

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.*

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**Board Goals – 2009-2010**

- **Educational**
  - *To further expand the district initiative of differentiated instruction specifically denoting how schools plan to move student achievement from level to level as well as preventing student regression within and between levels.*
  - *To continue to develop our relationship with Winthrop Hospital to develop a career academy at the HS for students pursuing potential post HS opportunities.*
  - *To establish guidelines for the health and wellness of our children that encompasses curriculum, food program(s) and safety policies.*
- **Facilities**
  - *To investigate and embrace projects that incorporate ‘green’ technologies that over time will decrease our dependency on fossil fuels.*
- **Finance**
  - *To create a five year financial landscape that captures status quo and tax levy projections. Those projections will then be articulated to the community in order to open a dialogue about the future of Mineola.*

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**DATE: December 17, 2009**

**LOCATION: Mineola High School**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**OPEN BUSINESS MEETING**

**6:45 p.m.**  
**7:00 p.m. High School Auditorium**

**Board of Education**

William Hornberger, President  
Terence Hale, Vice President  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Christine Napolitano

**Central Office**

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools  
Sherri Goffman, Deputy Superintendent  
John Waters, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Oper.  
Janice Patterson, Asst. Supt. for Pupil Pers. Services  
Donna Martillo, District Clerk

**A. Call to Order**

At 6:45 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Hornberger.

At 6:45 p.m. a motion was made for the Board to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or

matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

**Motion:** William Hornberger

**Second:** Terence Hale

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

Mr. McGrath was not present.

At 7:00 p.m. the Board returned to open session and immediately recessed this meeting in order to go into public session.

At 7:08 p.m. the meeting resumed.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Reading of Mission – Terence Hale**
- D. Moment of Silent Meditation**
- E. Dais & Visitor Introductions**
- F. High School Student Organization Report**

The High School Student Representative reported on the following: resolution to the parking problem; many students in favor of renovation of tennis courts into a recreation center instead of parking, a more extensive survey will be taken at a later date, it was a verbal study; students felt prices in vending machines were high; Student Organization met with Mr. Escobar regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation, the students want more of a one-on-one as in the past; Secret Santa fund raiser for charities; and High School concert on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about the vending machines. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the new health and wellness program cut out traditional items, but he will investigate the prices. The prices are marked up and the profits are split with the district. He suggested that the district could take less revenue. Mr. Waters stated that he just bought water from the machine and it cost \$1.25.

**G. Old Business**

**1. Amending Regulation #5150R – Student Registration and Enrollment Procedures**

**RESOLUTION #43 – BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approved and waived the formal reading in amending Regulation #5150R (Student Registration and Enrollment Procedures), due to its availability on the information table.

**Motion:** Terence Hale  
**Second:** Laraine Salvatore

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger  
**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

## H. New Business

### 1. Tenure Appointment

**RESOLUTION #44 – BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education grant tenure to John O’Malley, Elementary Teacher, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, effective September 1, 2009.

**Motion:** Laraine Salvatore  
**Second:** Christine Napolitano

**Discussion:** The Superintendent of Schools spoke about Mr. O’Malley: he has changed his certification area over the years from when he first started out at the High School in social studies; he took a year off to become a Social Worker; returned to Mineola working at the Middle School which required a change in certification; an oversight on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools in not granting tenure; and Mr. O’Malley is an exceptional teacher.

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger  
**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

### 2. First Reading of Regulations

**RESOLUTION #45 – BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approved and waived the formal reading of the following Regulations, due to their availability on the information table:

4325-R	Homework Guidelines
5020.3-R	Students w/Disabilities Pursuant to Section 504
5030-R	Student complaints and Grievances
5151-R	Homeless Children
5162-R	Student Dismissal

5210-R	Student Organizations/Establishing Extra-Classroom
5220-R	School Sponsored Student Publications and Productions
5420-R	Student Health Services
5450.1-R	Notification of Sex Offenders
5460-R	Child Abuse in a Domestic Setting
5500-R	Student Records

**Motion:** Laraine Salvatore  
**Second:** Christine Napolitano

**Discussion:** Mr. McGrath noted that there were no initials on the agenda submission forms. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he has reviewed the regulations and they are complete.

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
 John McGrath  
 Laraine Salvatore  
 Terence Hale  
 William Hornberger

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

**I. Consensus Agenda**

**1. Accepting of Minutes**

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of October 1, 2009 (Workshop); November 5, 2009 (Workshop); November 19, 2009 (Business) Meetings, as presented.

**2. Instruction**

- a. Resignation(s)

None

- b. Appointment(s)

- 1. That the Board of Education approves the addition of Abbe Sargeant, Health, Physical Education, to the Per Diem Substitute Teacher List at a daily rate of pay, \$90.00.

- c. Stipend(s)

- 1. That the Board of Education approves the following music stipends for the 2009-2010 school year:

Mike Maraia    Auxil. Band Coach    HS    \$1726.28 (this position was TBD)

Megan Messina

A Cappella Singers	HS	\$857.32 (75% of \$1143.09)
Barbershop Quarter(Dynamics)	HS	\$738.41 (75% of 984.54)
Chorus & Concert Singers	HS	\$1028.62 (75% of 1371.49)

**2.1. Instruction: Committee on Special Education Actions**

a. Instruction: Committee on Special Education Actions

1. That the Board of Education approves the CSE/CPSE/SCSE recommendations for programs and services for students with IEPs for the time period from November 1, 2009 to November 31, 2009 as set forth in Confidential Attachment "A".

**2.2. Instruction: Contracted Instructional Services**

- a. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and Oyster Bay/East Norwich Central School District to provide services to Mineola students parentally placed in out-of-district public schools for the 2009-2010 school year. Cost is in accordance with Education Law Section 3602-c and related provisions of the Education Law and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

**2.3. Instruction: Student Actions**

a. Field Trip(s)

1. That the Board of Education approves the following overnight or out-of-state field trips to circuit, regional, and national Winter Guard competitions for the Mineola High School Rockettes:
  - Sunday 1/10/2010 West Milford HS, West Milford, NJ
  - Saturday 1/23/2010 West Orange HS, West Orange, NJ
  - Saturday 1/30/2010 Hillsboro HS, Hillsboro, NJ
  - Fri/Sat 2/5-6/2010 Trumbull HS, Trumbull, CT (WGI Northeast Regional Competition) (no school missed)
  - Saturday 3/6/2010 South Brunswick HS, South Brunswick, NJ
  - Fri/Sun 3/19-21/2010 South Brunswick HS, South Brunswick, NJ (WGI Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition) (no school missed)
  - Wed/Sun 4/7-11/2010 WGI World Championships, Dayton, OH (leave after school Wednesday) (2 days of school missed)
  - Saturday 4/17/2010 South Brunswick HS, South Brunswick, NJ
2. That the Board of Education approves an overnight, out-of-state High School field trip to the 28<sup>th</sup> Yale Interscholastic Track Classic in New Haven, Connecticut on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**2.4. Instruction: Other**

**3. Civil Service**

a. Resignation(s)/Leave of Absence(s)

1. That the Board of Education approves a leave of absence for personal reasons for Kerri Jenal, part time Teacher Aide, effective November 16, 2009 through January 31, 2010.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lisa Lappin, part time Teacher Aide, to replace Suzette Sinert, effective January 4, 2010; salary, Step 1, \$13.74 per hour; probationary period 26 weeks.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lillian Ryan to the substitute position of Registered Professional Nurse, effective January 4, 2010; salary, \$90.00 per day.
3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Cassandra Graham, Bus Driver, to the position of Assistant Dispatcher to replace William Gilberg; salary, Step 10, \$59,005.00, effective January 4, 2010; probationary period 8 weeks.

c. Section 211 Pension Waiver

1. That the Board of Education grants authorization to the Superintendent of Schools, to sign Section 211 Pension Waiver on behalf of Lee Dunninger, 10 Month School Bus Driver.

**4. Business/Finance**

a. Treasurer's Report

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2009 and directed that it be placed on file.

b. Approval of Invoices and Payroll

1. That the Board of Education approves the Invoices and Payroll for the period ending October 31, 2009.

Warrant #9	\$ 264,468.10
Warrant #10	\$1,087,022.11
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,351,490.21</b>

PAYROLL #9 & #10

General	\$4,133,496.86
Fund F	\$ 78,649.55
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$4,212,146.41</b>

c. Budget Transfer

1. That the Board of Education accepts the following Budget Transfer Request:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2250.490.00.0000	2280.492.00.0000	\$ 52,710.00

**4.1. Business/Finance: Contract Approvals**

**4.2. Business/Finance: Bids**

a. Request for Proposal

1. That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, awards the Request for Proposal for the Point of Sale System, opened November 12, 2009, **Nutrikids** in the amount of \$44,763.00.

**5. Other**

**RESOLUTION #46** – **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education approves Consensus Agenda items I.1.a. through I.4.2.a.1. as presented.

**Motion:** Terence Hale

**Second:** Laraine Salvatore

**Discussion:** Ms. Salvatore referred to an inquiry of the Internal Claims Auditor regarding gym flooring tiles at the High School and why it wasn't put out to bid. The Superintendent of Schools responded that anything over \$10,000.00 requires going out for a bid. The Director of Building and Grounds believed that this company was the sole source for this material and the Internal Claims Auditor felt it was not. She felt there were other manufacturers that make similar products, but the district had specific needs. Mr. Salvatore inquired if Building and Grounds had final word or does it go through the Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Mr. Waters responded that it goes through him. Mr. Waters explained that Mr. Romano did the research and was told by 2 separate individuals that this company was the sole source. Ms. Greene did release the check and felt the district should have done due diligence and to be more thorough in purchasing sole source material.

Ms. Salvatore inquired about the Transportation Report in who will be receiving the Metro cards. Ms. Patterson responded that some of the students who receive special services and attend an occupational education program. The Superintendent of Schools interjected they would be High School age students.

Ms. Salvatore inquired about the Board approving field trips. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the Board only approves overnight and out-of-state field trips.

Ms. Salvatore inquired about other activities within the Transportation Report, stating zero. The Superintendent of Schools responded that Transportation logs all their time performing runs, i.e. delivery of Board packets, and mail.

Ms. Napolitano inquired about the POS (Point of Service) that was recommended by the Auditors. The district only received a response from one company, Nutrikids. The Superintendent of Schools responded that it was an RFP (Request for Proposal). Ms. Napolitano inquired about the cost being \$44,000.00 if it was something the district had to move quickly on. The Superintendent of Schools responded that 2 or 3 software companies run this type of product. Some companies did not want to bid because they cannot bid on a item the district wants. An RFP is not binding. It is paid through the lunch fund.

The Superintendent of Schools apologized for an omission of an item on the agenda, a field trip for the High School Rockettes to South Brunswick for a Winter Guard competition.

That the Board of Education amends item I.2.3.a.1. with the addition of a field trip date of April 17, 2010 for the Mineola High School Rockettes to travel to South Brunswick HS, South Brunswick, NJ in order to compete in a Winter Guard competition.

**Motion:** Terence Hale

**Second:** Laraine Salvatore

**Discussion:** Mr. Hale inquired if more than 35 students would be attending. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the Winter Guard doesn't have a set number since they fund raise and sometimes not all girls can go due to finances. Mr. Hale pointed out a typo on West Milford competition request form under the chaperone list.

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

The Board of Education now voted on the original motion to approve Consensus Agenda Items I.1.a. through I.4.2.a.1. as amended.

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath

**No:** None



Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger

**Passed:** Yes

**RESOLUTION #47** – **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School district approves the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement dated December 17, 2009 resolving a personnel matter between the District and the employee named in Confidential Attachment “B”; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to execute said Stipulation on behalf of the Board.

**Motion:** Terence Hale

**Second:** Laraine Salvatore

**Discussion:** President Hornberger stated that this item was discussed in executive session.

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

**J. Public Comments**

The public comments were as follows:

- ❖ A resident inquired as to what 2 schools the district intends to close. Mr. Hornberger responded that the Board is not making a decision or announcing any school closures at this meeting. There will be a discussion by the Superintendent of Schools looking at 3 years and what the tax levy projects will look like. The Superintendent of Schools stated that there is a timeline in presenting budget projections for 3 years and their impact which will begin at the January 7, 2010 Board of Education Workshop. At that time they will discuss reductions with the current configuration and at the January 21, 2010 they will take a look at reductions with school closures. He further stated that before a decision is made the Board and community will be very much informed. His personal opinion is that you cannot look at this year’s budget in isolation; it must be looked at 2 and 3 years forward. The resident commented that he does not mind students going on field trips, but class sizes should be 40 kids in a class, and the district would be able to do more. The resident compared Chaminade being able to educate a student for \$17,000.00 a year as opposed to Mineola’s \$25,000.00. The Superintendent of Schools stated that New York City does not vote on budgets. The resident then complained about the quality of sound when the meetings are aired on the local access channel. The Superintendent of Schools further commented that the Board’s commitment is that everyone was on the same page

regarding finances before solutions are discussed. He further stated that tough decisions will be made as to what the budget will be and what the community can afford. The resident suggested canceling football and the children bringing their own water in order to fix up other things. It is time to tighten the belt, as he sees it from a taxpayer's point of view. The Superintendent of Schools responded that Administration knows something needs to be done and at the presentation the numbers will be provided. A more extensive discussion will take place at the January 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Board meetings. The resident also suggested using our bus fleet more efficiently. The resident commented that the school budget is killing the taxpayer.

- ❖ A resident stated that he viewed the Superintendent of Schools' interview with Mayor Martin on Channel 38 and felt he hit the nail on the head during that interview. The resident also stated that to cut any program in the school district would be an injustice, because his children received many benefits when they attended, and it would not be fair for future children to receive less. The resident stated that the key word is consolidation. The resident hailed the music program from its inception to the present and mentioned political representatives who have gone through the Mineola School system. The resident felt cutting programs should be a last resort even on austerity. The Superintendent of Schools thanked the resident for his comments and stated he has not seen the interview yet. He further commented that Administration is trying to frame the problem and learn from last year. They want to take a step back before they talk about cutting and speak about the numbers. The last thing the Superintendent of Schools wants to do is cut programs; the district needs to pass budgets and preserve as much as possible. The resident stated that this School Board deserves many thanks for the time they put in. The Board saved \$100,000.00 in not going out to search for a Superintendent of Schools. He further stated that the Superintendent of Schools took on more jobs at lower pay and believes working together anything can be solved.

Mr. Hornberger announced that at 8:00 p.m. the Superintendent of Schools will start his presentation. Hearing no more comments the presentation will begin immediately.

#### **K. Board of Education Reports**

- Comments from Board President
- Board Committee Report
- Superintendent of Schools' Reports & Comments
  - Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent of Schools discussed budget costs going up 4 to 5% due to salaries, and benefits (TRS, ERS, Health costs), items that are legally binding to the district. Due to this percentage increase reductions are needed in order to make the budget more palatable to the community. There are many ways to reduce and he will detail more at the January meetings. He presented the following: status of State Aid remaining the same as this year; tax levy just under 5%; State possibly making mid-year cuts (\$360,000.00 if enacted); Governor holding back aid that is maintainable, but if Star was held it would be a problem for the district; subsequent lawsuits filed on State for holding Aid; revenue to the district; increase to budget for next year 5.46%, if it was rolled over; next 3 years of increases; Federal Stimulus money decreasing after 2 years; tax levy for next 2 years (5.4% and 5.62%); County Executive Suozzi's recommendation of a 4% tax

cap; this year's tax levy of 2.5%; need to reduce the budget by 1.1 million dollars for first year and 1.8 million dollars in the second year in order to keep the tax levy at 4%; reducing personnel affects program; reduction of 4 million dollars from the budget will affect programs; 80% of budget is salaries and benefits; contingency budget is zero percent; even if there is a zero percent increase to the budget, taxes still increase; district choices (reserve fund to offset tax levy, or pay down debt); may escape year one, but year 2 and 3 programs will be affected district-wide; presentation at January 21<sup>st</sup> will address and give examples of how the district can put out a budget and tax levy in a school closing situation in order to save programs over time.

- Capital Updates
- Table Reports
  - Finance and Operations Report
    - Monthly Financial Report
    - Building & Grounds Report
      - Building Usage
      - Vandalism
      - Work order status
    - Transportation Report
- Special Reports
  - \*Public Questions - Board Committee Reports; Student Organization Report; Superintendent's Report; Table Reports (All Finance & Operation Functions); and Special Report

Public comments and questions were as follows:

- ❖ A resident inquired about the result of a budget failing at a 5.46% increase. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the district would have one other opportunity in June to put out another budget for the community to vote on. If that was defeated the district would go on a contingency budget which would be problematic.
- ❖ A resident commented that he did not think it was possible to close two schools. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he will address this point at the January Board meeting.
- ❖ A resident suggested a freeze on salaries for one year in order to help the taxpayer. The Superintendent of Schools responded that Administration can approach the units, but the increase won't be offset by the raises, though it is a good chunk of money. The problem is that TRS and ERS (Retirement Systems) are increasing substantially. Mr. Waters stated the TRS increase is 1% of the budget. Mr. Hornberger stated that last year Board Members requested give backs from the units and they declined. The Superintendent of Schools stated he has scheduled a meeting with unit Presidents to present a plan of excessing of personnel and speak with them about other options.
- ❖ A resident stated that Syosset employees received 2% increases. The Superintendent of Schools responded that at the end of year four it evens out due to front loading, by taking small increases now.
- ❖ A resident referred to a Newsday chart regarding reserves of districts. The Superintendent of Schools responded to think of that as a savings account in case anything is needed that wasn't budgeted for, i.e. boiler replacement. You want to

keep a savings account to handle any situation as well as offset the tax levy. The problem with that it creates a spike and the district tries to avoid spikes.

- ❖ A resident inquired what the 3.1 million dollar reserve was invested in. Mr. Waters responded CDs, and followed up by saying, districts are restricted in the type of investments made because it is taxpayer money.
- ❖ A resident inquired as to how parochial schools are factored in. The Superintendent of Schools responded, because they are residents, the district is required to supply whatever public school students receive.
- ❖ A resident inquired if the budget fails and the district goes to contingency what happens to property values. The Superintendent of Schools responded he tries not to venture into Nassau County Assessments, but every Superintendent is grappling with this same issue. Last year discussions were about cutting more, and this year they regret cutting too much. The next few years will be difficult because Federal money dries up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- ❖ A resident commented that he did not want to see the High School go to grades 7-12, but isn't opposed to an 8 to 12 configuration. He felt that if the district is on contingency the parents will come out and help the children. The Superintendent of Schools responded that next year cannot be looked at in isolation. The Board will have to plow the course in which the district takes and they want to hear from the community. He referred to what a community person suggested in putting before the voters a roll out budget and let them vote on it.

Mr. McGrath commented on the time frame needed for consolidation. He further stated that the February break is the deadline and that it is a very ambitious undertaking, because 2 weeks after the plan is outlined the Board has to decide whether to consolidate or not. The Superintendent of Schools stated that contingency will be drastic the first year, but programs will be hit. An important piece to understand is what the community would be willing to pass and how will it affect future years. If the current configuration is kept, programs will be lost. Consolidation is a good choice to preserve programs.

- ❖ A resident inquired as to the meaning of consolidation. The Superintendent of Schools responded, closing schools.

Ms. Napolitano requested the district obtain information from the County on foreclosures in Mineola.

The Superintendent of Schools stated he will be attending a meeting of Superintendents tomorrow.

- ❖ A resident inquired if there was anyway to track the voting record of parochial parents. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the district has 2,600 students, 4,000 voters (2,000 families with 2 adults) having children in the system and only 179 voted every time in the last 4 elections. You have to generate more yes votes.
- ❖ A resident needed clarification as to the number of 179 people who voted. The Superintendent of Schools stated that 179 people voted consistently in the last 4 elections.
- ❖ A resident inquired why there was more savings in personnel reduction than consolidation of schools and not affect programs. The Superintendent of Schools responded because there are 4 separate schools it generates inequity among

buildings. Last year Willis sent 11 classes to the four buildings and 12 teachers were needed. If the district consolidated, 10 sections would not be needed, having more equitable class sizes and classes, i.e. Art. In closing a building one less principal is needed as well as clerical and custodial.

- ❖ A resident inquired about the current Art and Music classes and the rotation between buildings.
- ❖ A resident inquired about the layoff of 10 teachers if the district had to hire back 7. The Superintendent of Schools responded that in the new contract the maximum to excess is 7, but if schools are closed the number is 10 and no one has to be brought back. The Superintendent of Schools spoke about the following: contracted increases cannot be withheld; contracts are negotiated every 3 or 4 years; used East Meadow as an example that even though the district held out for 4 years in the end they paid out back-pay for 4 years.
- ❖ A resident inquired about the size of the district's current configuration compared to other school districts. The Superintendent of Schools responded that Mineola has 1,300 elementary students; it being manageable with fewer schools.
- ❖ A resident inquired about the geographical area of Mineola. The Superintendent of Schools responded that Mineola is no bigger than any other district even though it is oddly shaped. The Superintendent of Schools also discussed: zoning, busing; the distance a student is from an elementary school; all students are within a 1.6 mile radius from Cross Street; and the farthest student from the High School is 3 miles.
- ❖ A resident inquired about the teachers' contract being up this June. The Superintendent of Schools stated there are 2 more years. The resident inquired as to when the district is planning to negotiate with the teachers. The Superintendent of Schools responded, a year out.
- ❖ A resident inquired what the district was going to do in 5 years. The Superintendent of Schools discussed revenue sources and how it affects the bottom line; using a closed building as a revenue source; reducing a 10 million dollar bond to 3 million dollars.

The Superintendent of Schools presented a Capital Project chart to the Board and requested direction on the following items: the need to replace the entire P.A. bell system at the Middle School, \$55,000.00 is currently in the budget and would like to perform the work over the holiday breaks; how the Board wants to spend the \$500,000.00 in the repair fund; the chart does not include the Johnson money of \$100,000.00 that is earmarked for the Science labs; other projects for the Board to consider (Tennis courts, ScholarChip Card Access). Ms. Salvatore inquired as to where the money for Nutrikids was coming out of. The Superintendent of Schools responded the Lunch Fund. Mr. Waters explained that the bell system work will begin over the break and be completed over the February break. The Superintendent of Schools inquired if the Board wants Administration to go ahead with the bell system work; his recommendation is to proceed. Mr. Hale commented that he is amazed that there are areas in the Middle School that cannot hear announcements. Mr. McGrath inquired as to who was doing the work. Mr. Waters responded, Advanced Sound and that the district is going off of 2 different bids: Nassau County and Ed Data. Mr. Hale inquired as to where they are located. The Superintendent of Schools responded that they have also been the district service provider. Mr. Hornberger inquired of the Board if they were comfortable in adding this to the Capital Project list. All agreed it was a safety concern and to move forward. Ms. Salvatore inquired why work could not be done at night. Mr. Waters responded that it

would increase the cost. The Superintendent of Schools stated that he would prefer that no students were in the building. Ms. Salvatore inquired about the removal of the old system. The Superintendent of Schools responded it would not be taken out until they are ready to move over to the new system.

The Superintendent of Schools reported on the following: received a Development Achievement Citation from the New York School Boards Association for Christine Napolitano; State Report Card came out today, but did not have an opportunity to review it and asked Ms. Goffman to discuss it at the next meeting; attended a few concerts and stated Jackson's was tomorrow and the High School on Tuesday; inquired if the Board required any further information regarding the cell phone regulation; and an update on the Flu.

Mr. Hornberger wished everyone a enjoyable Holiday Season and thanked everyone for their attendance and requested they attend the January 7, 2010 Workshop meeting.

**L. Adjournment**

At 9:05 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Mineola Board of Education.

**Motion:** Terence Hale  
**Second:** Laraine Salvatore

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger  
**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martillo  
District Clerk