

Board of Education Regular Meeting
 Glen Cove City School District
 High School Auditorium
 Wednesday, October 16, 2019
 Executive Session – 6:00 pm
 Bond Forum – 7:00 pm
 Regular Meeting – Board of Education to Convene
 Streamed live at glencove.k12.ny.us

Members Present: Ms. Gail Nedbor-Gross, Ms. Monica Alexandris-Miller, Mr. Robert Field, Ms. Rosemarie Sekelsky, Ms. Lia Leone, Ms. Karen Ferguson

Absent: Ms. Mary Murphy

Also Present: Dr. Maria Rianna, Dr. Michael Israel, Ms. Victoria Galante

Attendees: About 22 members in the audience

On motion to by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Alexandris-Miller, the Board unanimously (6/0) entered into executive session at 6:04 PM. On a motion by Trustee Leone, seconded by Trustee Sekelsky the Board unanimously (6/0) adjourned executive session at 6:58 pm.

Executive Session

Bond Forum

Dr. Rianna went over the two propositions that will be up for the October 22, 2019 bond vote. A PowerPoint presentation was shown explaining the items that would be addressed if the bond passes. Handouts were made available to all in attendance and questions were addressed as presented.

Bond Forum

Trustee Alexandris-Miller read aloud email questions and answered them in public. She thoroughly addressed the issues for the bond. She also stated that any registered Glen Cove resident can vote it's not just property owners that can vote and encouraged everyone to do so.

President Nedbor-Gross address the community by stating that there are number of things that can still be done in the event that the bond does not pass such as budget for capital projects; fund the capital reserve that can be applied to some major projects. Our buildings are being maintained and are safe otherwise they would not be opened. We do everything to keep our student and staff safe. We could also consider another bond if we wanted to pursue that path.

On motion to by Trustee Sekelsky, seconded by Trustee Alexandris-Miller, the Board unanimously (6/0) adjourned the bond forum at 7:45 pm where a brief intermission took place.

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence to reflect and thank those that serve our country all over the world. Roll call was taken, as noted above at 7:52 pm.

Roll Call: Call to Order

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting - Presented by District Clerk -

A motion for approval and discussion was made by Trustee Field, second by Trustee Sekelsky, the Board by a vote of 4 in favor and 2 abstentions (4/2 – Trustees Field & Ferguson abstained), moved to approve the minutes of September 25, 2019.

Approval: Minutes of BOE Meeting 9/25/2019

Committee Reports: deferred to next meeting.

Trustee Alexandris-Miller stated that presentations were made to a number of community organizations regarding the bond. Anyone requesting information had been sent that information. The community should have received a voter's guide in the mail showing the highlights of both propositions.

Trustee Sekelsky acknowledged and thanked Trustee Alexandris-Miller's efforts. It's a

big job and appreciates it.

Superintendent's Report - Updates:

Dr. Rianna stated that we had a great day at homecoming. The weather, the community, the parade and the different events at half time. The football team promised to put forth their best efforts and they tried their best. The Glen Cove pride and spirit was at an all-time high. The band looked and sounded amazing. The cheerleaders and kickline did a great job and the half time events were wonderful. The PTA carnival was a first. I think the parents were really happy that it allowed the little ones keep busy. Thanks to the booster club for the great food. One of our board members did some cooking also. It was a great day and I thank everyone who participated. Some of our administrators and teachers whose kids don't attend our schools also joined our events. It shows your commitment to Glen Cove Schools. We are one family. Glen Cove got great news coverage at the New York City Columbus Day Parade. (A video of the parade was shown where Glen Cove was featured). Also a special shout out to our custodians, maintenance and security staff.

Today Justin Lander, our director of technology, and Victoria Galante attended a presentation regarding cyber security and I thank their efforts in making sure we're safe. There are two districts on Long Island that have been compromised and victims of ransom ware. We have been very proactive in ensuring that our network was clean but there are some other concerns that all districts have. One district had said that they sent out an email in training to their teachers and administrators advising them not to click on any email with a link on it and when they tested it a few months later to see who would click on it fewer did than years ago. That click could put us in a situation where we would lose a lot of information and compromises the security of a school district. I assure our community that our staff has worked together to ensure that we are doing some of the things that other districts have been asked to do and we continue to do to keep our network and information as secure as possible.

Public Participation

The following topics were presented during the public participation section on agenda items only.

- *Janet Blatt* – McGrady Street, Glen Cove – last year's homecoming king was not able to attend this year's homecoming however the teacher in charge allowed the brother of last year's homecoming fill in for him and pass on the crown to this year's winner. Thank you. Also even though the football team hasn't won this year I noticed that the people that came to watch the game cheered them on.

Instructional Report

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, made by the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, a motion to separate the District Goals from the instructional report was made by President Nedbor –Gross. A separate motion to approve and discuss was made by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Leone. The board unanimously (6-0) moved to approve the following with no discussion needed:

Committee on Special Education

RESOLVED, that 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 filed in the office of special education from meetings and approves the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services.

Approval of
Committee
on Special &
Preschool
Education

Committee on Preschool Special Education

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moved to approve the following with the following discussion.

Adoption of District Goals

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education adopts the District Goals for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Tabled:
Adoption of
District
Goals

Discussion:

- *Trustee Ferguson* wanted to see if some additional goals could be added such as a true recycling program to include disposable lunch trays. Also if language could be added about focusing on social emotional education. Some students are extremely academically bright but not functional adults because the rest of the child maybe neglected in some way. Eliminating lunch time as an extra help session as kids need to play and need a break. Also how many kids are dropping out of band or chorus at the middle school because they can't find a ride or can't handle the stress of a nine period day added to their schedule by having to be at school by 7 am. Some kids are starting school at 7 am and going until 4:30 pm and going home to do homework. Some of these kids are already struggling. Review and assess how often teachers are pulled from classrooms and try to maximize classroom teacher to student contact time. Reduce expenditures on litigation and try to be as cost efficient as possible as well as expedite the process. If these items can't be added we can discuss them for next year's goals.
- *Dr. Rianna* agreed with the importance of the social emotional piece of education. As we looked at the goal of improving student achievement and adopt the new NYS Health Education standards regarding social emotional learning as set forth by the NYS regulation and outlined in our own district guidance plan. We've already started some work with our students with that piece by learning how to deal with anxiety, stress and lessons that are being handled in the classroom. This effort will only continue and get greater. In regards to the teacher pullout during the instructional day we look very carefully at professional development that is needed by minimizing their pullout and their ability to be out of the classroom. We've also spoken about a nine period day at the middle school to include addressing band, music and orchestra. We've been able to do it at the high school however we weren't able to do it in both buildings. We're working on putting a proposal together in the future and make sure one can be sustained over time. I see the numbers in the middle school are not diminishing some have actually increased. The financial oversight we'll be happy to review with you. Regarding the use of our attorney's, we have a good working relationship and hope it continues. Negotiations is under the umbrella of what we pay for, it doesn't cost us anything additional. We bring attorneys in when other units bring in their attorneys. Additionally, superintendent's hearings are done by myself or Dr. Israel. In the past you paid lawyers to do that with about \$50k set aside for that with seven years of allocating that money to different things not lawyers. Students seem to respond better to familiar faces when doing the hearings and we've had a considerable decrease in the number of hearings. I see your points and still have to continue with those efforts.
- *President Nedbor-Gross* thanked Dr. Rianna for adding the items requested.

Business Affairs - Operations

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Assistant Superintendent of Business, a motion was made by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Sekelsky. Discussion items below. The board unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following.

Per Diem Substitute Rates

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Per Diem Substituted Rates below effective October 17, 2019 for the remainder of the 2019 – 2020 school year:

Approval of
Per Diem
Substitute
Rates

Position	Rate
Teacher (full day)	\$125/day
Teacher (half day)	\$62.50/day
Permanent Substitute	\$136/day
Substitute School Nurse	\$136/day
Regular Substitute/Leave Replacement	\$125/day (30 days); step & salary (day 31)

Donation – GC Educational Foundation/Gold Coast Property Maintenance

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of gardening goods and supplies for the Courtyard at Middle School from Gold Coast Property Maintenance and the Glen Cove Educational Foundation.

Acceptance:
Donation -
GC Educational
Foundation
Gold Coast
Property
Maintenance

Contract – Consultant

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves

Approval:
Cheryl Wills

the contract with Cheryl Wills Singleton, DBA Wills Publishing & Productions, LLC (Consultant/Guest Speaker) for the Glen Cove School District and authorizes the Board President to sign such upon approval. Ms. Wills will provide the Glen Cove School District with two (2) school visits/assemblies and a Q & A student participation time at a cost of \$1500.00 paid from the Title IV grant monies. This will support Civic Education and Cultural Responsiveness during the district's observance of Black History Month in February.

Singleton -
Consultant

Contracts – District of Residence

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the services for 2019-2020 as summarized below in which Glen Cove is the district of residence and authorizes the President of the Board to sign such contracts upon approval:

Approval:
Contracts -
District of
Residence

District of Location	Address	# of Students	Services
Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District	1 McCouns Lane Oyster Bay, NY 11771	5	Special Ed Services as outlined on IEP
Locust Valley Central School District	22 Horse Hollow Road Locust Valley, NY 11560	5	Special Ed Services as outlined on IEP

Donation – Landing School Bench

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, the donation of a bench in memory of Dr. Helen Greene, former Landing School teacher, from a group of her former students as outlined on the attached letter, valued at approximately \$600.00.

Acceptance:
Donation -
Landing
School Bench

Field Trip

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the band, orchestra and choir trip to the Music in the Parks Competition in Virginia Beach from May 15, 2020 through May 17, 2020 as per document filed in the high school main office.

Approval:
Field Trip

Contracts – Student Services

RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the student services as outlined below and authorizes the Board President to sign such upon approval:

Approval:
Contracts -
Student
Services

Provider	Address	Service	Rate
Humanistic Consultants Inc.	302 Willis Avenue Mineola, NY 11501	Related services	\$48 for 30 minutes
			\$68 for 40 minutes
US Medical Staffing	115 Broad Hollow Rd. Melville, NY 11747	Nursing services	\$55/hour – RN
			\$40/hour – LPN
			\$25/hour – Certified nurse's aid

Appointment of Chairpersons, Inspectors & Translators of Election

BE IT RESOLVED that the following named qualified voters of the City School District of Glen Cove, New York, are hereby appointed as a Chairperson, Inspector or Translators of Election for the School District Bond Election to be held on October 22, 2019.

Approval:
Inspectors of
Election

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT A, B, C – High School, Back Gym

Patricia Brunelle 116 Landing Road, Glen Cove Inspector
Irma Villafane 54 Viola Drive, Glen Cove Inspector

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Inspector of Election shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$180 for day (full day). Translators shall be entitled to compensation at a rate of \$15 per hour compensation. Chairpersons of Election shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of \$230 for day (full day). Twelve dollars (\$12) per hour or whatever the minimum wage rate is for any inspectors or switch board operator.

Additionally, each individual listed above will be compensated at a rate of \$12 per hr. or whatever the minimum wage rate is, for a one hour mandatory training provided by the district clerk prior to this election.

Discussion:

- *Trustee Ferguson* is happy to see the sub rate increase. Asked for clarification of student service contracts.
- *President Nedbor-Gross* thanked all the donors.

PERSONNEL – Certified

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Superintendent of Schools, a motion was made to approve and discuss by Trustee Leone, second by Trustee Field. The board unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following certified matters:

Appointment of Probationary Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it **RESOLVED**, that the following named persons, who are properly certified, be appointed as Probationary Teachers for the Glen Cove City School District as specified below (salary as per contract, prorated).

Approval: of
Christina
Carnovale &
Nadia Pereira
- Probationary
Teachers

Certifications

Name	Tenure Area	School	Schedule & Step	Probationary Period*
Carnovale, Christina	Science	High School	MA, Step 2	10/21/19-10/20/23
Pereira, Nadia	School Counselor	High School	MA, Step 1	11/18/19-11/17/23

Name	Certification(s)	Certificate Type
Carnovale, Christina	ESOL Biology 5-6 Extension General Science 7-12 Extension Biology 7-12	Initial Initial Extension Annotation Initial Extension Annotation Initial
Pereira, Nadia	School Counselor	Provisional

Comments

Ms. Carnovale is being appointed to a full-time position due to district need.
Ms. Pereira is replacing Ms. Alomia, who resigned.

*The probationary period expiration dates set forth above are conditional and subject to extension in accordance with law. These probationary appointments are subject to all applicable provisions of the New York Education Law including, without limitation, that, in order to be eligible for tenure, each of the referenced individuals must have received annual composite or overall Education Law §3012-c and/or §3012-d ratings of Highly Effective (HE) or Effective (E) for at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding school years exclusive of any breaks in service. In addition, if the individuals receive an Ineffective (I) composite or overall APPR rating in his/ her final year of probationary service, s/he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time even if s/he has secured HE or E APPR composite or overall ratings in every other year of his/her probationary service.

Appointment of Part-Time Teacher

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person, who is properly certified, be appointed as a Part-Time Teacher for the Glen Cove City School District effective October 24, 2019 through June 26, 2020, or sooner, as specified below (salary as per contract, prorated).

Approval of
Joseph
Castrogiovanni
Part-Time
Teacher

Name	Area	School(s)	FTE	Schedule & Step
Castrogiovanni, Joseph	English Language Arts	High School	.2	MA, Step 1

Certifications

Name	Certification	Certificate Type
Castrogiovanni, Joseph	English Language Arts 7-12	Initial

Appointment of Regular Substitute Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Regular Substitute Teachers for the Glen Cove City School District as specified below (salary - \$108/day first 30 days; step & salary, day 31, prorated, if applicable.)

Approval of
Stephanie
Johnson &
Christopher
O'Donnell
Regular
Substitute
Teacher

Name	Certification Area(s)/Type	Building	Salary (Day 31)	Effective
Johnson, Stephanie	Visual Arts (initial)	High School	BA, Step 1	10/02/19 - via 1/15/20
O'Donnell, Christopher	Social Studies 7-12 (prof) SWD 7-12 Gen (prof) SWD SS 7-12 (prof)	High School	MA, Step 1	10/02/19-6/30/20

Comments:

Ms. Johnson is replacing Ms. Johnides, who is out on maternity/childcare leave.
Mr. O'Donnell is replacing Mr. Johnson who is out on military deployment.

Appointment of 6th Period Class Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named teachers be appointed to teach a 6th period class for the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (salary as per contract, prorated.)

Approval of
Jake Freitag
& Tracy
Gleckler - 6th
Period Class
Teachers

Name	Subject Area	School	No. of Periods	Effective
Freitag, Jake	Physical Education	Deasy	1 (per week)	09/23/19-6/26/20
Gleckler, Tracy	Biology	High School	1 (every other day)	10/21/19-6/26/20

Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Teachers

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as per diem Substitute Teachers for the Glen Cove City School District effective the 2019-2020 school year, at the Board approved rate of \$108 per day.

Goziker, Diana
Monaco, Jessica

Approval of
Diana
Goziker &
Jessica
Monaco - Per
Diem Substitute
Teachers

Authorization and Establishment of Club & Appointment of Advisor (High School)

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following designated activity be authorized and established for the 2019-2020 school year and be it further RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as advisor of said activity, pending fingerprint clearance, and to be compensated as per the agreement between the Glen Cove City School District and the Glen Cove

Approval of
Dylan Poulos
High School
Club &
Advisor - Fall
Director of
Masquers

Teachers' Association.

Club/Activity	Name
Masquers (Fall Director)	Poulos, Dylan

Appointment of ACT/SAT Testing Coordinators

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as ACT/SAT Testing Coordinators for the 2019-2020 school year, for a total of 76 total hours (salary – as per contract.)

Doeschner, Alexa
Prudente, Katie
Santana, Antonio
Tweed, Michael

Approval – of
Alexa Doeschner,
Katie Prudente,
Antonio Santana,
Michael Tweed
ACT/SAT Testing Coordinators

Appointment of Part-Time Teaching Assistants

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as Part-Time Teaching Assistants for the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (salary as per contract.)

Name	Current Assignment	School	Hours	Effective
Goziker, Diana	ICT Classroom	Connolly	25 hrs./wk.	10/10/19-06/26/20
Mandato, Ornella	ICT Classroom	Deasy	27.5 hrs./wk.	10/15/19-06/26/20
Nandi, Kasturi	ICT Classroom	Landing	25 hrs./wk.	10/02/19-06/26/20
Reiter, Zachary	ICT Classroom	Middle School	29.5 hrs./wk.	10/02/19-06/26/20

Approval: of
Diana Goziker,
Ornella Mandato,
Kasturi Nandi,
Zachary Reiter – Part-Time Teaching Assistants

Increases in Assignment

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be approved for an increase in assignment as specified below, effective September 23, 2019 (salary as per contract.)

Name	Assignment	From	To	Effective
Bencivenni, Tina	ICT TA	25 hrs./wk.	27.5 hrs./wk.	10/11/19
Rosenberg, Susan	ICT TA	25 hrs./wk.	29.5 hrs./wk.	09/23/19

Approval: Increase in Assignment of
Tina Bencivenni & Susan Rosenberg

Comments

Ms. Bencivenni's hours are being increased in order to provide additional compliance coverage.
Ms. Rosenberg's hours are being increased in order to provide coverage of the security vestibule at Landing when the security guard is not present.

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	Title	Building	Effective
Ackerman, Laurie	Teaching Assistant	Middle School	10/4/19
Alomia, Jeanette	School Counselor	High School	10/24/19 (end of day)

Acceptance: Resignations of
Laurie Ackerman & Jeannette Alomia

Comments

Ms. Alomia is resigning in order to accept an administrative position in another district.

Termination

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the termination of the following named person be approved as specified below.

Name	Assignment	School	Effective
Prieto, Miriam	Bilingual Teaching Assistant	Landing/Connolly	9/27/19 (end of day)

Approval: Termination of
Miriam Prieto

Comments

Ms. Prieto is being terminated for abandonment of position

- *Dr. Rianna* responded to President Nedbor-Gross' questions on some of the above items.

PERSONNEL – Classified

On the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools made by the Superintendent of Schools, on a motion for approval and discussion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Ferguson. The Board unanimously (6/0) moved to approve the following classified matters:

Appointment of School Nurse Floater

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person, who is duly licensed, be appointed as a School Nurse Floater for the Glen Cove City School District

Approval: of
Joan Savinetti
Gulamierian

as specified below (salary as per contract, prorated.)

School
Nurse Floater

Name	School	Effective
Savinetti Gulamerian, Joan	District (High School)	10/7/19

Comments

Ms. Savinetti Gulamerian is replacing Ms. Fletcher, who resigned.

Appointment of School Monitors

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as School Monitors for the Glen Cove City School District, as specified below (salary as per contract.)

Approval of
Rosa
Grijalva &
Irina
Maddox
Monitors

Name	Current Assignment	School	Hours	Effective
Grijalva, Rosa	1:1 Monitor	Gribbin	29.5 hrs./wk.	10/10/19-6/26/20
Maddox, Irina	Temp. Computer Monitor	Connolly	25 hrs./wk.	10/17/19-o/a 3/31/20

Comments

Ms. Maddox is replacing Ms. Cappiello, who is out on medical leave.

Appointment of Per Diem Substitute School Nurses

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named persons be appointed as per diem Substitute School Nurses for the Glen Cove City School District effective the 2019-2020 school year (salary - \$126/day.)

Approval of
Anita
Fitzpatrick,
Kristen
Muzer Per
Diem
Substitute
School Nurses

Fitzpatrick, Anita
Muzer, Kristen

Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Security Guard

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a per diem Substitute Security Guard for the Glen Cove City School District effective the 2019-2020 school year (salary - \$14.00/hr.)

Approval of
Abigail
Tavarez Per
Diem
Substitute
Security
Guard

Tavarez, Abigail

Appointment of Per Diem Substitute Cleaner

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person be appointed as a per diem Substitute Cleaner for the Glen Cove City School District effective the 2019-2020 school year (salary - \$15.00/hr.)

Approval of
Nicholas
Rant Per
Diem
Substitute
Cleaner

Rant, Nicholas

Increase in Assignment

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that an increase in assignment for the following named person be approved as specified below, effective October 2, 2019 (salary as per contract.)

Approval:
Increase in
Assignment of
Tamara
Palmirotta

Name	Assignment	From	To
Palmirotto, Tamara	P/T Food Service Helper	13.75 hrs./wk. (Deasy)	20 hrs./wk. (Middle School)

Resignation

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the resignation of the following named person be approved as specified below.

Acceptance:
Resignation of
Arline
Ellison

Name	Position/Assignment	Building	Effective
Ellison, Arline	School Monitor	Gribbin	9/11/19

Retirement

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of the following named person be approved as specified below.

Acceptance:
Retirement of
Dennis Basile

Name	Position/Assignment	Building	Effective
Basile, Dennis	Day Cleaner	High School	11/1/19

Termination

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the termination of the following named person be approved as specified below.

Approval:
Termination
of Yazmain
Sanchez

Name	Position/Assignment	Building	Effective
Sanchez, Yazmain	School Monitor	High School	9/19/19 (end of day)

Comments

Ms. Sanchez is being terminated for abandonment of position.

- *Dr. Rianna* responded to President-Nedbor-Gross and Trustee Fergusons questions on the items above.

Unfinished Business

- *President Nedbor-Gross* requested the list of presentations; class sizes. Also can the policy committee look at the cell phone policy the next time they meet.
- *Dr. Rianna* responded that by looking at the enrollment sizes today we lost two kindergarten entrants; high school classes have been split due to the enrollment increase after September and those classes will begin Monday.
- *Trustee Leone* requested class size listing of ICT & ENL students. Also commented that Glen Cove has done a phenomenal job on keeping class sizes down. I'm a teacher in Hicksville and we have 26 kids in kindergarten classes with 1 teacher and no other adults or help. Our class size even if larger has help. I also believe the number of ICT kids in a class is 12 in Hicksville we have 11 in one class. What we're doing here is good and they're getting a quality education.
- *Dr. Rianna* responded that our numbers are no way near those numbers.
- *Trustee Ferguson* stated that she wanted to ask about the class size situation after seeing an email and why in some grade levels there are class sizes of around 20 and others 24 or 25? It seems we should be more consistent. I'm on the policy committee and we had one meeting so far where we received information. Is that going to be discussed in public or amongst the committee?
- *Dr. Rianna* replied that they're not inconsistent with some guidelines that were put in place before I got here. As you go up in grade levels those numbers increase. We've had a number of students that came in after school started and that doesn't usually happen and there's teacher assistant's in those classes. We've kept below those guidelines. We also have trend information that helps us make wise decisions. We'll give the board updated summarizes as well as how many adults are in the classroom. Items from the policy committee should be discussed with the committee.

New Business

- *Trustee Ferguson* asked where did family fun night come from, is it helping or hurting education and this month we have a day off every week, do we really need to have family fun night? I do not like it. I feel that it makes it difficult as a teacher and have someone tying my hands as to when I can and can't give homework. I've seen fun night come after having a Monday off. It seems to be ludicrous. If anything tell the teachers to not give homework over the weekend. When you have little children it's not a big deal but as kids are going up in grade level and what a teacher has to cover in a classroom and sometimes they get homework poured onto them on a Tuesday night because they know they can't give it to them on Wednesday. It should also be discussed through the schools, administration and with teachers during an in-service and see if they feel that it's being productive. If our goal is to educate students and we have our district goals I don't see a place for it.
- *Trustee Leone* replied that it's family night not family fun night. I have two little kids and I'm up at 5 every morning to go to work and when my kid doesn't have homework it's fantastic. They need a break sometimes too.
- *Dr. Rianna* mentioned that the question came up two years ago when it was first implemented the question was do you do it just at the elementary and not at the high school? There are families that have children at all levels and it was about family spending time together. We also have restaurants in the community that were encouraging families to go there by offering better pricing on those nights. Other districts have adopted something similar. I wouldn't just pull it from the calendar a discussion would need to be had with our site based teams and the buildings.
- *Trustee Sekelsky* stated that I remember when I was still working as an elementary principal and an email had come out from an administrator about studies from other districts that had done away with homework all together. We were directed to share the email with our staff and see if they would be supportive and resoundingly the answer was yes and that's how that happened. I think the idea at the secondary level is to have students become better adapt to long range projects and time management.
- *Trustee Field* begged not to stop this. It is fantastic. My daughter is in high

school and sometimes she gets home from school at 7 – 8 o'clock at night and we have dinner together and I'm not giving that up.

- *Trustee Alexandris-Miller* mentioned that it's one Wednesday night a month.

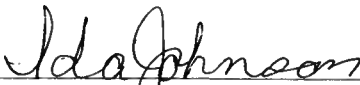
Public Participation

There were no topics presented during the public participation section on any items.

On a motion by Trustee Sekelsky, seconded by Trustee Field, the Board unanimously (6-0) moved to adjourn the public meeting at 8:47 pm. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2019, High School at 7:30 pm.

Motion:
Adjourn
Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
By Ida Johnson
District Clerk



Ida Johnson, District Clerk