MANHASSET UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Manhasset, New York 11030

Organizational Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

District Office/Community Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nadia Giannopoulos, Maria Pescatore, Mariana Bruno, Allison O'Brien Silva and Jenna Rizzo

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: None

STUDENT DELEGATE PRESENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Christopher J. Pellettieri, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Chowske, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dina Maggiacomo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Gerard Antoine, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

Meeting called to order at 10:10 AM

A. Meeting Opening

1. Verification of Quorum

B. Reorganization of the Board

1. Ceremonial Administration of Oath of Office to newly elected Board member Jenna Rizzo

2. Call for the Election and Swearing in of Board President Nadia Giannopoulos

Motion by Maria Pescatore, second by Allison O' Brien Silva
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O' Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo
Not Present at Vote: Marianna Bruno

3. Call for Election and Swearing in of the Board Vice President Maria Pescatore

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos, second by Allison O' Brien Silva.
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O' Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

Not Present at Vote: Marianna Bruno

3. Ceremonial Administration of Oath of Office to Interim Superintendent of Schools Christopher J. Pellettieri

C. Appointments of District Officers

1. Appointments and Oaths of Office

Be it Resolved that…

Nicole Rosenberg is hereby appointed Clerk of the Board of Education of this District from July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Suneev Japra is hereby appointed as District Treasurer for the 2026-2027 school year.

Jared Berry and Dolores Mazzilli are hereby appointed as Central Treasurer's for the 2026-2027 school year.

Gerard Antoine is hereby appointed as Assistant Treasurer for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

D. Appointment of Committees

1. Appointment of Committee on Special Education

Resolution: In compliance with the New York State and federal regulations, the Board of Education is asked to approve the appointment of the following persons (positions) as members of the Manhasset Committee on Special Education:
Committee Chairperson:
Dr. Agnieszka Dynda, Director of Preschool, Elementary Special Education, and Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Laura Peterson, Executive Director for Student Services
Dr. Allison Cali, psychologist
Dr. Gregory DiGiacomo, psychologist
Ms. Kim-MarieJappell, psychologist
Ms. Jaclynne Reardon, psychologist
Ms. Sarah Sammis, psychologist
Ms. Argyro Vatakis, psychologist

Committee Members:
All District psychologists
All District special education teachers
All District general education teachers
All District speech and language teachers
All District social workers
All District school counselors
All District contracted related service providers

District Physician: contracted through Mount Sinai South Nassau

CPSE Parent Members:
Ms. Darlene DePietro
Ms. Raveena Jagwani
Ms. Ann Lynch
Ms. Valentina Musco
Surrogate parent:
Ms. Raveena Jagwani
Ms. Ann Lynch

Motion by Maria Pescatore, Second Allison O'Brien Silva
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

2. Appointment of Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)

Resolution: In Compliance with the New York State and federal regulations, the Board of Education is asked to approve the appointment of the following persons (positions) as members of the Manhasset Committee on Preschool Special Education:

Committee Chairperson:
Dr. Agnieszka Dynda, Director of Preschool, Elementary Special Education, and Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Laura Peterson, Executive Director for Student Services
Dr. Allison Cali, psychologist
Dr. Gregory DiGiacomo, psychologist
Ms. Kim-MarieJappell, psychologist
Ms. Jaclynne Reardon, psychologist
Ms. Sarah Sammis, psychologist
Ms. Argyro Vatakis, psychologist

Committee Members:
All District psychologists
All District special education teachers

All District general education teachers
All District speech and language teachers
All District social workers
All District school counselors
All District contracted related service providers
District Physician: contracted through Mount Sinai South Nassau

CPSE Parent Members:
Ms. Darlene DePietro
Ms. Raveena Jagwani
Ms. Ann Lynch
Ms. Valentina Musco
Surrogate parent:
Ms. Raveena Jagwani
Ms. Ann Lynch

Motion by Maria Pescatore, second Allison O'Brien Silva
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

3. Appointment of Chairpersons of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Resolution: In Compliance with the New York State and federal regulations, the Board of Education is asked to approve the appointment of the following persons (positions) as Chairpersons of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973:

Dr. Agnieszka Dynda, Director of Preschool, Elementary Special Education, and Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Stewart Grabelsky, Director of Secondary Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
Dr. Chad Altman, Munsey Park Elementary School Principal
Dr. Richard Roder, Manhasset Secondary School Principal
Ms. Jessica Zimmer, Shelter Rock Elementary School Principal
Dr. Allison Cali
Dr. Gregory DiGiacomo
Dr. Jessica Held
Ms. Kim-Marie Jappell
Ms. Jaclynne Reardon
Ms. Alyse Portela
Ms. Sarah Sammis
Ms. Stephanie San Antonio
Dr. Holly Tricarico
Ms. Argyro Vatakis

Motion by Maria Pescatore, second Allison O'Brien Silva
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED

YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

4. Appointment of Audit Committee Member

Resolution: BOE Member Jenna Rizzo is hereby appointed to a three-year term from July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029.

Motion by Maria Pescatore, second Allison O'Brien Silva
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

5. Board Member Liaison Committee Appointments

1. Audit Committee - Allison O'Brien Silva and Jenna Rizzo
2. CAC Finance - Maria Pescatore and Allison O'Brien Silva
3. MAAC (Athletics) - Maria Pescatore and Marianna Bruno
4. School Community Association (SCA) - Maria Pescatore and Jenna Rizzo
5. Tower Foundation - Nadia Giannopoulos and Marianna Bruno
6. PASE (Special Education) - Nadia Giannopoulos and Jenna Rizzo
7. Economic Opportunity Center (EOC) - Allison O'Brien Silva and Jenna Rizzo
8. Policy Committee - Maria Pescatore and Marianna Bruno
9. Safety Committee: Allison O'Brien Silva and Nadia Giannopoulos

E. <u>Appointments of Other District Positions</u>

1. Appointments of Other District Positions

Be it Resolved that the following 2026-2027 appointments be approved.
Be It Further Resolved that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board.

District Appointees
Asbestos Compliance and Hazardous LEA Materials Designee – Jenny Carcana
Assistant District Clerk – Marianne Shields Deputy District Clerk - Gerard Antoine
Attendance Officers: Dr. Chad Altman, Jessica Zimmer, and Dr. Richard Roder
Central Treasurer for Extra Classroom Activity Accounts – Jared Berry and Dolores Mazzilli
Certifier of Payrolls – Dr. Christopher J. Pellettieri, Gerard Antoineand Quinn Paggi
Data Privacy/Protection Officer - Michael Greiner
Designated Educational Official – Dr. Rebecca Chowske
Dignity Act Coordinators – Laura Peterson, Deana Folchetti-Puglin, Brian Nolan, Keri Crocco

McKinney-Vento Liaison - Laura Peterson
Medicaid Compliance Officer - Laura Peterson
Purchasing Agent – Christina McDonnell
Assistant Purchasing Agent – Javon Degraffenreid
Records Access Officer – Gerard Antoine
Records Management Officer – Nicole Rosenberg
Section 504 Compliance Officer – Laura Peterson
District Chief Title IX Compliance Coordinators- Dina Maggiacomo and Gerard Antoine
Building Level Title IX Coordinators - Dr. Richard Roder, Jessica Zimmer, Dr. Gregory DiGiacomo, Dr. Chad Altman, Ryan Aliperti and Kim Braha
Trustee of the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation for the 2026-2027 school year: Gerard Antoine

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

F. Appointments of Professional Services Providers

1. Appointments of Professional Services Providers

Be it Resolved that the following 2026-2027 appointments be approved, including approval of the agreements with Frazer Feldman, LLP as General Counsel; Capital Markets Advisors as TANS and Bonds Counsel; Cerini & Associates, LLP as Internal Auditors; and R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP as External Auditors; and Denise Longobardi and External Claims Auditor; and CBIZ Valuation Group as a Fixed Asset and Property Insurance Service.

Be it Further Resolved that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board.

Appointments of Professional Services Providers	2026-2027 Fees
Bond Counsel – Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP	Based on Scheduled Prices
CBIZ Valuation Group	Based on Scheduled Prices
External Auditor – R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP	$54,600
Fiscal Advisor – Capital Markets Advisors, LLC TANS Bonds	 Based on Scheduled Prices Based on Scheduled Prices
Internal Auditor – Cerini & Associates, LLP	up to $29,450
Claims Auditor - Denise Longobardi	$30,600

School Attorney-Frazer & Feldman Retainer Hourly Rate - Attorneys/Legal Assistants/Paralegals	 $61,200 $260/$130

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

2. Approval of Agreement with Textbook Central

Resolution: The Manhasset Board of Education approves the agreement with Textbook Central related to the provision of district textbooks services for the 2026-2027 school year and authorizes the Board president to execute said agreement on behalf of the District.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

3. Appointments of Other District Positions

Be it Resolved that the following 2026-2027 appointments be approved including approval of the agreements with the Orthopedic Associates of Manhasset; and Professional Athletic Training Services, PLLC.
Be it Further Resolved that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

4. Resolution to Reinstate 403(b) Retirement Plan

Be it ite Resolved that the Manhasset UFSD ("District") maintains the Manhasset UFSD 403(b) Retirement Plan ("Plan") adopted on the 11th day of December 2008 by the Manhasset School District's Board of Education ("Board"). The Board desires to renew and amend the Plan with the revised fee schedule attached.
THEREFORE, the Board President is authorized to execute the contract and any necessary documents.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos

Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

G. Financial Authorizations and Designations

1. Signatories

The Board President, and Board Vice President are hereby made signatories for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for all legal transactions.

The Treasurer's signature must appear on all accounts payable checks.

For all accounts payable checks in the amount of $25,000 or more, a second signature must appear on all checks. The Assistant Treasurer is authorized to co-sign accounts payable checks and also to release external wire transfers.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

2. Establishment of Petty Cash Funds

Petty cash funds shall be established and maintained at amounts not to exceed those indicated below and shall be supervised by the individuals named below:

Suneev Japra - Central Office: $100.00
Richard Roder- Secondary School Office: $100.00
Jessica Zimmer - Shelter Rock School Office: $100.00
Chad Altman - Munsey Park School Office: $100.00

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

3. Designation of Depositories

The Banks and Trust companies authorized for the deposit of monies for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 are as follows:

Company and Maximum Amount

JP Morgan/Chase: $50,000,000
NYClass: $25,000,000

Flagstar: $5,000,000
Capital One: $100,000

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

4. Safekeeping and Collateralization

Eligible securities used for collateralization shall be held by the Bank of New York and JP Morgan Chase, subject to security and custodial agreements for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

5. Facilities Use Fee Schedule

Reference: Policy 1500 Public Use of District Facilities

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

H. <u>Authorizations</u>

1. Authorization to Open Bids

The Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Director of Facilities and Operations, Purchasing Agent, and Assistant Purchasing Agent are hereby authorized to open bids for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

2. Authorization to Make Budget Transfers

Be it Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to make budget transfers for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 based on

the authority granted by Section 170.2(L) of the Commissioner's regulations. Such transfers may be made between and within functional unit appropriations for teachers' salaries and ordinary contingent expenses.

Transfers of $10,000 or more shall be approved by the Board President, or in the President's absence, the Board Vice-President.

Report of all transfers will be reported to the Board of Education as part of the monthly Treasurer's Reports.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno Maria, Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

3. Authorization for Approval of Attendance at Workshops, Conferences, and Conventions

The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to approve, and the Board shall ratify, the attendance, with expenses, of staff at local, regional, and national workshops, conferences, and conventions for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in accordance with Board of Education Policy No. 6830.

The Board of Education shall, by duly adopted resolution, approve the attendance, with expenses, of the Superintendent or members of the Board of Education at local, regional, and national workshops, conferences, and conventions for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with Board of Education Policy No. 6830.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

4. Authorization for the Superintendent to Apply for Grants in Aid (State and Federal)

The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to apply for Grants in Aid (State and Federal) in accordance with the grant's fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 or September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

5. Authorization to Maintain Membership in the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Worker's Compensation

WHEREAS the Board of Education desires to manage its exposure to worker's compensation liability, and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has determined that membership in a cooperative is the most economical and efficient manner in which to administer and manage the district's worker's compensation liability, and

WHEREAS the Board of Education shall evaluate its participation in a cooperative each year,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, maintain its membership in the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Worker's Compensation for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

6. Approval of Rotational List of Impartial Hearing Officers

The Board of Education hereby approves the current New York State Education Department's Rotational List of Impartial Hearing Officers and authorizes the Board President, or the Vice President in the President's absence, to appoint an Impartial Hearing Officer when a request for an Impartial Hearing has been filed with the District pursuant to Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

7. Authorization to Maintain Memberships with NSSBA and NYSSBA

The Board authorizes maintaining the District's membership in the Nassau/Suffolk School Board Association (NSSBA) and New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) for the 2026/2027 school year.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

I. Board Policy Review

1. Public Hearing - Code of Conduct Policies –

Policy 5300 and all sections

2. Reaffirmation of Policies

The Board of Education reaffirms the following policies for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:

1900 - Parent Involvement
1900E - Parent Involvement Exhibit
6240 - Investments
6700 and 6700R - Purchasing Policy and Regulation
6710 – Purchasing Authority

Motion by Marianna Bruno second by Allison O'Brien Silva
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

J. Official Newspapers

1. Official Newspapers

The MANHASSET PRESS, AND LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS are hereby designated the official newspapers of the District for the school year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

K. Approval of Board Meeting Dates for the Remainder of the 2026-2027 School Year

The Board of Education approves the enclosed list of Board Meeting Dates and Locations for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

L. Mileage Reimbursement Rate

1. Mileage Reimbursement Rate

The mileage reimbursement rate is hereby set at the IRS mileage reimbursement rate in effect at the time of travel.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

M. Setting of Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay

1. Setting of Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay

The substitute teacher rate of pay is hereby established as Elementary: $130 per day and Secondary: $150 per day. Retired Manhasset Teachers shall be paid a substitute rate of pay of Elementary: $150 per day and Secondary: $170 per day.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

N. Motion to Adjourn Annual Organizational Meeting

1. Motion to Adjourn Annual Organizational Meeting

The Board of Education hereby adjourns the Annual Organizational Meeting at 10:44pm.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O'Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

Respectfully submitted by,
Nicole M. Rosenberg, District Clerk