

**Glen Cove City School District - Board of Education - Brief of Public Meeting  
Meeting of Date: September 27, 2017 -High School**

**Commemoration for Frank Bouza**

**Personnel Actions:**

| Name  | Board Action |
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| Appointment of <b>Susan Poulos</b> , Chairperson Social Studies, High & Middle Schools, effective o/a 9/28/2017- o/a 9/27/2021  | Approved     |
| Appointment of <b>Joan Buczkowski</b> , Part-Time Physical Education Teacher, High School, effective 9/6/2017-6/30/2018   | Approved     |
| Change in Status of <b>Nicole Sileo</b> , effective 9/5/2017 and <b>Korey Zalk</b> , effective Semester 1&2   | Approved     |
| Appointment of <b>Ariana Bekios</b> , Gribbin School, effective 10/18/2017; <b>Sandra Nicotra</b> , Connolly School, effective 10/18/2017; <b>Barbara Rusnack</b> , High School, effective 10/6/2017; <b>Maria Squarciafico</b> , High School, effective 10/20/2017 - Regular Substitute Teachers   | Approved     |
| Appointment of <b>Joan Buczkowski</b> , effective Semester 1&2 and <b>Ronald Saperstein</b> , effective 9/11/2017-6/22/2018 - Permanent Substitute Teachers   | Approved     |
| Authorization & Establishment of Clubs & Appointment of Advisors. NYSSMA-Vocal, <b>Joanne Sullivan</b> ; Student Council, <b>Francine Luke Perez</b> , Theatre & Drama, <b>Rosita Mallo and Celina Ilham Cullen</b> - Middle School, effective 2017-2018 School Year  | Approved     |
| Appointment of <b>Kimberly Riso</b> , Athletic & Intramural Supervisor, Middle School, effective 9/25/2017 - 6/22/2018  | Approved     |
| Appointment of <b>Alexa Doeschner, Antonio Santana and Michael Tweed</b> , ACT/SAT Testing Coordinators, High School, effective 2017-2018 School Year   | Approved     |
| Appointment of <b>Kimberly Belifore, Cynthia Buccaran, Juliette Castellanso-Ramirez, Sara Kohanim, Lisa Ramos, Christinia Vaccaro, Susan Yalvac</b> , Substitute Teachers, effective 2017-2018 School Year  | Approved     |
| Appointment of <b>Yenny Gomez</b> , effective 9/25/2017-6/22/2018, <b>Pamela Tunnel-Hall</b> , effective 9/5/2017-6/22/2018 - Deasy School; <b>D'Andra Davis</b> effective 9/12/2017-6/22/2018; <b>Angelina Hernandez</b> , effective o/a 10/3/2017-6/22/2018; <b>Christopher Stephenson</b> , effective 9/12/2017-6/22/2018; <b>Susan Yalvac</b> , effective 9/7/2017-6/22/2017- Middle School, Part-Time Teaching Assistants  | Approved     |
| Leaves of Absences of <b>Rosita Mallo</b> , Part-Time Music Teacher, Landing & Middle Schools, effective o/a 11/21/2017-o/a 1/16/2018 and <b>Susan Poulos</b> , Social Studies Teacher, High School, effective o/a 9/28/2017-6/30/2018  | Approved     |
| Resignations of <b>Amanda Adrion</b> , Landing, effective 9/20/2017; <b>Laura Hallquest</b> , Middle School, effective 9/11/2017; <b>Debra McDonald</b> , Deasy School, effective 9/15/2017   | Accepted     |
| Increase/Decrease of Assignments of <b>Sara Kohen</b> , Connolly, effective 9/5/2017; <b>Geraldine Melfi</b> , Deasy, effective 9/11/2017; <b>Gina Rant</b> , Deasy, effective 9/11/2017  | Approved     |
| Appointments of <b>Tara Gehrich</b> , effective 9/5/2017-6/22/2018; <b>Bonnie Mazarredo</b> , effective 9/25/2017-6/22/2018; <b>Patrice Werner</b> , effective 9/26/2017-6/22/2018 - Connolly School; <b>Buffy Lupinski</b> , effective 9/20/2017-6/22/2018, <b>Jamie Siegal</b> , effective 9/18/2017-6/22/2018 - Deasy School; <b>Christina DiBenedetto</b> , effective 9/18/2017-6/22/2018, <b>Gloria York</b> , effective 9/5/2017-TBD - Gribbin School; <b>Jessica Kaffl</b> , effective 9/13/2017-6/22/2018- <b>Mercedes Matos</b> , effective 9/18/2017-6/22/2018 - Landing School | Approved     |
| Appointment of <b>Tina Bencivenni</b> , Landing School, effective 9/11/2017; <b>Caterina Crocco</b> , High School, effective 9/6/2017; <b>Maria Guastella</b> , High School, effective 9/11/2017 and <b>Mercedes Matos</b> , Deasy School, effective 9/5/2017 - TBD - Food Service Helpers  | Approved     |
| Appointment of <b>Adriana Murillo</b> , Substitute Food Service Helper  | Approved     |
| Appointment of Fall Semester <b>Adult Education Teachers</b>  | Approved     |
| Increase/Decrease of Assignments of <b>Fatima Cano</b> , effective 9/12/2017; <b>Margarita Etayo</b> , effective 9/12/2017; <b>Doreen Grella</b> , effective 9/7/2017; <b>Jasmine Rivero</b> , effective 9/5/2017; <b>Lorna Szemerenyi</b> , effective 9/5/2017; <b>Rocio Trotto</b> , effective 9/5/2017   | Approved     |
| Leave of Absence of <b>Robert Dinkins</b> , High School, Night Cleaner, effective 9/25/2017 - o/a 10/16/2017  | Approved     |
| Resignations of <b>Monica Abbananto</b> , Gribbin School, effective 9/8/2017 and <b>Buffy Lupinski</b> , Deasy School, effective 9/19/2017  | Accepted     |
| Terminations of <b>Elizabeth Guzman</b> , Connolly School, Lunch Monitor, effective 9/5/2017 and <b>Assunta Puca</b> , High School P/T Food Service Helper, effective 9/5/2017  | Approved     |

**Committee Reports**

**Audit Committee** - next Wednesday the internal auditors will be meeting with the audit committee at 5:30 pm and at the October 18th board meeting the internal auditors will present to the public.

**Policy Committee** - need to set a date

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| <p><b>Technology Committee</b> – met on September 13th and we talked about the deployment of the chrome books in the middle school. Mr. Iocolano and Mr. Eisele reflected on the startup on the initiative for the 6th and 7th graders and gave us feedback that it's going very smoothly. Melissa Zachalic, BOCES consultant, has been providing professional development to our teachers at middle school. She started at superintendent's conference day and comes 2-3 times a week. She's currently focusing her efforts with the middle school teachers and students and then she will be providing professional development throughout the district effective January 2018. The technology department has been restructured. Some of the staff has been moved around. Joy Karousos is in room 232 in the high school along with the tech support staff and Sandy McLoughlin has been moved to the middle school library to support the 1-1 initiative as well as daily technology issues in the building. We reissued the 6th grade iPads and redistributed them to the 5th graders for an in school 1-1 program at Connolly and Landing. Additional iPads will be used in the primary schools shortly and those teachers and principals are looking forward to that. Will also be providing carts with chrome books to the middle school library and middle school 8th grade teams this year as well as purchasing chrome books for 8th grade teachers to be distributed in the spring so that we can schedule some professional development for the 8th grade teachers to get them ready for next year's 1-1 initiative. The SmartBond letter of intent is complete and will be uploaded soon. Representatives of our district will be attending the upcoming Long Island Tech Summit Conference on October 26th. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 25th.</p> |
| <p><b>Facilities Committee</b> - we haven't had a meeting. The architect has an issue with the early morning meetings of 8:30 am not working for him therefore we may need to look at a different meeting time being after 8:30 am. We will discuss further.</p>  |
| <p><b>Nutrition and Wellness Committee</b> – our first meeting is next Wednesday, October 4th at 4 pm in the high school.</p>   |

**Instructional Report**

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| <b>Committee on Special Education</b>       | Approved                 |
| <b>Adoption of 2017-2018 District Goals</b> | Deferred to Next Meeting |

**Business Affairs - Operations**

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| <b>Student Service Contracts</b> | Approved |
| <b>Transfers</b>                 | Approved |
| <b>Tax Certioraris</b>           | Approved |

**Superintendent's Report - Updates:**

Dr. Rianna stated that she just came back from a NYSSBA's conference with other Superintendents from New York State where they spoke about different initiatives, issues and help to trouble shoot some problems that each of us are dealing with. We met with the Commissioner of Education as well as Carmen Farina, the Chancellor of New York City Schools along with keynote speakers talking about growth mind set and enhancing opportunities for all children. Regarding Commissioner Elia's report some of the things she spoke about were the decrease in the number of days for state assessment tests from 3 days to 2 days. She also spoke about the concerns regarding the geometry regents and that there were 3 questions that were not good questions where those questions could have been interpreted in more than one way. We've dealt with the redistribution of grades due to that. They spoke about having math teachers involved in the future construction of those exams and if there are any math teachers from any area interested in being involved they should let the commissioner know. Dr. Rianna will reach out to our math department. Also spoke about enhancing opportunities for students across the districts whether they are high, low or combined wealth districts that the opportunities for enhancement should be reflected in the programs that we recommend in the future. The commissioner also spoke about the APPR evaluation process and although it's not her place to make the law she did state that a new evaluation system was being created. There are not many specifics but there will be something coming down the pipe. She has traveled the state and wants to put in place some of the things that were heard. We also had strategic meetings with some of her cabinet and included in that was that students that come from another country currently are given 1 year before taking an ELA exam although we have lobbied that if we are going with 3-5 years to become fluent then it really questions the fact that you want them to take the ELA and math exams after 1 year. We're asking for a greater span of wait time and they are considering a 3 year span however it has not yet been made public and there will be public hearings on it and hopefully it is something we can look forward to very soon. She also spoke on the ESEM, the new federal regulations, is speaking to one diploma. We have a number of groups across the state are concerned about the certification of completion that is given to certain special education students as well as different levels of regents examinations. Nassau county superintendents are working with her and have already proposed a solution for one diploma with multiple designations. She's willing to work and speak with us to help formulate a solution. Carmen Farina, the chancellor of New York City, spoke with 3 year olds being involved in full day instruction. She has 8 schools in New York City that welcome 3 year olds to prepare the students for grade k-12. We spoke to her about enhancing financial opportunities so that

*we can broaden our support of students as they enter into the district. Seven of the eight schools spoke to those who come from low socioeconomic or ENL populations that come in at a disadvantage at kindergarten along with 4 year olds in pre-school programs. We're concerned about our title monies because there's some federal legislation that seems to indicate that those federal monies cannot be categorical and may be taken away from school districts. It would have an impact on our district as well as many across the state. I'm working with the federal legislative committee of schools superintendents as well as on the local level to ensure that we have appropriate lobbying in support for that not to occur. I spoke with Dr. Israel on my back and we really need to enhance the opportunities of our administrators and instructional staff in attending some of these conferences on a larger scale and bring it back to share best practices.*

**2017-2018 District Goals** – Dr. Rianna went over each of the goals with the board and took questions, comments and concerns of the board. All items were addressed.

**Calendar**

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| September 27 | Wednesday | BOE Regular Meeting<br>Executive Session – 6:15 pm<br>Regular Meeting to Reconvene – 7:30 pm – High School   |
| 28           | Thursday  | Deasy/Gribbin PTA Meetings 7 pm  |
| 29           | Friday    |  |
| October 2    | Monday    |  |
| 3            | Tuesday   |  |
| 4            | Wednesday | BOE Regular Meeting<br>Executive Session – 6:15 pm<br>Regular Meeting to Reconvene – 7:30 pm - Middle School |
| 5            | Thursday  |  |
| 6            | Friday    | HS Pep Rally 1 pm  |
| 7            | Saturday  | HOMECOMING – Parade 5 pm, Game 6 pm  |
| 9            | Monday    | Columbus Day – District Closed   |
| 10           | Tuesday   | Connolly PTA Meeting 7 pm  |
| 11           | Wednesday | MS PTA Meeting 7 pm  |
| 12           | Thursday  |  |
| 13           | Friday    |  |
| 16           | Monday    |  |
| 17           | Tuesday   |  |
| 18           | Wednesday | BOE Regular Meeting<br>Executive Session – 6:15 pm<br>Regular Meeting to Reconvene – 7:30 pm - Middle School |
| 19           | Thursday  | Gribbin PTA Meeting 7 pm   |
| 20           | Friday    |  |
| 23           | Monday    | BOE Retreat<br>Thayer House Conference Room – 6:00 pm  |
| 24           | Tuesday   | Steven Dewey Presentation “The Teenage Brain” Family Forum<br>GCHS 7:30 pm                                   |
| 25           | Wednesday | FAMILY NIGHT   |
| 26           | Thursday  |  |
| 27           | Friday    |  |
| 30           | Monday    | BOE Educational Workshop – MS Mini Center – 7 pm   |
| 31           | Tuesday   | HALLOWEEN – Parades: Gribbin 11 am; Landing 1:15 pm; Connolly 1:45 pm, Deasy 2:15 pm                         |
| November 1   | Wednesday | BOE Regular Meeting<br>Executive Session – 6:15 pm<br>Regular Meeting to Reconvene – 7:30 pm - High School   |
| 2            | Thursday  |  |
| 3            | Friday    |  |

**New Business**

*Trustee Huggins recommends that the back gate of the high school be closed once sessions have started as he has noticed cars using the parking lot as a cut through as well as adults using the track while our students are on it. It's a safety concern. Signs should be installed stating that during school hours the track is closed. We should also talk about and installing a fence on Walnut Road and Old Tappan Road where the practice football field is to our facilities plant because people are using that area to golf balls. There is a sign up however a fence under lock and key would keep them off the property during school hours. We should not have open access. Has permission been granted for soccer teams to use the high school pit on Sundays with referees?*

Trustee Nedbor-Gross asked if we open up the booster club bathrooms when our students are practicing during the week and the weekends. Do we have custodians on the field? We have heard complaints that those bathrooms are not open during those times.

Trustee Juarez mentioned he would like to see similar signs that Trustee Huggins mentioned in the tennis court area.

Trustee Field requested that the high school back gates remain closed while students are playing after school sports.

Trustee Juarez stated with all the storms effecting the country what type of stress is it going to have on our community if something like that happens here? Do we have something in place for that?

Trustee Huggins stated that he has been fighting since 2009 to have generators in all our buildings including Thayer house. During hurricane Sandy Thayer house almost did not make payroll and could've caused us to be out of compliance because of it. The high school has a generator however Thayer house should have one. The high school is also a Red Cross shelter and the board during hurricane Sandy requested a police presence during that time because when schools opened we didn't want students to have any interconnection with the residence of the shelter. Not sure where that documentation is. It should be addressed as an emergency plan. All of our buildings can be used as shelters in an emergency like that. We had also discussed a double school session during that time.

**Unfinished Business**

Trustee Juarez mentioned again that vehicles are still driving on our facilities while school is in session and we need to address this before something happens. Noticed one of our school trucks behind the girl's middle school soccer team and moving while the team was exiting the field.

**Minutes - Board of Education - Meeting of September 6, 2017**

Approved

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2017- Middle School @ 7:30 pm  
Submitted By: Ida Johnson  
District Clerk