less than the student’s four quarter average, then the final grade for the Regents course will not factor in the Regents grade and be calculated by averaging each of the four quarter grades.

The Glen Cove City School District Policy Committee shall meet with the Grading Policy Advisory Team to review the current grading policy in consideration of anticipated changes to graduation requirements, with the goal of informing any necessary amendments to the secondary grading policy, including the weighting of Regents examinations.

VIII. Business Affairs

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

*Moved by: Anne Markoulis
Seconded by: Angela Raimo*

Carried

- A) Finance
1. Treasurer's Report - Month of March
 2. Financial Reports
 - a. Bank Reconciliations - Month of March
 - b. Revenue Budget Status Report - Month of March

- c. Appropriation Budget Status Report - Month of March
- d. Register of Bills - Month of March
- e. Check Registers - Month of

B) Business Affairs - Operations

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

Moved by: Maureen Jimenez

Seconded by: Lia Leone

Carried

1. 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:

CRONIN & CRONIN LAW FIRM	
LOIS WEINSTEIN 12 WHITNEY CIRCLE SEC31/BLK51/LOT539 TAX YEAR 2021/2022 \$447.03	PATRICK GERMAIN 29 LAUREL AVE SEC31/BLK18/LOT193 TAX YEAR 2021 \$349.24
Breakdown of Total Due 05/15/2025	
	\$447.03
	\$349.24
Full Payment of SCAR Claims	\$796.27

2. Excessing of Equipment

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the excessing of obsolete technology items.

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 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
Oyster Bay-E. Norwich School District	1 McCouns Lane Oyster Bay, NY 11791	12 Students St. Dominick	Special Ed services as outlined in IEP.

4. 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:

- Yamaha Baby Grand Piano – ID# 101662 (HS)
- Baby Grand Piano – ID# 00001308 (MS)
- Baby Grand Piano – ID# N/A (MS)

5. Contract – Nassau BOCES Twilight Alternative Program

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Twilight Alternative Program Agreement between the Glen Cove City School District and Nassau BOCES for the 2025-2026 school year as outlined on the attached contract and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such contract upon approval.

6. Appointment of Inspector and/or Substitute Chairperson of Election

BE IT RESOLVED that the following named qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York are hereby appointed as an Inspector or Substitute Chairperson of Election for the School District Trustee and Budget Election to be held on May 20, 2025.

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT A, B, C – High School, Back Gym

Antoinette Pepper 3 Midwood Place Inspector / Substitute Chairperson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Chairpersons of Election shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$363 full day only (or \$22.00 per hour). Inspector of Election shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$296 for the full day (or \$18.50 per hour).

Additionally, a one-hour training for the individual listed above will be given by the district clerk and they shall be compensated at a rate of \$16.50 for the one-hour session (or whatever the minimum wage rate is).

7. Appointment of Nursing Home Poll Workers

BE IT RESOLVED that the following named Nassau County Nursing Home Poll Workers are hereby appointed to assist in an absentee ballot vote at The Regency Assisted Living Facility located at 94 School Street, Glen Cove, New York 13 days before the May 20, 2025 Annual School District Budget and Trustee Election.

Poll Worker:

Name 1: Donna Marino – 47 Valentine St., Glen Cove, NY 11542

Name 2: Antoinette Pepper – 3 Midwood Place, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Substitute Poll Worker:

Name 3: Lori Testa – 12 Briarwood Drive, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Name 4: Barbara Nadel – 53 Pasadena Drive, Plainview, NY 11803

Name 5: Patricia Valenzano – 6 Summit Drive, Bayville, NY 11709

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Nursing Home Poll Worker shall be entitled to a compensation rate of \$75.

8. Contracts – Student Services

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

Provider: New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.

Address: 1400 Old Country Road Suite C103
Westbury, N.Y. 11590

Service: Resource Room, Home Tutoring, Reading Specialist, Teacher of the deaf, Parent Training (Addendum to prior contract page was missing from original contract)

Rate: Filed in the Special Education Office

9. 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:

Item	Qty.
Dissecting Microscopes	5
Electronic Microscopes	25
Criminalistics: An introduction to forensic science ISBN: 0-13-193525-9	40
Prentice Hall Biology ISBN: 0-13-013827-4	25
Biology: Cycles of Life ISBN: 0-669-50895-0	23

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools made by the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approved the following classified matters:

Moved by: Anne Markoulis

Seconded by: Meghan Lavine

Carried

1. Appointment of First in Math Coach

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a First in Math Coach effective April 29, 2025 through May 31, 2025, as specified below.

Name: Shannon, Cassandra

Building Assignment: Deasy School

Hours: Up to 12 Hours

Salary: \$120 per hour

2. 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: Christ, Joanna
Certification: Working towards certification
Building Assignment: Deasy School
Effective: o/a 5/8/25

Name: Perez, Delilah
Certification: Working towards certification
Building Assignment: Landing School
Effective: o/a 5/8/25

3. Additional Hours for Credit Recovery Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that an additional twenty-five (25) hours of credit recovery be approved for the following named persons, effective o/a May 12, 2025 (salary as per contract; not to exceed 25 total hours).

Caesar-Quaye, Liana
Caracciolo, Rachel

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: Morera Tirado, Alicia
Position: ESOL/Elementary Teacher
Building Assignment: Connolly/Landing School
Effective: 6/30/25 (end of day)

Name: Issing, Kyle
Position: Permanent Substitute Teacher
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: 4/29/25 (end of day)

5. 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: Bannerman, Barbara
Position: Elementary Teacher
Building: Deasy School
Effective Date: 10/31/25 (end of day)

Carried

B) Classified

On the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools made by the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel the Board of Education unanimously (7/0) moved to approved the following classified matters:

Moved by: Anne Markoulis
Seconded by: Angela Raimo

Carried

1. Employee Agreements (Unaligned Personnel)

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approves the Employment Agreements between the Glen Cove School District and the Unaligned Personnel as specified below. Amend the contracts for all current unaligned personnel, for the following people.

Prusher-Kekovski, Carly

Viscovich, Lisa

2.Reassignment – Confidential Secretary

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be reassigned from the position of Confidential Secretary for the Curriculum Office to the position of Confidential Secretary for the Office of the Superintendent as a Civil Service Employee of the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below. Further, be it RESOLVED, that the contract for the unaligned personnel be amended, for the person listed below.

Name: Cantor, Deborah

Building Assignment: Thayer House

Salary: As per contract

Effective: 7/1/25

Comments: Ms. Cantor is replacing Ms. Martin who is resigning for the purpose of retirement.

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: Camerlengo, Rachael

Assignment: Compliance Monitor

Building Assignment: Deasy School

Hours: 29.5 hours per week

Effective: o/a 5/8/25

Name: Tripathi, Cindy

Assignment: Lunch/Recess Monitor

Building Assignment: Deasy School

Hours: 10 hours per week

Effective: o/a 5/8/25

4. 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: Aleman Cruz, Aura

Building Assignment: High School

Hours: 25 hours per week
Effective: 5/8/25

Name: Espana, Karol
Building Assignment: High School
Hours: 25 hours per week
Effective: 5/8/25

Name: Aravena Figueroa, Paula
Building Assignment: High School
Hours: 25 hours per week
Effective: 5/8/25

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: Monahan, Kayla
Position: Compliance/Lunch Monitor
Building Assignment: Landing School
Effective: 4/25/25 (end of day)

Name: Huertas, Felix
Position: 1:1 Monitor
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: 4/25/25 (end of day)

X. Unfinished Business

Nothing at this time.

XI. New Business

1. **Policy # 4531-R - Field Trips & Excursions Regulation - First Reading**
2. **Policy # 7500 - Dedications & Memorials - First Reading**

XII. Board Comments

Trustee Lia Leone mentioned that the Knightline was mailed to all residence and has budget information and highlights of all the wonderful things that our students are doing. It also includes the QR code letting people know where to vote.

Trustee Meghan Lavine stated that she participated in a NYSSBA workshop this morning regarding the policies that the district will be working on this month. She suggested that the board members take a look at the recorded version of the workshop as it would be helpful to review prior to the policy meeting. Trustee Lavine mentioned that parts of the workshop were very interesting and although many of the items discussed will be mandated, there will still be local control on them.

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.

XIV. Executive Session (if necessary)

XV. Adjournment

The Board of Education unanimously (7/0) adjourned public session at 9:14 pm. Our next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2025 in the high school auditorium at 7:30 pm.

Moved by: Anne Markoulis

Seconded by: Angela Raimo

Carried

Respectfully submitted by:

Ida Johnson

District Clerk _____

Ida Johnson - District Clerk