MANHASSET UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Manhasset, New York 11030
Board MEETING Minutes
October 22, 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, Trustee

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 7:21 PM

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Minutes

The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of September 24, 2026, and Amended January 15, 2026, Board Meetings.

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

C. Open Time

Motion made to allow public comment to begin at the beginning of the meeting.

Eight speakers

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

D. Student Matters and Curriculum

1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Christopher J. Pellettieri

2. Student Delegate's Report

Nathaniel Seibert

E. Presentations

1. Data Presentation

2. Course Gap Analysis

F. Regular Agenda

1. Acceptance of Gift of Enrichment Program

The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District gratefully acknowledges and authorizes the administration to accept a gift from the Manhasset School Community Association in the amount of $3,465 for Project Adventure trip for the fifth grade students at Shelter Rock for the 2026/2027 school year.

Acceptance of Gift for National Blue Ribbon School Accomplishments
The Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District gratefully acknowledges and authorizes the administration to accept a gift from the Manhasset School Community Association in the amount of $1657.97 to purchase mugs to celebrate the National Blue Ribbon School Award.

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

2. Policy Review

Second and Final Reading	
5420	Student Health Services
8635R	Information and Data Privacy Breach Notifications Regulations
Second Reading	
5420R	Student Health Services Regulations
First Reading	
8130	Emergency Planning
First and Adoption	
5150	School Admission and Entrance Age
5162	Student Dismissal Precautions
5162R	Student Dismissal Precautions Regulations
5500	Student Records
5500R	Student Records Regulations
5500-E1	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
5500-E2	Notification of Directory Information Designation
5500- E3	Sample Form - Release of Directory Information Opt Out
Reaffirmed	
5500-E4	Sample Notification - Disclosure to Military

Motion by Maria Pescatore
Final Resolution: MOTION APPROVED
YES: 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 October 22, 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, 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, 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 October 22, 2026.

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

Resolution: The Manhasset Union Free School District Board of Education approves the following DOL/DOR Special Education Services Contracts for students residing in the Manhasset UFSD who attend private school outside of the Manhasset UFSD and receive special education services in the 2026-2027 school year from the school district in which the private school is located: (1) Agreement with the Herricks Union Free School District dated as of September 30, 2026, and (2) Locust Valley Central School District dated as of September 25, 2026; and authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements.

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 Music Department Overnight Trip

Resolution: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and pursuant to Board Policy 4531 (Field Trips and Excursions), the Board of Education of the Manhasset Union Free School District ("Board") hereby approves the following overnight field trip(s): Music Department Students to travel to the All-State Musical Festival in Rochester NY on December 3-December 6, 2026.

6. Bid Award for Vending Service Contract

WHEREAS, the Manhasset Union Free School District advertised for bids for vending services for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, that Port Vending is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts Port Vending's offer and awards to it the contract for vending services, as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications, and authorizes the Board President to execute a contract with Port Vending in accordance with the bid specifications on behalf of the Board**.**

7. Re-Certification of the Manhasset Professional Development Plan

Resolution: The Board of Education of The Manhasset Union Free School District, in accordance with Part 100 Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education, hereby recertifies the Manhasset Professional Development Plan, adopted on August 15, 2016, and authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to execute the Statement of Certification for the Professional Development Plan**.**

8. Resolution to Excess Technology and/or Electronic Equipment

WHEREAS, the Manhasset Union Free School District has determined that certain technology and/or electronics equipment is obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the District; and

WHEREAS Cell Mechanic, a Life Cycle Device Management company that maintains and enforces a comprehensive data destruction policy across all chromebook devices has proposed to collect the District's obsolete chromebook equipment and recycle or discard the equipment at no cost to the District. As for compensation, Cell Mechanic Offers flexible payment terms based on the agreed-upon value of the picked-up devices. Districts may opt to receive the value as a repair credit to be applied toward future device repairs, part replacements, or the purchase of accessories such as chargers through Cell Mechanic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District's Director of Instructional Technology to utilize the services of Cell Mechanic to dispose of such obsolete technology and electronics equipment, in accordance with Board Policy No. 6900, and to execute a Business Associate Agreement with Cell Mechanic on behalf of the Board.

9. Approval to Excess Technology Equipment

WHEREAS, the Manhasset Union Free School District has determined that certain technology and/or electronics equipment is obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the District; and

WHEREAS Pup Fish a certified and licensed technology equipment recycling company that specializes in the handling, recycling and disposal of electronic waste in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, has proposed to collect the District's obsolete technology equipment, wipe all data, and recycle or discard the equipment at no cost to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District's Director of Instructional Technology to utilize the services of Pup Fish to dispose of such obsolete technology and electronics equipment, such as monitors, printers, computers in accordance with Board Policy No. 6900, and to execute a Business Associate Agreement with Pup Fish on behalf of the Board

10. Adoption of the 2027-2028 School Budget Calendar

Resolution: The Board of Education hereby adopts the 2021-2022 school budget calendar as submitted.

11. Approval of Change Orders

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the contractor Pyramid Air Conditioning, Inc. supply all labor, material and equipment required to complete Secondary School HVAC Reconstruction Be it Hereby Resolved – The Manhasset Board of Education approves the aforementioned Change Order #HVAC - 1 in the credited amount of $12,200 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 Eldor Contracting Corp., Inc. supply all labor, material and equipment required to complete Secondary School Electrical Reconstruction Be it Hereby Resolved – The Manhasset Board of Education approves the aforementioned Change Order #Elec - 1 in the credited amount of $15,170.69 and authorizes the Board President to sign on behalf of the Owner and also authorizes the Superintendent to execute the Change Order.

F. Upcoming Items of Interest

Date	Day	Meeting	Anticipated Presentation -Discussion	Location	Time
November					
18	Thursday	Board of Education	1) Course Enhancements 27/28 and Curriculum Initiatives 2) Portrait of a Graduate Crosswalk 3) Veteran Tax Exemption	District Office	7:00pm
December					
3	Thursday	Board of Education	Discussion: Factors effecting the 2027-2028 Budget	District Office	7:00pm

K. Open Time

L. Adjourn

The Board of Education hereby adjourns the public session at 9:05 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Nicole M. Rosenberg, District Clerk