

**Glen Cove City School District - Board of Education - Brief of Meeting**  
**Meeting Date: March 23, 2009**

**Presentation to the Board:**

**Dr. Laurence Aronstein** presented an overview of the third draft of the preliminary budget for the 2009/2010 school year. This draft, similar to the two previous drafts presented at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Board, respectively, assumes a decrease in State aide of approximately **\$1.3M** from the level provided for the current school year. This third draft includes a **\$1.3M** expense which was inadvertently overlooked in the previous two drafts. Therefore, this third draft of the preliminary budget proposes a **2.81** percent increase in a year-to-year, budget-to-budget comparison. Because of the proposed reduction in state aide and the additional **\$1.3M** this preliminary budget also results in a **6.47** percent increase in the tax levy.

Dr. Aronstein stated that if the proposed budget is voted down by the community, the projected contingent budget will result in a **5.03** percent increase and a **9.22** percent increase in the tax levy.

Dr. Aronstein continues to anticipate that the recently enacted federal legislation, *The Economic Reinvestment and Recovery Act*, will provide the State with additional funds for education, and that these funds will be included in the State budget that is expected to be finalized by April 1. The restoration of most of the proposed cuts in State aide will preclude some of the cutbacks currently under consideration in the District's proposed budget.

Dr. Aronstein noted that the District budget vote will occur on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and he addressed questions from Board members and members of the audience regarding the presentation.

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Name	Board Action
<b>Melanie Greene</b> , appointment as a district-wide permanent substitute, effective 3/31/09 – 5/31/09	Approved
<b>Jennifer Lindkvist</b> , appointment as a part-time (.2) permanent substitute, Middle School, effective on/around 3/23/09 – 5/31/09	Approved
<b>Nolan Dunkley</b> , appointment as a volunteer coach for the JH Track team, effective 3/24/09 – 5/13/09 for the 2008/2009 school year	Approved
<b>Octavio Pagan</b> , temporary change in job assignment, from night cleaner to night custodian, High School, effective 3/18/09 through on/before 6/26/09	Approved
List of Per Diem Substitutes for the 2008/2009 school year	Approved
<b>Daniel Yeh</b> , unpaid leave of absence, Social Studies teacher, effective 3/31/09 – 4/8/09	Approved
<b>Sarah Scott</b> , acceptance of resignation as a teacher assistant, Gribbin School, effective 3/23/09	Approved
The following staff members to attend the Middle School Frost Valley trip, effective 3/30/09 – 4/3/09: <b>Brendan Clements, Eric Feder, Dan Gervat, Erica Maltz, Juan Molina, Annemarie Rochford, Gus Sirakis, Joshua Steffens, Irene Rivera, Audra Smyth, Jennifer Lieberman, Carmine Rotolo, Chris Nappi, Melissa Ventura and TBD</b>	Approved

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Description of Action	Board Action
Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 9, 2009 and March 14, 2009	Approved
Memorandum of Understanding with Karrie Vitti for Moodle Training, High School teachers, for the 3/13/09 Superintendent's Conference Day	Approved
Settlement of certiorari proceedings	Approved
Financial Warrants	Noted

**Superintendent's Report:**

**Dr. Aronstein** reported:

- The ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate a newly established internet radio station at the High School was successful and well attended.
- The High School Select Chorale under the direction of Mr. Norris performed at Carnegie Hall. Congratulations to Mr. Norris and the members of the Select Chorale.
- The third annual ***International Day*** was held at Deasy School on Friday, March 20th and was a huge success and well attended.
- It is anticipated that groundbreaking for the **Track** at the High School will begin subsequent to the spring season and that work will be completed by the end of August 2009. The District was able to save enough money in negotiating the roof contract to include some of the necessary facilities so that Glen Cove can host track meets and invitational track meets.
- On Thursday and Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, the independent engineering/architectural firm of McDonald and Monterose inspected the condition of the remaining portion of the High School roof, the roofs at Deasy and Gribbin Schools, and the boilers at Gribbin School and at Thayer House. They reported that the remaining portion of the High School roof would probably last another year. The Deasy and Gribbin School roofs another two years. The boilers were old, inefficient and parts were no longer available. Their recommendation was to replace the roofs and the boilers. Dr. Aronstein recommended that the Board of Education fund the above capital projects with a bond referendum of \$4,081,248.
- A meeting will be held on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the High School at 7:30 PM. Dr. Aronstein will present and discuss relevant background information on the proposed capital projects. Following the presentation board members and the public will have an opportunity give their input. If the Board of Education votes in favor of a Bond Referendum it will be put on the May 19, 2009 ballot.
- The Board of Education will adopt the 2009/2010 Budget by April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Session:** During the open sessions the public had an opportunity to ask questions or make comments with regard to items on the agenda as well as any items of their choosing.

Next Meeting will be a Regular Meeting at the **High School** on Monday, March 30, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Submitted By: Mary Armen,  
Secretary to the Board of Education