

MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINEOLA, NY

**Workshop 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 3, 2009**

**LOCATION: Willis Avenue School**

**OPEN WORK SESSION**

**7:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Staff Lounge**

**Board of Education**

William Hornberger, President  
Terence Hale, Vice President  
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  
Lori Dolan, Asst. District Clerk

**A. Call to Order**

At 7:05 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Hornberger.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Reading of Mission**

- D. Moment of Silent Meditation**
- E. Dais & Visitor Introductions**
- F. Old Business**

**Discussion:** Mrs. Napolitano inquired as to where they were on the Board goal of a relationship with Winthrop. Ms. Goffman replied that she could only speak to the work they've been doing with the Long Island Advisory Council and the Long Island Works program and they were continuing their relationship with them and that they had accepted some students for some senior projects. President Hornberger inquired about the HR Guide. He asked about the section on a smoke free work environment and the Superintendent replied that Nassau County prohibits smoking in the building but would look into how far out from the building you were permitted to smoke, adding that the Mineola UFSD policy states no smoking on school property. Mr. Hornberger also inquired about a homework policy and the Superintendent replied that the District references that the Superintendent provide a guideline. A discussion ensued with regard to a district cell phone policy. The Superintendent stated that there are two issues: who does the Board want accessible at all times, and then, what type of phones should they get. The second more problematic piece would be how do you account for personal use of a business phone. Therefore, the Superintendent's recommendation is to charge everyone a flat fee for their personal use. The recommendation was that the Superintendent, the Director of Facilities, Assistant Director of Transportation and the Supervisor of Athletics receive district phones. President Hornberger stated that the Board was not ready to move on this policy at this time.

- G. New Business**

**Discussion:** Mrs. Salvatore stated that she received an e-mail from a Senior at the High School regarding the fact that students are only permitted to park on the street even if there are empty spaces in the parking lot and that teachers are permitted to enter the building at side entrances. The Senior wanted to know why the students couldn't also enter at the side entrances to the building. The Superintendent responded that the teachers have no access to those doors unless someone is letting them in, and that there is a single point of entry to the building for security purposes. He further stated that there are limited parking spaces in the South parking lot, but that there are not enough for all students. The Superintendent stated that they would wait for the survey from the Student Organization as to the feasibility of using the tennis courts for additional parking.

- H. Consensus Agenda**

1. Instruction: Committee on Special Education Actions
  - a. That the Board of Education approves the CSE/CPSE/SCSE recommendations for programs and services for students with IEPs for the time period from September 1, 2009 to October 31, 2009 as set forth in Confidential Attachment "A".
2. Resignation

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the letter of resignation of Joseph Alchalabi, Leave Replacement Earth Science Teacher, effective November 30, 2009.

**RESOLUTION #42** – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the Consensus Agenda item H.2.a. as presented.

**Motion:** Laraine Salvatore

**Second:** Terence Hale

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

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

## **I. Superintendent's Reports**

- **Curriculum Update**

Ms. Goffman gave a Curriculum Update presentation for 2009-10, including such topics as New York State requirements, District Curriculum Initiatives, Summer Curriculum Projects, Financial Literacy Course Proposal and Target Competencies.

- **Superintendent's Comments**

The Superintendent stated that the District had been awarded the Energy Star Award at three schools: Meadow Drive, Hampton and Cross. The award is based on energy consumption, the energy performance contracts, the first two phases, and the energy savings that those buildings achieved. He further stated that he and Mr. Waters had met with Johnson Controls and another company, the focus being on investigating ways to further save energy and train someone in the district to act as an energy czar to train others in the district to become more energy conscious. The Superintendent also discussed the energy performance contracts that had been initiated over two years. Mr. Hornberger stated that he would like to see some cost benefit analysis.

The Superintendent stated that on Monday night he filmed the Mayors' forum on the school district. He further stated that Ms. Molloy is trying to coordinate the grand opening of Meadow Drive Library, and that Thomas DiNapoli had donated the money and that a tentative date of December 21<sup>st</sup> was planned.

The Superintendent stated that he and Mr. Waters had been working on the Budget Presentation with 3 year projections. He stated that next year we can anticipate not getting the state aid that we received this year due to pushing back cuts through the use of stimulus money, adding that he would like to have two reduction plan presentations, one on January 7<sup>th</sup> and one on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Superintendent reminded everyone to check their district calendars for dates of upcoming holiday concerts as well as the Children's Cultural Art Series presentation of Junie B. Jones.

**J. Adjournment**

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

**Motion:** Terence Hale

**Second:** Laraine Salvatore

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

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dolan  
Assistant District Clerk