MANHASSET UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Manhasset, New York 11030

Board MEETING Minutes

September 24, 2026

District Office/Community Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: None

STUDENT DELEGATE PRESENT: Nathaniel Seibert

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: 5:30 PM

Public Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

A. Call to Order

1. Student/Community Recognition

2026 AP Capstone Diploma

Class of 2026
Madison Chen
Terese Harvey
Sharon Huang
Nicole Maliagros
Xiao Mi
Liam Pieper
Madison Qu
Lilian Voss
Victoria Wang
Ava White
Gwyneth Wong

Benjamin Yang
Nathaniel Zheng

Class of 2027
Jessica Abraham
Cameron Appell
Sumira Chandrashekhar
Tiffany Chen
Liam Connolly
Charlotte Fiorino
Alessandro Gabrielli
Morgan Gruber
Kyle Guido
Mason Kissell
Keira Mei Kong
Thomas Landon
Angel Li
Autumn Maley
Almar Mansour
Rebecca Meyer
Ashlyn Noone
Sofia Ogulluk
Lorenzo Reda
Nathaniel Seibert
Audrey Shen
Gabrielle Silvia
Beatrice Sim
Alexis Thomas
Demetra Venetoklis
Louis Wong
Parker Yuttal
Caroline Zublionis

2026 AP Seminar and Research Certificate

Class of 2026
Ryan McGinness

Class of 2027
Madison Bruck
Yue Chen
Erin DeMento
Teagan Young

Town of North Hempstead
Jen DeSena, Town of North Hempstead Supervisor
Mary Jo Collins, Town of North Hempstead Receiver of Taxes

B. Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of August 18, 2026, and September 10, 2026, Board Meetings.

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

C. Student Matters and Curriculum

1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christopher J. Pellettieri

2. Student Delegate's Report

Nathaniel Seibert

D. Presentations

1. District Priorities 2026-2027

2. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Update

3. New York Inspires

E. Presentation

1. Math and Science Acceleration Update for 2026-2027

2. RTI - Plan Updates

F. Regular Agenda

1. 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 $4,000 to support the Model United Nations Club of Manhasset.

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

2. Policy Review

Second and Final Reading	
1050	Voting Procedure
5425	Automated External Defibrillators
First and Final Reading	
5151	Homeless Children - (RENAMED) - Students in Temporary Housing
5151R	Homeless Children - (RENAMED) - Students in Temporary Housing Regulations
5200	Extraclassroom Activities - Policy
5200R1	Extraclassroom Activities Regulations
5200R1A	Extraclassroom Activities Regulations for Athletics and Fine Arts (RENAMED)
5200R2	Extraclassroom Activities Financial Regulations (RENAMED)
5200E1	Fundraising Activity Request Form
5200E2	Statement of Profit and Loss Form
5200E3	Student Activity Accounts Deposit Form
5200E4	Statement of Deposit
5200E5	Disbursing Form
8635	Information and Data Privacy Breach Notifications
8635E1	Parents' Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security
8505	Food Service Management, "Charging" Meals And Other Food Items (RENAMED)
5420E3	Administration of Asthma Medication in School Authorization Form
5420E4	Medication Authorization Form
First Reading	
5420	Student Health Services
5420R	Student Health Services Regulations
8635R	Information and Data Privacy Breach Notifications Regulations
Reaffirmed	
8635E2	Parents Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy
8635E3	NYS Ed Department Data Incident Reporting

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

3. 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

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 September 24, 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: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O' Brien Silva, Jenna Rizzo

2. Resolution to Approve Side Letter with MEA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District ("District") hereby approves and ratifies the terms of a Side Letter Agreement dated September 10, 2026 ("Side Letter"), between District and the Manhasset Education Association ("MEA") relating to the creation of a new sport/coaching position which is being added to Schedule C of the current collective bargaining agreement between District and MEA.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Interim Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign Side Letter on behalf of District.

Motion by Nadia Giannopoulos, second NONE.
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O' Brien Silva, 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: Marianna Bruno, Maria Pescatore, Nadia Giannopoulos, Allison O' Brien Silva, 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 September 26, 2026.

3. Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers

Resolution: The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby designates Judith Kramer, as Impartial Hearing Officer in connection with the application of the Manhasset Union Free School District of student identification No. 693019 for an Impartial Hearing. The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby designates Elise Kestenbaum, as Impartial Hearing Officer in connection with the application of the Manhasset Union Free School District of student identification No. 693020 for an Impartial Hearing.

4. 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.

5. Approval of Superintendent to Attend Conference

Resolution: The Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of Interim Superintendent Christopher J. Pellettieri at the LEAD LI 2026 Fall Conference in Melville, NY on October 2, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $250.

6. Approval to Excess Grounds Equipment

Resolution: The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education has determined that a snow blower, asset numbers 001696 and two movers, asset numbers 102926 and 2010037 are obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the District and authorizes the mower to be discarded or donated in whatever way the District sees fit.

7. Approval to Excess Textbooks

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

8. 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 #Int Rec - 1 in the credit amount of $2,660.00 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 C & M Door Controls 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 #Doors-4 - 1 in the amount of $24,605.44 and authorizes the Board President to sign on behalf of the Owner and also authorizes the Superintendent to execute the Change Order.

9. Approval of Shared Decision-Making

Resolution: The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby appoints the following members to the Shared Decision Making Teams for the terms listed.

10. Resolution to Approve Transportation Plan based Upon Patterns of Actual Ridership

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, pursuant to Education Law §3635(8), the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District intends to provide student transportation based upon patterns of actual ridership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District shall place such transportation plans on the District's website, and shall prepare a back-up plan as part of its emergency management practices for pupil transportation in the event that a bus is filled beyond capacity.

11. Approval of the Participation In the Nassau and Eastern Suffolk BOCES Cooperative Bid Services - Updated List

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Manhasset School District of New York State (the "School District") wishes to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES")and for Eastern Suffolk BOCES ("ESBOCES") for the purchase of various UPDATED Commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and

WHEREAS, the District, more particularly, wishes to participate in the joint cooperative bids as needed: and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to execute the agreements on behalf of the District.

12. Partnership Agreement with Direct Grad

Resolution: The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby approves the Partnership Agreement between the Manhasset UFSD and Direct Grad for graduation products and services for the 2026-2027 school year as described in the attached agreement and authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

13. Approval of Appointments to the Board of Registration

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law §2014(2), the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District hereby appoints the following four qualified voters of the School District to constitute a board of registration, whose appointment shall expire 30 days after the May 18, 2027 annual district election: Lauren Stanton, Vincenza Vanderberg, Peter Caparelli and Milton Portuguez.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of registration shall be compensated for their duties.

14. Approval of Claims Report for the period ended August 2026

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

F. Upcoming Items of Interest

Date	Day	Meeting	Anticipated Presentation -Discussion	Location	Time
October					
22	Thursday	Board of Education	1) Tenure Recognition 2) Audited Financial Statement and Reserves - Year end 6/30/26 3) Adopted Budget Calendar	District Office	7:00pm
November					
18	Wednesday	Board of Education	1) Course Enhancements 2027-2028; Curriculum Initiatives 3)Portrait of a Graduate Crosswalk	District Office	7:00pm
December					
3	Thursday	Board of Education	Discuss Factors affecting 2027-2028 Budget	District Office	7:00pm

K. Open Time

Two speakers

D. Adjourn

The Board of Education hereby adjourns the public session at 9:01 pm.

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