

Mineola Union Free School District, Mineola, NY

Business Meeting MINUTES

The Mission of the Mineola Union Free School District is to inspire each student to be a life-long learner, pursue excellence, exhibit strength of character and contribute positively to a global society.

Board Goals - 2021- 2022

Educational

- To develop strategic academic and SEL supports for virtual students as they reintegrate back to in-person learning
- To develop a new type of high school that leverages expertise in asynchronous learning, develops community connections, and provides an integrated curricular experience aligned with the CASEL competencies that will foster student agency and academic success by offering choice in content, method, and pacing
- To develop and implement Jackson 21 which revamps our academic and social emotional programs for students in grades 3-4 to intentionally develop non cognitive and cognitive skills with a focus on genius hour and passion projects
- To develop age appropriate student portfolios that allow students agency in showing who they are as a learner through the use of goal setting and reflective practices
- To establish the practice of book clubs as a complimentary instructional practice that offers students a choice in literature that reflects diverse perspectives and experiences.

Facilities

- Create a new 5-year Capital improvement plan that addresses the outstanding items in the new Building Condition Survey (BCS). Plan should also include building enhancements related to future programs.

Finance

- Not to exceed the allowable tax levy cap while continuing to maintain and enhance all of our programs and facilities

DATE: August 19, 2021

Willis Avenue School - 2nd floor

7:00 p.m.

Board of Education

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne, President
Patrick Talty, Vice President
Cheryl Lampasona, Trustee (absent)
Brian Widman, Trustee
Stacey DeCillis, Trustee

Central Office

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools
Matthew Gaven, Deputy Superintendent
Catherine Fishman, Asst. Supt. of Pupil Personnel Services
Andrew Casale, Asst. to the Supt for Business & Operations(absent)
Linda Spagnola, District Clerk

A. Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

F.

G. BOE Reports

1. Comments from Board Trustees - Patrick Talty

2. Comments from Board President - Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

3. Comments from Superintendent - Dr. Michael Nagler

H. Old Business

There was no old business this evening.

I. New Business

WALK-ON AGENDA ITEM**I. NEW BUSINESS**

Adopting A Negative Declaration in Connection with Proposed Contract of Sale to Purchase the Premises Located at 2400 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park, New York
RESOLUTION #20

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District (the "Board") desires to purchase the premises located at 2400 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park, New York, which is identified as Section 33, Block 160, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Town of North Hempstead (the "Subject Property") for future School District use; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is approximately 1.33 acres, located North of Washington Avenue and West of Armstrong Road within a commercial business area of Garden City Park and adjacent to Mineola High School; and

WHEREAS, no determination has been made as of this time concerning the use to which the Subject Property will be devoted, however, it will be used for School District purposes, including, among other prospective uses, an instructional building, co-curricular and extra-curricular uses; office/administrative space, and parking; and

WHEREAS, should the School District undertake physical alteration of the Subject Property following its acquisition, such action will be subject to separate SEQRA review; and

WHEREAS, the proposed purchase of the Subject Property is an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

WHEREAS, acting in its capacity as Lead Agency to conduct an uncoordinated environmental review, and after taking a "hard look" at all of the potential environmental impacts that may result from the Board's purchase of the Subject Property, the Board has concluded for the reasons set forth in the annexed Negative Declaration that there will be no significant environmental impact or effect caused or occasioned by the issuance of the requested area variance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District, in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617 and upon review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form dated August 19, 2021 and all other materials prepared, hereby adopts and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the attached Negative Declaration for the purchase of the Subject Property at 2400 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park, New York.

Motion: Stacey DeCillis
Second: Brian Widman

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Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne
Patrick Talty
Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: Yes

WALK-ON AGENDA ITEM**I. NEW BUSINESS**

Authorization of Contract of Sale to Purchase Premises, located at 2400 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park, New York, which Contract is Contingent on the Approval of the Voters of the Mineola Union Free School District for the Purchase of the Premises

RESOLUTION #18

WHEREAS, the premises located at 2400 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park, New York, which is identified as Section 33, Block 160, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Town of North Hempstead (the "Subject Property") has been listed for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property lies directly across the street from the Mineola High School, and the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District (the "Board") has determined that its acquisition will be beneficial for purposes of future School District use; and

WHEREAS, the Board is not certain at this time concerning the use to which the Subject Property will be devoted, however, it will be used for School District purposes, including, among other prospective uses, an instructional building, co-curricular and extra-curricular uses; office/administrative space, and parking; and

WHEREAS, the Board has explored the possibility of the School District purchasing the Subject Property, believes the purchase of the Subject Property is in the best interest of the School District and plans to place the issue of whether to purchase the Subject Property before the School District's voters at a Special District Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the current owners of the Subject Property are prepared to enter into a Contract of Sale with the School District at a purchase price of \$4,250,000 with a refundable deposit of \$205,000, which Contract of Sale is contingent upon the approval of the School District's voters for the purchase of the Subject Property and the expenditure of monies therefor; and

WHEREAS, if the School District's voters authorize the purchase of the Subject Property, then the Board intends to fund the purchase from available undesignated fund balance sums;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District hereby approves the Contract of Sale Agreement with the Pentagon Federal Credit Union for the purchase of the Subject Property at a purchase price of \$4,250,000, which Contract of Sale is contingent upon the approval of the School District's voters for the purchase of the Subject Property and the expenditure of monies therefor, and the Board hereby authorizes and empowers the Superintendent of Schools or the President of the Board to execute the Contract of Sale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District is authorized to pay into escrow to the Benchmark Title Agency, LLC, the \$205,000 deposit required by the Contract of Sale Agreement for the Subject Property once the Contract of Sale Agreement is fully executed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools, individually, is/are hereby authorized to execute any other documents and to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution and the Contract of Sale Agreement.

Motion: Brian Widman

Second: Patrick Talty

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne
Patrick Talty
Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: Yes

WALK-ON AGENDA ITEM

I. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Approve Letter of Engagement

RESOLUTION #19

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Mineola Union Free School District hereby approves the letter of engagement with Appraisers and Planners Inc., 9 East 40th Street, New York, NY, to appraise the property at 2400 Jericho Turnpike, Garden City Park, NY and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said letter of engagement.

Motion: Patrick Talty

Second: Stacey DeCillis

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne
Patrick Talty
Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: Yes

WALK-ON AGENDA ITEM

I. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Retain GHD, Inc. to Conduct Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

RESOLUTION #21

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Mineola Union Free School District hereby retains GHD, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 to perform a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment on the real property located at 2400 Jericho Turnpike, North Hempstead, NY in connection with the District's proposed purchase of the property.

Motion: Brian Widman
Second: Patrick Talty

Yes:
Dr. Margaret Ballantyne
Patrick Talty
Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: Yes

J. CONSENSUS AGENDA

RESOLUTION #16 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a.1. through J.3.d.1., as presented.

Motion: Patrick Talty
Second: Stacey DeCillis

<u>Yes:</u>	<u>No:</u>
Dr. Margaret Ballantyne	_____
Patrick Talty	_____
Cheryl Lampasona	_____
Brian Widman	_____
Stacey DeCillis	_____

Passed: Yes

1. **ACCEPTING OF MINUTES**
 - a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Reorganization Meeting, as presented.

2. **INSTRUCTION**
 - a. **Resignations**
 1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Dominick J. Tolipano, Assistant Principal of Jackson Avenue, effective August 1, 2021.
 - b. **Leave of Absence - FMLA**
 1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Jenny L. Amendolare, for a 12 week unpaid FMLA Leave of Absence, starting approximately August 31, 2021.
 - c. **Appointments**
 1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jacqueline Jahelka, to the position of Summer School Lacrosse Coach, replacing Samantha Henton (previously approved), with a salary of Step 1, \$60.92 per hour.
 2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jodi M. Dilemme, to the position of Leave Replacement Teacher for Jenny Amendolare, starting August 31, 2021 with a salary of MA, Step 1, \$73,099.
 3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Rory F. Creighton-Kirk, to the position of Summer School Teacher for the Summer Enrichment Program, effective July 6, 2021 through August 2, 2021, with a salary of \$60.92 per hour.
 4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Roseanna Zahralban, to the position of Summer School Teacher for the Summer Enrichment Program, effective July 6, 2021 through August 2, 2021, with a salary of \$60.92 per hour.
 5. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Carolyn Szydowski, to the position of Summer School Teacher for the Summer Enrichment Program, effective July 6, 2021 through August 2, 2021, with a salary of \$60.92 per hour.

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6. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jessica Wroblewski, to the position of Summer School Teacher for the Summer Enrichment Program, effective July 6, 2021 through August 2, 2021, with a salary of \$60.92 per hour.
7. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Vincent Interrante, to the position of Part Time (.2) Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, with a salary of .2 of MA+60, Step 30, \$140,197 equaling \$28,039.
8. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Tracey Hanes, to the position of Part-Time (.5) ELA Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, with a salary of .5 of MA, Step 1, \$73,099 equaling \$36,549.
9. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Victoria N. Berkowitz, to the position of Provisional Computer Science Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 with a salary of BA+30, Step 1, \$68,547 and a Probationary Period from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2025.
10. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ryan J. Gendels, to the Probationary position of Science Teacher, effective September 1, 2021, with a salary of MA, Step 1, \$73,099 and a Probationary Period from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2025.

d. **APPR Facilitators - Appointments**

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following staff as Facilitators for the current school year:

	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
1.	High School	Elizabeth M. Gerner	\$1,000.00
2.	High School	Kimberly Gielarowski	\$1,000.00
3.	Middle School	Matthew Deluca	\$1,000.00
4.	Jackson Avenue	Elizabeth A. Goldman	\$1,000.00
5.	Hampton Street	Allison R. Maffettone	\$1,000.00
6.	Meadow Drive	Andrea M. Romano	\$1,000.00
7.	Middle School	Michelle P. Hoisik	\$1,000.00

e. **Instruction: Contracted**

1. That the Board of Education approves the contracts between the Mineola UFSD and the following districts for the 2021-2022 school year:
 - 1 - School Year Audio Logical Services
 - 2 - Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
 - 3 - Life's WORC Family Center for Autism
 - 4 - Eden II Genesis Programs
 - 5 - The Hagedorn Little Village School
 - 6 - RaBu Dignostic Services
 - 7 - West Hempstead UFSD
 - 8 - All Island Kids Therapy, LLC
 - 9 - Horizon Healthcare
 - 10 - South Oaks Hospital
 - 11 - Access 7 Services
 - 12 - Kidz Educational Services
 - 13 - Green Chimneys
 - 14 - Brookville Center for Children's Services

2. That the Board of Education approves the agreement between the Mineola UFSD and the Behavior Change Success Corp. from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

3. **CIVIL SERVICE**
 - a. **Resignation(s)**
 1. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Rosanny Diaz, Account Clerk in the Business Office, as of August 3, 2021.

 - b. **Appointment(s)**
 1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ines Barrera, to the position of 10 Month Bus Driver effective August 25, 2021 with a salary on Step 1 of \$27,247.00.
 2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Gregory Semar, to the position of 10 Month Bus Driver, effective August 25, 2021 with a salary on Step 1 of \$27,247.00.
 3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Maria Zapag, to the position of 10 Month Bus Driver, effective August 25, 2021 with a salary on Step 1 of \$27,247.00.

 - c. **Leave of Absence - Paid Medical**
 1. That the Board of Education approves a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Lori Puma, Sr. Typist Clerk at the Middle School as of July 24, 2021. She will return upon doctor's approval.
 2. That the Board of Education approves a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Anthony Coraci, Head Custodian I at Hampton Street School, effective July 27, 2021 through September 2, 2021.
 3. That the Board of Education approves the extension of a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Jose Ayala, Cleaner at the High School, through August 11, 2021.

4. **BUSINESS / FINANCE**
 - a. **Budget Appropriation Adjustment**

1. The Board of Education approves the transfer of funds, in the amount of \$50,000 from Budget Code: 9020-800-00-8097 to Budget Code: 1621-418-00-7899 for miscellaneous building repair expenses.
2. The Board of Education approves the transfer of funds, in the amount of \$25,000 from Budget Code: 9020-800-00-8097 to Budget Code: 1621-500-08-0000 for COVID-related materials and supplies.
- b. **Internal Claims Audit Report**
 1. That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Audit Report for June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- c. **Business/Finance - Contract Approvals**
 1. That the Board of Education approves the Inter-Municipal Transportation Agreements between the Mineola UFSD and the following school districts commencing September 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 as follows:
 - Herricks UFSD
 - Carle Place UFSD
 2. That the Board of Education approves of an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Noize Ive, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year.
 3. That the Board of Education approves of an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Propio Language Services to perform over-the-phone interpreting within the School District.
 4. That the Board of Education approves of an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and ASTA-USA Translation Service, to perform translations within the School District.
 5. **BOCES Contract - 2021-2022**

That the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 AS-7 Agreement with Nassau BOCES in the amount of \$4,371,790.77 for services provided throughout the school year.
 6. That the Board of Education approves a 457(b) Custodial Account Agreement with PenServ Plan Services, Inc., to provide employees with 457(b) retirement plans options for investment of those funds, and authorizes the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business and Operations to execute said agreement.
 7. That the Board of Education approves a Cultivate Agreement between UChicago Impact, LLC and the Mineola UFSD for the 2021-2022 school year.
 8. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Mount Sinai South Nassau and Dr. Ronald Marino, D.O. from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
- d. **Business/Finance: Disposal of District Property**
 1. That the Board of Education approves the disposal of the following district property, according to Policy #5250, declaring them obsolete.
 - The Marching Band podium - dispose due to safety concerns. It is over 10 years old and does not have a serial number.

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports

Presentations:

- 1. Re-Opening Plan - by Dr. Nagler

Superintendent Comments

L. Public Comments

M. Executive Session Time: 8:25 p.m.

Motion: Brian Widman

Second: Patrick Talty

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

Patrick Talty

Cheryl Lampasona

Brian Widman

Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Spagnola

District Clerk