

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.

Board Goals – 2008-2009

- *Educational Expectations and Improvement*
- *School Quality*
- *Operations*
- *Fiscal Management/Stability*

DATE: June 4, 2009

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

EXECUTIVE SESSION
OPEN WORK SESSION

6:15 p.m. 2nd FLOOR Board Room
7:00 p.m. 1st FLOOR CAFETERIA

Board of Education

Stephen Siwinski, President
Laraine Salvatore, Vice President
John McGrath
William Hornberger
Terence Hale

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michael Nagler, Deputy Superintendent
Sherri Goffman, Asst. Supt. of Curr. & Inst.
Janice Patterson, Director of Pupil Services
Lori Dolan, Asst. District Clerk

A. Call to Order

At 6:25 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Siwinski.

B. Executive Session

A motion was made to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing 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: Laraine Salvatore

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

Mr McGrath arrived at 6:30.

Returned to Open Session:

At 7:15 p.m. motion was made to return to open session.

Motion: William Hornberger
Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

- C. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. **Reading of Mission**
- E. **Moment of Silent Meditation**
- F. **Dais & Visitor Introductions**
- G. **Old Business**

1. **Take from the Table**

That the Board of Education Take from the Table Consensus Agenda Item I.4.3.a. (Change Orders) tabled at the May 21, 2009 Business Meeting.

Motion: Terence Hale
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Discussion: Mr. Hale expressed concern that insufficient detail was provided to the Board with regard to the change orders. Mrs. Salvatore agreed. Mr. McGrath asked why this was so. The Superintendent stated that he will ask Mr. Waters to provide more detailed information. No vote was taken.

RESOLUTION #79 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Change Orders:

Change Order GC-01	RD Architectural	-\$348.00 (Decrease to contract)
Change Order EC-06 & Change Order EC-07	Eldor Contracting Corp.	2,875.00 (Increase to contract)
Change Order GC-04 & Change Order GC-05	Rockmore Contracting Corp.	7,958.00 (Increase to contract)

H. New Business

1. Recognition of Donation

RESOLUTION #80 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education recognizes the generosity of the Demelas family and the Jackson Avenue PTA for the redesign of the Jackson Avenue Discovery Zone.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: Terence Hale

Discussion: Mr. Gaven stated that, for a number of years, Jackson Avenue had a “Quiet Zone” where students could come to have a quiet area to relax and get away from the noise and “jostling” in the school. He stated further that lately it had been reduced to an area of rocks, pebbles, not grass and several dead trees and bushes. Under the leadership of the Jackson Avenue PTA, in particular Beth Walton, Sharon Demelas and Mrs. Perlo, a plan was put into place to improve the area and create a “Discovery Zone” that would be more inspiring to the students. Mr. Gaven stated that, thanks to the Jackson Avenue PTA, and in particular the Demelas family, new sod was planted, 700 flowers and new bushes were planted, planting beds were established, in ground sprinklers were installed, as well as tables, benches, and a large chess board.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

2. Tenure Appointments

RESOLUTION #81 - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to grant tenure to Kathleen Crawley, K-12 Music Teacher effective July 1, 2009.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

A motion was made to amend the tenure date of Resolution #81 to read August 31, 2009.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

Discussion: The Superintendent of Schools stated that it was an honor to recommend Kathleen Crawley's tenure. SueCaryl Fleischmann and Deborah Shaw spoke in favor of Ms. Crawley's tenure recommendation.

The Board then voted on Resolution #81 as amended.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

RESOLUTION #82-- BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to grant tenure to Stephanie Kalberer, K-6 Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2009.

Motion: Terence Hale
Second: John McGrath

A motion was made to amend the tenure date of Resolution #82 to read September 1, 2009.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

Discussion: The Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Molloy spoke in favor of Stephanie Kalberer's tenure.

The Board then voted on Resolution #82 as amended.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

RESOLUTION #83– BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to grant tenure to Francine Sclafani, 7-12 Social Studies Teacher, effective July 1, 2009.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: William Hornberger

A motion was made to amend the tenure date of Resolution #83 to read September 1, 2009.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

Discussion: The Superintendent of Schools, along with Dr. Moriarity and Mr. Escobar, spoke in favor of Ms. Sclafani's tenure recommendation.

The Board then voted on Resolution #83 as amended.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

2. **First Reading - Policy #6645 – Fixed Assets Accounting**

RESOLUTION #84 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education waives the first formal reading of Policy #6645, Fixed Assets Accounting, due to its availability on the information table:

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: William Hornberger

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

I. **Consensus Agenda**

1. **Amendment to Annual Election and Budget Vote Workers**

a. That the Board of Education amends the following list of election workers previously adopted at the April 23, 2009 Board of Education Business Meeting; at the rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour:

- Reduce hours for Kathy Fabiszewski, Inspector, on May 19, 2009 at Hampton Street School from 5:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Appointment of Trisha Hahn as Inspector on May 19, 2009 at Hampton Street School between the hours of 1:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Reduce hours for Flore Rowe, Inspector, on May 19, 2009 at Jackson Avenue School from 5:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Increase time for Mary Brown, Registrar at Jackson Avenue, by one half hour on May 19, 2009 to 9:30 p.m.
- Withdrawal of Susan Hock, Registrar at Jackson Avenue School
- Appointment of Laura Kwiatek as a replacement Registrar at Jackson Avenue School, May 19, 2009 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Reduce hours for Kristine Vigario, Inspector, on May 19, 2009 at Jackson Avenue from 5:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Appointment of Nicole Peralta to serve as Inspector at Jackson Avenue between the hours of 5:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Withdrawal of Lynn Ruthkowski, Inspector at Jackson Avenue School
- Reduce hours for Madeline Cegelski, Inspector, on May 19, 2009 at Meadow Drive from 1:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

2. Accepting of Minutes

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the April 2, 2009 (Workshop); April 21, 2009 (Special BOCES) meetings as presented.

3. Leave of Absence

- a. That the Board of Education grants the request of Deborah Doherty, for a leave of absence, using accumulated sick days, for child-rearing purposes, starting approximately, July 29, 2009.

4. Donation

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the donation of an athletic equipment shed from Mineola Athletic Association for the Middle School Baseball field.

RESOLUTION #85– BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves of Consensus Agenda items H.1.a. through H.4.a. as presented.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: William Hornberger

A motion was made to amend Resolution #85 as follows:

RESOLUTION #85– BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves of Consensus Agenda items I.1.a. through I.4.a. as presented.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale **No:** None
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

Passed: Yes

A motion was made to remove Item 4.a. from the Consensus Agenda.

Motion: Terence Hale
Second: William Hornberger

Yes: Terence Hale **No:** None
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

Passed: Yes

The Board then voted on Resolution #85 as amended.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

J. Superintendent's Reports

K. Executive Session

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss current pending legal matters with the Attorney for the Board of Education: the Illiano lawsuit and the Salvatore and Licopoli lawsuit, and to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

At 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Salvatore left the meeting.

At 10:26 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

L. Adjournment

At 10:27 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: William Hornberger
Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dolan
Assistant District Clerk