Glen Cove Board of Education
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7:30 PM
Glen Cove High School

I. Opening Ceremony

On a motion by Trustee Anne Markoulis, second by Trustee Maureen Jimenez, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) entered into executive session at 5:45 pm.

On a motion by Trustee Anne Markoulis, second Trustee Maureen Jimenez, the Board of Education unanimously (6/0) adjourned executive session at 7:18 pm.

A) Salute to Flag
Public session was called to order by President Maria Venuto at 7:31 pm.

B) Roll Call
The following Board of Education members were present:

Maria Venuto
Angela Raimo
Maureen Jimenez
Meghan Lavine
Lia Leone
Anne Markoulis

Absent:
Audre Lynn Hurston James

II. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

A) Minutes of April 9, 2025 - Presented by District Clerk
The Board of Education by a vote of 5 in favor 1 abstention (5/1 - President Maria Venuto abstained) moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2025.

Moved by: Anne Markoulis
Seconded by: Angela Raimo

Carried

III. Committee Reports - Nothing at this time

A) Board President's Report - Superintendent Search Update
President Maria Venuto stated that they have started the interview process. They have five candidates and they are hopeful that they will have their decision by early May.

IV. Superintendent Report

A) Updates
Dr. Maria Rianna mentioned a lot of capital projects that will be taking place in the district on or about June 13th. Dr. Rianna went on to say that a number of the middle and high school students had a wonderful experience in Spain. We will hear more about their trip at our May 7th meeting.

The Superintendent of Schools said that as we head into the month of May concerts begin as well as end of year activities start. She's looking forward to all of them.

1. Budget Presentation

Theresa Kahan, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented her sixth workshop covering the proposed 2025 - 2026 budget breakdown for the administrative, capital and program components. Handouts of her presentation were available to all in attendance and the Board of Education will have an opportunity to vote on next year's budget adoption later in the meeting.

V. Student Board Member Report

Elias Benitez shared an update on the exciting events happening at the high school as the school year enters its final months:

- **Spain Trip:**
  Both middle and high school students recently had the incredible opportunity to travel to Spain, expanding their cultural understanding and global awareness.
- **Powerful Lessons:**
  Students engaged in moving educational experiences, learning about apathy and justice from two courageous individuals.
  - Juniors heard a powerful testimony from Mr. Olman, a Holocaust survivor, who shared his personal experiences during one of history's darkest periods.
  - Sophomores listened to a survivor of the Rwandan genocide, whose story emphasized the resilience of the human spirit and the importance of education in preventing future atrocities.
- **College Decision Day Countdown:**
  College Decision Day is quickly approaching! Downtown visitors can now see the senior banners proudly displayed. On Thursday, May 2nd, all seniors will celebrate by wearing apparel from their chosen colleges.
- **Senior Events:**
  - Prom tickets are currently on sale in the gallery for $100.
  - Seniors are also preparing for their exciting class trip to RPM Raceway.
- **Upcoming Performances and Competitions:**
  - The **Wind Ensemble** is finalizing preparations for their major competition at Six Flags this Saturday.
  - **Select Choral** continues intense rehearsals ahead of their upcoming performance trip to London.
- **Career Opportunities:**
  Thanks to the efforts of Ms. Kessel, students had the chance to explore future career paths at the **Job Fair** held on April 9th.

Following Elias's report, a question from a Board of Education Trustee was addressed.

VI. Public Participation

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

Nothing was addressed during this section of the meeting.

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 (6/0) 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 Office of Special Education.

VIII. Business Affairs

A) Finance - No Reports

B) Business Affairs - 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:

Moved by: Angela Raimo
Seconded by: Anne Markoulis

Carried

Business Affairs - Operations
1. Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget
RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopts the 2025 – 2026 budget in the amount of $118,123,184 which represents a 2.981% tax levy increase.

2. Contract – Polaris Electrical Construction Corp.
BE IT RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement between Polaris Electrical Construction Corp. and the Glen Cove School District to provide services as outlined in the agreement and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.

3. Designating Members of the Board of Registration
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the City School District of Glen Cove, New York, that the following named members are hereby appointed as member of the Board of Registration for the purpose of registering those qualified voters who are not registered under permanent personal registration, or on the list furnished by the Nassau County Board of Elections.

4. BOCES Administrative Operations Budget and Election of Trustees

I, Ida Johnson, District Clerk of the Board of Education of the Glen Cove School District, **DO HEREBY** certify that at the public meeting of said Board held on this 23rd day of April 2025, a quorum being present, upon a motion duly made and seconded, and after opportunity for consideration and discussion, a majority of said Board cast votes for the candidates for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County whose names are marked with an "X" on the ballot form hereinabove attached, and **I DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that at said public meeting, a majority of said Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereinafter "Nassau BOCES") has proposed and presented its Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2025/2026 school year (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2025/2026 school year in the amount of twenty-seven million, eight hundred seventy-seven thousand, two hundred sixteen dollars ($27,877,216) be, and hereby is,

X APPROVED BY THIS BOARD	DISAPPROVED BY THIS BOARD

The District Clerk is instructed to check the appropriate box to reflect the action taken by the Board, then sign and mail the ballot and certificate to Nassau BOCES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this certificate as District Clerk of the Board hereto on this 23rd day of April 2025.

5. Contract – Arrow Steel Window Corp.
BE IT RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement Arrow Steel Window Corp. and the Glen Cove School District to provide services as outlined in the agreement and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such 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:

Moved by: Anne Markoulis
Seconded by: Meghan Lavine

Carried

1. Appointment of Regular Substitute Teacher
Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a Regular

Substitute Teacher for the Glen Cove City School District as specified below.

Name: Peet, Sean
Building: High School
Salary: $150/day (first 30 working days); MA, Step 2 (31st working day, prorated)
Effective: 3/24/25-o/a 6/30/25 (or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education)

Certification: Physical Education Initial Certificate

2. Appointment of Intermittent Interim Teacher
Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person who is properly certified, be appointed as an Intermittent Interim Teacher for the Glen Cove City School District as specified below.

Name: Kocienda, Steven
Position: Science Teacher
Building: High School
Salary: $315 per day
Effective: 4/24/25 - o/a 6/30/25

Certifications: Bio 7-12; Earth 7-12

Comments: Mr. Kocienda will be covering Ms. Graziosi who is on a medical leave.

3. Appointment of Regents Review Class Teachers (High School)
Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Regents Review Class Teachers effective o/a May 1, 2025 through o/a June 27, 2025 (salary as per contract).

Name: Amador-Silva, Nicole
Course: Algebra 1
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Rubin, Brett
Course: Algebra II
Hours: Up to 5 Hours

Name: Feinstein, Matthew
Course: Algebra II
Hours: Up to 5 Hours

Name: Bunyan, Kerry
Course: Chemistry
Hours: Up to 5 Hours

Name: Elezi, Samantha
Course: Chemistry

Hours: Up to 5 Hours

Name: Smith, Brian
Course: Earth Science
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Pavlovich, Lora
Course: English Language Arts
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Curatolo, Francesco
Course: ENL Algebra 1
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Flores, Arturo
Course: ENL Global History
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Luxenberg, Jennifer
Course: ENL US History
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Rivera, Alexandra
Course: ENL Living Environment
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Butterworth, Megan
Course: Geometry
Hours: Up to 5 Hours

Name: Sanchez, Taylor
Course: Geometry
Hours: Up to 5 Hours

Name: O'Donnell, Christopher
Course: Global History
Hours: Up to 5 Hours

Name: Treder, Danielle
Course: Global History
Hours: Up to 5 Hours

Name: Mattia, Michelle
Course: Italian FLACS
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Sotiriadis, John
Course: Living Environment
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Kolczynski, James
Course: Physics
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Germino, Clare
Course: Spanish FLACS
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Francisco Rodriguez, Domifer
Course: Spanish OHM
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

Name: Gross, Nicholas
Course: US History
Hours: Up to 10 Hours

4. Appointment of Regents Review Class Teachers (Middle School)
Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Regents Review Class Teachers effective o/a May 1, 2025 through o/a June 27, 2025, as specified below (salary as per contract).

Name: Kenney, Kirsten
Subject: Algebra I
Hours: Up to 12 Hours

Name: Checola, Judith
Subject: Algebra I
Hours: Up to 12 Hours

5. Request for Leave of Absence
Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the request for a part-time intermittent leave of absence for the following named person be approved as specified below.

Name: Graziosi, Victoria
Position: Science Teacher
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: 4/4/25- o/a 6/30/25

Comments: Ms. Graziosi is requesting an intermittent leave of absence for medical purposes.

6.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: Koszalka, Anne
Position: 1:1 Teaching Assistant
Building Assignment: Middle School
Effective: 4/11/25 (end of day)

Name: Alonso, Jaymie

Position: Assistant Director of Special Education
Building Assignment: Special Education Office
Effective: 6/30/25 (end of day)

Name: Burnett, Jacklyn
Position: Principal
Building: Landing School
Effective Date: 6/30/25 (end of day)

7. Retirements
Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the resignation, for the purpose of retirements, of the following named persons be approved as specified below.

Name: Carroll, Lawrence
Position: Assistant Principal
Building: Middle School
Effective Date: 8/29/25 (end of day)

Name: McGrath, Alice
Position: Elementary Teacher – Social Studies
Building: Middle School
Effective Date: 6/30/25 (end of day)

Name: Scicchitano, Valerie
Position: Special Education Teacher
Building Assignment: Connolly School
Effective: 6/30/25 (end of day)

Name: Tripp, Steven
Position: Physical Education Teacher
Building Assignment: High School
Effective: 6/30/25 (end of day)

B) Classified
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 classified matters:

Moved by: Angela Raimo
Seconded by: Anne Markoulis

Carried

1. Memorandum of Agreement (UPSEU, Glen Cove Custodial Unit / Operational and Maintenance Employees)

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Glen Cove School District and the UPSEU, Glen Cove Custodial Unit / Operational and Maintenance Employees dated March 10, 2025 for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029.

2. Appointment of Director of Facilities III
Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed permanently as a Civil Service Employee for the Glen Cove City School District, *the recommendation, as specified below, is based upon the successful completion of the onboarding process.*

Name: Novak, Daniel
Building Assignment: District
Salary: As per contract
Effective: o/a 5/28/25

Comments: Mr. Novak is replacing Mr. Tymchynyuk who resigned.

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

Montan De Ramirez, Isis

Mr. Andrew DiNapoli reminded everyone that there will be a special ceremony at our June 4th Board of Education meeting recognizing our retired and tenured staff.

X. Unfinished Business - Nothing at this time

XI. New Business - Nothing at this time

XII. Board Comments

President Maria Venuto called for nominations for Board Trustees for the Nassau BOCES Election. The nominations are: Michael A. Jaime, Fran N. Langsner and Robert Schoen

Moved by: Lia Leone
Seconded by: Maureen Jimenez

Carried

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.

Trustee Meghan Lavine thanked Ms. Leila Watson for everything that she does for our students. She went on to say that seeing the impact and how quickly the middle school group has put all the events together is so meaningful and impactful. Trustee Lavine stated that she can't imagine all the work and efforts it takes to coordinate in doing all of this.

XIV. Executive Session (if necessary)

XV. Adjournment

The Board of Education unanimously (6/0) adjourned public session at 8:02 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2025 in the high school auditorium at 7:30 pm.

Moved by: Lia Leone
Seconded by: Maureen Jimenez

Carried

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