# MANHASSET UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Manhasset, New York 11030
Board MEETING Minutes
August 18, 2026
District Office/Community Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Nadia Giannopoulos, President, Maria Pescatore, Vice President, Allison O'Brien Silva and Jenna Rizzo Trustees

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:** Marianna Bruno,

**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

**Executive Session called to order: 4:14 PM**

**Public Meeting called to order at 5:08 PM**

## A. Call to Order

## B. Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of July 13, 2026, and July 29, 2026, Board Meetings.

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

## C. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christopher J. Pellettieri

## D. Discussions

### 1. Secondary School Bus Traffic Review
**Launch Date: September 29, 2026**

### 2. Curriculum and Instruction Working Group

## E. Presentation

### 1. Finalize Elementary Sections

## F. Regular Agenda

### 1. Acceptance of Gift to the District from the Plandome Woman's Club

The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District gratefully acknowledges and authorizes the administration to accept a gift of $1500 to provide food and resources to students involved in the Middle School Bridge Program from the Plandome Woman's Club.

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

### 2. Acceptance of Greentree Good Neighbors Grant

The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District gratefully acknowledges and authorizes the administration to accept a Greentree Good Neighbors Grant in the amount of $6,000 to support the Manhasset Middle School Bridge Program for at risk students.

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

### 3. Policy Review

| **First Reading** | |
|---|---|
| 1050 | Voting Procedure |
| 5425 | Automated External Defibrillators |
| **First and Adoption** | |
| 2210 | Board Organizational Meeting |
| 6670 | Petty Cash Fund |

**4. Establishment of a Petty Cash Fund**

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

Marianne Shields - Superintendents Office: $100.00

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

**5. Board Discussion, Committee Reports and Work Groups**

**Committees:**

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

**Board Discussion:**

1. Chamber of Commerce

**Work Group:**

1. Curriculum

No updates

## 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 August 18, 2026, for Instructional and Non-instructional personnel in accordance with their appropriate collective bargaining and/or individual personnel agreements.

**Motion** by Nadia Giannopoulos

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

### 2. Resolution to Approve Appointment of Dr. Alexander Bardey as Medical Inspector

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that Dr. Alexander Bardey be appointed to serve as a medical inspector for the Board of Education of Manhasset Union Free School District pursuant to Education Law section 913.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, pursuant to section 913 of the Education Law, the individual referred to in Confidential Attachment "A" is directed to report for a medical examination in order to determine the capacity of such person to perform his/her duties as an employee of the Manhasset Union Free School District, the said medical examination to be before Dr. Bardey at his office located at 303 Fifth Avenue, Suite 403, New York, NY 10016; on September 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., and such other and further times as shall be deemed necessary to complete said evaluation.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED,** that said individual is directed to produce at said medical examination any and all medical records related to the present state of his/her health.

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

## H. Consent Agenda

### 1. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

**Resolution:** That the consent agenda be unanimously approved.

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

### 2. 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 August 18, 2026.

**3. Approval of a DOL/DOR Special Education Services Contract**

**Resolution:** The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a DOL/DOR Special Education Services Contract with the Herricks Union Free School District for a student from the Manhasset UFSD ("District of Residence") who attends a private school in the Herricks UFSD ("District of Location") and receives special education services from the Herricks UFSD in the 2026-2027 school year.

**4. Approval of a Private School Instructional Services Agreement**

**Resolution:** The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a Private School Instructional Services with Brightway Living and Learning, in accordance with the IEP(s) of special education student(s) in the 2026-2027 school year.

**5. Approval of a Manhasset School District Contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations**

The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the attached Manhasset School District contract for the Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations for the 2025-2026 school year. The contract is in accordance with Grants 611 and 619, and the Special Education Provider has met the necessary criteria.

- The Center for Discovery, Inc.

**6. Resolution to Approve Agreement with Renaissance**

**Resolution:** The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Renaissance for the e-school data to provide new K-6 report card updates and authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

**7. Approval of Cross Contract with Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES for Level Up Village - Winter 2027**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education hereby approves the attached Cross Contract Agreement between Manhasset Union Free School District and Putnam/Northern

Westchester BOCES for the Level Up Village - Winter 2027 program and authorizes the Superintendent to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

**8. 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.

**9. Appointment of Architect Services**

**:** Be it Resolved that Michael Mark Architect Co. be appointed as the district architect as of August 31, 2026 for a 1 year term. The District may renew this Agreement annually, in its sole discretion, for up to five (5) additional one-year renewal terms at the rates set forth herein and in Appendix B. Be it Further Resolved that the Board President is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

**10. Approval of Hold Harmless Agreement with Sacred Heart University**

**WHEREAS,** the Manhasset Union Free School District and Sacred Heart University desire to cooperate with one another to develop and establish a clinical education program for undergraduate and graduate students to receive training 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 Hold Harmless Agreement with Sacred Heart 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.

**11. Approval of Hold Harmless Agreement with Stony Brook University**

**WHEREAS,** the Manhasset Union Free School District and ADELPHI UNIVERSITY desire to cooperate with one another to develop and establish a clinical education program for undergraduate and graduate students to receive training 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 Hold Harmless Agreement with Stony Brook 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.

**12. Resolution to Approve Agreement with Irvin Simon Photographers**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby approves the Agreement among Irvin Simon Photographers, the Manhasset Union Free School District, and the Manhasset School Community Association for school photography services; and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Agreement and any related documents on behalf of the District.

**13. Reaffirmation of Approval of Agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. and Appointment of Cooperative Bidding**

**Resolution:** The Manhasset Board of Education hereby appoints Educational Data Services, Inc. as sole administrative agent for the Educational Cooperative Pricing System with respect to the District's Cooperative Supply Bids at a fee of $8270.00 pursuant to the letter of acknowledgement for the 2026-2027 school year.

**14. Approval of the 2025-2026 Final AS-7 Contract with Nassau BOCES**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education hereby approve the Final AS-7 Contract for Cooperative Educational Services between Manhasset Union Free School District and Nassau BOCES for the services provided to the District for the 2025-2026 school year and that the Board authorizes the President of the Board to execute said Contract.

**15. Approval of the 2026-2027 Initial AS-7 Contract with Nassau BOCES**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education hereby approve the Initial AS-7 Contract for Cooperative Educational Services between Manhasset Union Free School District and Nassau BOCES for the services to be provided to the District for the 2026-2027 school year and that the Board authorizes the President of the Board to execute said Contract.

**16. Approval of Manhasset Union Free School District - District-Wide School Safety Plan**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Project SAVE, the Manhasset Union Free School District is required to develop and annually update a District-Wide School Safety Plan which seeks to provide for the safety, health and security of both students and staff by through a comprehensive plan addressing risk reduction/prevention, response and

recovery with respect to a variety of emergencies that may occur in the District and its component school buildings: Munsey Park School, Shelter Rock School and the Manhasset Secondary School; and

**WHEREAS,** the District-Wide Safety Plan for 2025-26 was made available for public comment for 30 days prior to its adoption and provided for participation of the entire school community, in accordance with Project Save, and

**WHEREAS,** a public hearing on the District-Wide Safety Plan for 2026-27 was held on June 18, 2026, in accordance with Project Save, and

**WHEREAS,** the Building-Level Emergency Response Plans for 2026-27 were adopted by the Board of Education on June 18, 2026 Shelter Rock, Munsey Park and the Secondary School, in accordance with Project Save, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby approves and adopts the District-Wide Safety Plan for 2026-27.

**17. Approval of Stipulation of Settlement**

**Resolution**: The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement resolving a certain matter between the District and the parents of a youngster classified by the District's CSE and identified by student number 112161809; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the Stipulation of Settlement on the District's behalf.

**18. Approval of Change Orders**

**Whereas** – It is recommended that the contractor Crossroad Contracting Inc., Inc. supply all labor, material and equipment required to complete electrical construction at the Secondary School

**Be it Hereby Resolved** the Manhasset Board of Education approves the aforementioned Change Order #Elec-1 in the amount of $18,967.41 and authorizes the Board President to sign on behalf of the Owner and also authorizes the Superintendent to execute the Change Order.

**Whereas** it is recommended that the contractor Seaford Avenue Corp. supply all labor, material and equipment required to complete plumbing at the Secondary School

**Be it Hereby Resolved** the Manhasset Board of Education approves the aforementioned Change Order #Plumb-1 in the credit amount of $8,844.25 and authorizes the Board President to sign on behalf of the Owner and also authorizes the Superintendent to execute the Change Order.

**19. Approval of Claims Report for the period ended July 2026**

**Resolution:** The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District approves the Claims Report for the period ended July 2026.

**15. Treasurer's Financial Report May 2026 and June 2026**

1. Summary of Bank Balances
2. Interest Earnings
3. Budget Transfers
4. Trial Balance
5. Revenue Status Report
6. Appropriation Status Report
7. Quarterly Extraclassroom Activity

## F. Upcoming Items of Interest

| Date | Day | Meeting | Anticipated Presentation -Discussion | Location | Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **September** | | | | | |
| 24 | Thursday | Board of Education | District Priorities and Goals for 2026-2027 | District Office | 7:00pm |
| **October** | | | | | |
| 22 | Thursday | Board of Education | 1)Tenure Recognition<br>2)Audited Financial Statements and Reserves of year end June 30, 2026<br>3)Adopt Budget Calendar | District Office | 7:00pm |
| **November** | | | | | |
| 18 | Thursday | Board of Education | 1) Course Enhancements 2027-28 and Curriculum Initiatives<br>2)Portrait of a Graduate Crosswalk | District Office | 7:00pm |

## K. Open Time

Two speakers

## D. Adjourn

The Board of Education hereby adjourns the public session at 11:00 am.

**Motion** by Nadia Giannopoulos

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Nicole M. Rosenberg, District Clerk