

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 – 2010-2011

To Be Determined

DATE: July 22, 2010

LOCATION: Mineola High School

OPEN BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 p.m. Mineola High School Auditorium

Board of Education

Terence Hale, President
Christine Napolitano, Vice President
John McGrath
William Hornberger
Irene Parrino

Central Office

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools
Jack Waters, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations
Patricia Burns, Asst. Supt. of Curr., Instr., Assessment
Donna Martillo, District Clerk

A. Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Hale.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission – Terence Hale

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

Also in attendance: Jacob S. Feldman, Esq., District's Legal Counsel.

F. High School Student Organization Report

G. Old Business

H. New Business

I. Consensus Agenda

1. Accepting of Minutes

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of June 3, 2010 (Workshop); June 17, 2010 (Business) Meetings, as presented.

2. **Instruction**

a. Resignation(s)

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lisa Applewhite as Science Instructional Leader at Mineola High School, effective June 30, 2010.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education amends the appointment of Lauren Reif from a full time position to a 3/5 Speech Teacher position for the 2010 Summer Special Education Program at a pro-rated salary of \$7,304.00, effective July 1, 2010.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Monica Altamirano to the open full time position, vacated by Ms. Reif, at a salary of Step 3, \$12,173.00, effective July 1, 2010.
3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Donna Leopardi, to the position of Leave Replacement School Social Worker, for Stacey Rosenblatt, effective September 1, 2010 to approximately December 8, 2010; salary, MA, Step 1, \$67,604.00.
4. That the Board of Education approves the addition of the following candidates to the Per Diem Substitute Teacher List for the 2010-2011 school year at a daily rate of pay, \$90.00:

Manuelina Ambrosio	Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Danielle Schneider	Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)
Laura Silver	Students with Disabilities (Grade 1-6; PreK-Grade 6)

5. That the Board of Education approves the following list of staff members for the 2010 Summer Band Camp:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>2010- 5 Days</u>
Matt Feinberg	Band Director	\$1,548.81
Ken Vignona	Ass't Band Director	\$1,032.84
Anthony DeMarino	Colorguard Director	\$1,032.84
Chensey Barthold	Guard Instructor	\$687.37
Mike Maraia	Guard Instructor	\$687.37
Kris Nuzzi	Guard Instructor	\$687.37
Lisa Granath	Guard Instructor .5	\$343.68
Mike Coppola	Drill Instructor	\$687.37
Tim Doran	Brass Instructor	\$687.37
Sam Komaroff	WW Instructor	\$687.37
Chris Bonacorsa	Percussion Instructor	\$687.37
Ken Frank	Percussion Instructor	\$687.37
Frank Mauriello	Percussion Instructor	\$687.37
Amanda Buehler	Chaperone	\$602.56
Frank Lao	Chaperone	\$602.56

Anthony Nicaj	Chaperone	\$602.56
Theresa Ravert	Chaperone	\$602.56
Chris Wallitsch	Chaperone	\$602.56
TBD	EMT	\$687.37

6. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lisa Elgart, to the position of part time (.6) Spanish Teacher, effective September 1, 2010; salary, .6 of MA, Step 6, \$82,406.00 = \$49,444.00.
7. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Maureen McKeel, to the position of Occupational Therapist, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Lisamarie Curley, effective September 1, 2010. MTA salary: Step 2, \$66,565.00.
8. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jill Cole, to the position of Leave Replacement Art Teacher for Trevlin Jeffrey, effective September 1, 2010 to approximately January 31, 2011; salary, MA, Step 1, \$67,604.00.

2.1. 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 May 15, 2010 to June 30, 2010 as set forth in Confidential Attachment "A".

2.2. Instruction: Contracted Instructional Services

- a. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and Hagedorn Little Village School for the 2010-2011 school year; tuition reimbursement to private schools from NYSED SEDCAR Flow Through Funds, per the SED process. Reimbursement is for Mineola students who receive services.
- b. That the Board of Education approves a contract with All Island Kids Therapy, LLC to continue providing services to Mineola special education students in the 2010-2011 school year, with no change in fees and services from the 2009-2010 school year.
- c. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and Mineola Youth and Family Services to offer social work services provided through a community-based organization for the 2010-2011 school year.
- d. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and Pyramid Educational Consultants to renew services that include Autism and Behavioral Consultation, Professional Development, and PECS Training for the 2010-2011 school year.

- e. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and the Westbury UFSD to provide Special Education services to students who are parentally placed in private schools located in the Mineola UFSD for the 2009-2010 school year.
- f. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and the Freeport UFSD to provide Special Education services to students who are parentally placed in private schools located in the Mineola UFSD for the 2009-2010 school year.
- g. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and the Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc. to provide instructional services to a Mineola student enrolled in the Special Education Program for the 2010-2011 school year.
- h. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and the Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc. to provide instructional services to a Mineola student enrolled in the Autistic Program for the 2010-2011 school year.
- i. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and Sewanhaka CHSD to provide Special Education services to an out of district student parentally placed receiving services in the Mineola School District for the 2009-2010 school year.

2.3. Instruction: Student Actions

a. Selective Classification

- 1. That the Board of Education approves the Selective Classification request for the following students:
 - Christopher Fischer, 8th grade student, to compete on the Varsity Golf Team for the 2010-2011 school year;
 - Thomas Farrell, 8th grade student, to compete on the Varsity Golf Team for the 2010-2011 school year.

2.4. Instruction: Other

3. Civil Service

a. Resignation(s)

- 1. That the Board of Education approves the resignation of Melissa Fusco, part time Bus Aide in Transportation, effective August 31, 2010.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of all Mineola UFSD 10 Month Bus Drivers as Sub Drivers for the Summer 2010 in the event they are needed per the Bus Driver contract. They will be paid at a rate of \$23 per hour. This resolution shall be effective as of July 1, 2010.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Bus Aides to be used as needed for the summer of 2010, effective July 1, 2010. They will be paid their hourly rate according to the 2007/2009 Teacher Aide contract.

Daisy Aviles	Donna Buckley	Dolores Delape
Kathleen Diskin	Melissa Fusco	Rhonda Kaletsky
Jenny Klein	Michele Krumholz	Frances Lapoff
Michele Sciroppo	Patricia Licari	

3. That the Board of Education approves the addition of Gustavo Morales to the part time substitute Cleaner, effective September 1, 2010.
4. That the Board of Education approves the reappointment of the following names to the substitute Teacher Aide list, effective July 1, 2010; salary is \$13.74 per hour:

Susan Dunninger	Diane Ricciardi
Merlen Mills	Jeanette Landivar
Theresa Takacs	Mary Castiglia

c. Effective Retirement Date Amended

1. That the Board of Education amends the date of retirement for Marianne Lovallo, Stenographic Secretary from June 30, 2010 to July 21, 2010.

d. Amending 2010 Summer Special Education Program Teacher Aide List

1. That the Board of Education amends the 2010 Summer Special Education Program List of Teacher Aides with the removal of Maria Dunlop's name.

4. Business/Finance

a. Treasurer's Report

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2010 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 June 30, 2010.

Warrant #23	\$1,067,028.33
Warrant #24	\$1,106,169.86
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,173,198.19

<u>PAYROLL #23 & #24</u>	
General	\$8,601,185.90
Fund F	\$ 207,757.88
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$8,808,943.78

4.1. Business/Finance: Contract Approvals

a. BOCES Contract

1. That the Board of Education approves the 2009-2010 Preliminary AS-7 Contract with Nassau BOCES in the initial estimated expense of \$3,561,424.19 in providing services throughout the school year.

4.2. Business/Finance: Bids

- a. That the Board of Education awards the Food Service Bid, opened July 8, 2010, to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, Whitsons Culinary Group.

5. Other

a. Salary Increase(s)

1. That the Board of Education approves the 2010-2011 salary of JoAnn Greene, Internal Claims Auditor, in the amount of \$17,380.00.
2. That the Board of Education approves the 2010-2011 salary of Donna Squicciarino, District Treasurer, in the amount of \$13,490.00.

b. Obsolete & Outdated Textbooks

1. That the Board of Education approves the list of books and textbooks considered obsolete and outdated, as set forth in Attachment "B", in accordance with District Policy 6900-Disposal of District Property

c. NYSSBA October 21-24, 2010 Convention

1. That the Board of Education approves the allocation of funds associated with attending the NYSSBA Convention in October 2010 for Voting Delegate, John McGrath, and alternate Voting Delegate, Irene Parrino.

d. Five Year Bus Lease

1. That the Board of Education authorizes the Board of Education President to sign an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and TD Bank for a Five Year Bus Lease as previously awarded by the Board of Education at the June 17, 2010 Business Meeting.

RESOLUTION #6 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consensus Agenda items I.1.a. through I.5.d.1. as presented.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Christine Napolitano

Yes: William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

No: None
Abstention: Irene Parrino

Passed: Yes

RESOLUTION #7 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District does hereby elect to provide the benefits of the Chapter 105 **Part A** retirement incentive program to all targeted employees who are members of the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System and/or the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and who retire with an effective date of retirement during the "open period" commencing on July 22, 2010, and ending on August 31, 2010, and who are otherwise eligible to participate in such program. (A list of the titles targeted for the benefits of Part A of Chapter 105 of the Laws of 2010 is annexed hereto.) The Board is not electing to exempt employees from waiving any local retirement incentive. Accordingly, employees who are provided the benefits of the Chapter 105 Part A Retirement Incentive program shall not be permitted to avail themselves of a local retirement incentive.

List of Targeted Titles*

- 1 - Head Custodian
- 1 - Lab Assistant
- 2 - Stenographer Secretary**
- 1 - Cleaner**
- 1 - 12 Month Bus Driver**

* The Board of Education reserves the right to modify the list of targeted titles during the open period set forth in the Resolution electing the Part A of Chapter 105 of the Laws of 2010 Retirement Incentive.

**The targeting of these titles is conditioned upon the District's ability to achieve the savings required by the Chapter 105 Part A legislation.

Yes: Irene Parrino
No: None

Discussion: The Superintendent of Schools explained this retirement incentive as follows: designed to eliminate positions no longer needed; 50% savings needed to be shown over a 2 year period; there is an initial cost to the district; and target interested employees. Mr. Hornberger inquired if other employees are eligible. The Superintendent of Schools responded if more come forward the Board reserves the right to modify the list.

William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

Passed: Yes

Mr. Hale announced that the public comment portion of the meeting will be held over after the Superintendent of Schools presents the Bond Proposals/School Reconfiguration Details presentation and thanked everyone for their attendance this evening.

The Superintendent of Schools presented District's plan for a Bond vote and stated the Architects (H2M) were present to discuss Classroom Additions and Renovations. The Superintendent of Schools described the reconfigurations North/South proposal (South of Jericho Turnpike – Pre-K – 2 at Willis; North of Jericho Turnpike – Pre-K – 2 at Meadow; grades 3-5 at Jackson; grades 6-8 at Middle School; and 9-12 at Mineola High School). The Superintendent of Schools explained the various Bond options (#1 – Addition of 8 classrooms, bus loop, and multi-purpose room onto Jackson Avenue School at a cost of 4.4 million dollars; and offering another proposition on the premise that the first proposition passes to add 4 classrooms to Hampton Street School making it the South School for Pre-K – 2 instead of Willis at a cost of 1.7 million dollars, for a total of 6.1 million dollars; #2 – This Bond is for full clustering with the addition of 14 classrooms onto the 2nd floor of the Willis Avenue School at a cost of 6.7 million dollars, with no contingent option). The Superintendent of Schools also presented an option to add onto Cross Street Schools (12 classrooms, enlarge the gym, build a cafeteria) at a cost of 8.6 million dollars. The Architects presented renditions of how the facilities would appear after the renovations. Other topics discussed by the Superintendent of Schools: moving Central Offices; rooftop playground at Willis; installation of an outside staircase to the rooftop playground; surface and landscaping of the rooftop playground; appearance of this presentation on the District's website tomorrow; and at the July 7th Administrative Retreat the reconfiguration options were discussed; addition of a bus driver; possibility of a transportation referendum (May 2011) changing the mileage from ½ mile to a mile; chart of where actual students are located; 6 day cycle at elementary level to guarantee gym every other day; offer Foreign Language at Middle School; 8th grade at High School allows students to participate in the 9 period day; staffing and reductions will be addressed at a later date in order to protect individuals; savings correlated to options (#1 - \$2,850,000; #2 - \$2,400,000; #3 - \$4,521,000; closing 3 buildings estimated savings \$6,700,000); Finance Committee reviewing the numbers; interest from potential renter in Meadow Drive because it is more suited for younger children; transition plans with the possibility of 4th graders going to Middle School to alleviate an extra transition; recommended to put before the voters first option 2, because it makes the most sense.

Mr. Hale inquired of the Architects the height of the proposed Willis Avenue rooftop playground fence. The Architect responded 12 feet and the top of the fence will be curved to restrict climbing. Mr. Hale inquired about moving the HVAC equipment. The Architect responded it was included in the cost. Mr. Hale also inquired about the playground equipment. The Superintendent of Schools stated it was just turf.

Ms. Napolitano inquired about the time frame for the completion of construction. The Architect responded that Central Office staff would be relocated and the process from the time of filing to completion of construction would be about a year and a half. Ms. Napolitano inquired about when construction would take place, she is concerned about the children in school during construction. The Superintendent of Schools responded interior work would be done over the summer and completed the following summer. Children cannot be in school during roofing work. The Architect state roof work would be done during the summer. Ms. Napolitano inquired about the construction time frame for the Jackson Avenue School. The Architect responded that it would be easier; get through the heavy construction during the summer and save the tie-in to the building for last.

Mr. Hale inquired about the time frame of the playground rooftop work. The Architect responded 3 months. Ms. Napolitano inquired if the playground equipment would be typical. The Architect responded it would be full size with a safety barrier around it for protection. Primarily the renderings were done as a play surface.

Ms. Parrino inquired as to the square footage of the playground and how many children at a time would it hold. The Architect responded 5,000 square feet and between 50 and 60 children. Ms. Parrino also inquired about the barrier distance to the fence. The Architect responded 3 to 4 feet in depth between the play surface and the fence. Ms. Parrino inquired if the play area could be reconfigured that it wasn't that close to the fence. The Architect responded, yes, when they were initially doing the renderings they wanted to maximize the play area.

Mr. Hornberger inquired that 4 buses are depicted in the rendering of the proposed bus loop at Jackson, would the other buses overflow onto Marcellus, and what the mandate is for that. The Architect responded so long as the district complies with NYS Building Code it is absolved from local building and zoning ordinances. There would be landscape buffer.

Ms. Napolitano inquired if the buses travel to Marcellus until into bus loop and exit. Ms. Napolitano inquired about the all-purpose room entrance for children getting into Jackson used as additional gym. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes. The Architect stated that it also is the entrance of the building. Ms. Napolitano inquired as to the number of buses at Jackson. The Superintendent of Schools responded 10 buses for 600 students and 7 buses for 400 students. Ms. Napolitano stated she is concerned with the congestion in the area. The Superintendent of Schools responded there will be 461 students taking buses and 151 students as walkers. The percentage is the same with 3 grades and 4 grades. Ms. Napolitano inquired about the current Jackson transportation situation. The Superintendent of Schools responded there are currently 3 buses. Ms. Napolitano inquired about the percentage of walkers. The Superintendent of Schools responded if students take bus in addition using it for a bus loop same size in getting into the buildings. We could relocate the nurse's office.

Mr. Hale requested the Superintendent of Schools to explain the 6 sections at Willis and 5 at Meadow. The Superintendent of Schools stated that when he takes actual students in PreK-2 using the North/South configuration option and puts them into buildings the South building requires another class.

Mr. Hale needed clarification as to the difference in percentage between option 1 and 3 busing. The Superintendent of Schools responded ½%.

Ms. Napolitano inquired about Bond option 2 as to the amount still owed on paying down Willis. Mr. Waters interjected that \$11 million was left on Willis. Ms. Napolitano inquired if the district anticipates paying with a BAN. The Superintendent of Schools stated a Mineola resident is a Bond expert and suggested possibly going right to a Bond. Ms. Napolitano inquired if it was possible to pay down the Bond with the generated revenue. The Superintendent of Schools stated it would not offset Bond, it would be a portion of what a Bond payment would be, roughly \$580,000 a year to offer a \$6.7 million bond for 15 years. The Superintendent of Schools responded that they hope to finish that negotiation to give you that number for a better idea of what percentage of the bond would be picked up by revenue. The Superintendent of Schools responded that State Aid but won't kick in for a few years. He is very leery about State Aid money coming in.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about staffing piece for a cluster model. Is it a native language a certain amount of children. We would have to teach a certain time of day. The Superintendent of Schools responded that factor in ESL number of change when they are out of ESL. The youngest children don't test out and move through the system, they do test out. K-1 native language depends on how many students you service. We have seen a large change over the last few years. Students coming in speaking different languages. Mr. Hornberger inquired about the North/South class size with 2 additional for South side, if the district had the capacity. The Superintendent of Schools responded that classroom-wise , yes.

Ms. Parrino inquired about class sizes. The Superintendent of Schools responded the following: PreK – 20; K-2 – 22; 3-4 – 24; 5-6 – 26. Use this number and add a section. Staffing reflects a better class size than the one he just read.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about projected savings, for clarification, read left to right end option 1. The Superintendent of Schools stated negative to negative making it a positive, losing staff for 3 years, 2 Administrators, 18 teachers, clerical, custodian , but the addition of a bus driver. The Superintendent of Schools stated all models are educationally sound. The Superintendent of Schools stated that all teachers on a grade level in one building is an advantage, having them all meet at the same time is not possible.

Mr. McGrath inquired about the savings in option 1, 2, or 3 to the taxpayer on a yearly basis. Mr. Waters responded he does not have that information yet. Mr. McGrath requested the information for the next meeting.

The Superintendent of Schools inquired of the Board if they want bond option 1 or 2. Ms. Napolitano requested to prepare what it would cost average taxpayer for a typical tax levy without closing schools.

Ms. Parrino commented that she would like to hear the Finance Committee's information at the August 12th meeting. The Superintendent of School explained the timeframe in preparing for a Bond vote (Legal Notice in newspaper for a vote 45 days prior was required). The Superintendent of Schools stated that action needs to be taken at the August 12th meeting in order to have an October vote.

The Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education discussed the timeline and importance for the Board to vote on 1 of the 2 options that will be put before the voters. The Superintendent of Schools interjected that a 2 month lapse will take away the Architect's ability to begin drawing and filing plans with the State and may delay construction.

RESOLUTION #8 - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District ("District"), is hereby authorized to place a proposition(s) before the voters at a special district election to be held on October __ 2010 for the following purposes with the exact language of the proposition(s) to be determined by bond counsel: (The Board votes on option 1 or 2)

Place the following two propositions on the ballot for such Special District Election:

That the Board of Education be authorized to construct improvements and alterations to the District's Jackson Avenue Elementary School to include eight (8) classroom extension with a multi-purpose room and bus loop at a cost of 4.4 million (\$4,400,000) dollars and that the Board seek to issue bonds to fund such cost. This is to be designated, Proposition One.

That should the above proposition pass, that the Board of Education be authorized to construct improvements and alterations to the District's Jackson Avenue Elementary School to include eight (8) classroom extension with a multi-purpose room and bus loop at a cost of 4.4 million (\$4,400,000) dollars, the Board be additionally authorized to undertake the addition of four classrooms on the Hampton Street Elementary School at an additional cost of 1.7 million (\$ 1,700,000) dollars. This proposition is contingent on the passage of Proposition One as well as its own passage, and that the Board seeks to issue bonds to fund such cost.

Motion: Christine Napolitano

Second: William Hornberger

A motion was made to table Resolution #8 – Option 1.

Motion: John McGrath

Second: Irene Parrino

Discussion: Mr. McGrath explained his reason for making this motion: in order to hear from residents in the audience this meeting.

Yes: Irene Parrino
William Hornberger

No: None

John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

Passed: Yes

J. Public Comments

President Hale asked the audience to state their name and address and to allow time for others in keeping their questions brief.

Public comments and questions were as follows:

- ❖ A resident thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak before they voted. The resident inquired about the cost of the default option if the bond were to fail. The Superintendent of Schools responded \$250,000. The resident inquired if the Board was interested in making Hampton the community school. The Superintendent of Schools responded it was possible, but there was not a log of cost savings. The Superintendent of Schools further explained that the longer the district waits, extends the completion of construction. The resident requested that Hampton be considered as an option.
- ❖ A resident thanked the Board for taking the public through the process and stated a decision needs to be made to move forward. The resident inquired of the Architect the size of the High School Auditorium. The Architect responded approximately 4,500 square feet. The resident inquired about the proposed bus loop at Jackson and where the 10 buses would line up. The Superintendent of Schools responded, the loop and onto Marcellus. The resident also inquired about a drop-off and pick-up area for parents, i.e. back of building. The resident asked if there would be a new learning center in the enclosed area as a result of the new addition. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes.
- ❖ A resident inquired about option 3 (8th grade going to the High School) if other districts have an 8-12 configuration. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes. The resident inquired about the impact on education with the 8th graders being at the High School. The Superintendent of Schools responded that there are already 2 sections of 8th graders. The resident commented on the financial pressure on the community with 2 Bonds in 5 years. The Superintendent of Schools responded that in any configuration the emphasis is on academics.
- ❖ A resident inquired about a special proposition for Transportation regarding 5th and 8th graders. The Superintendent of Schools responded that any time the transportation mileage changes a vote is put before the voters. The resident inquired about the current bond total. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the district is looking into refinancing to get a better rate. The resident inquired for how long. The Superintendent of Schools responded it should be 3 years at \$700,000, which is what the district has now. The resident inquired about when payments begin if a 6.7 million dollar Bond is passed. The Superintendent of Schools responded that it is chipped away for 5 years, with 1 year grace period. Mr. Waters stated that the district paid down 10 million dollars in 3 years and 1.9 million should take 3 more years to pay down. The resident expressed their displeasure with the proposed rooftop playground for Willis and inquired about the cost change to the plans. The Superintendent of Schools responded contingency costs have been factored in. The resident inquired about the potential interested renter for Meadow Drive if option 2

- was chosen. The Superintendent of Schools stated that if a renter isn't found there are other things that can be done to generate revenue.
- ❖ A resident inquired about item I.5.a.1. and 2. (Salary increases). The Superintendent of Schools responded that this was a total. Mr. Waters stated that the Internal Claims Auditor is paid out of Accounts Payable and the Treasurer is paid as an employee.
 - ❖ A resident commented that it was unfair to ask the Board to make an uninformed vote and felt the district could afford to wait 2 months. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he has asked direction of the Board since the last 2 meetings and was aware that this vote was coming. The resident felt this motion was rushed because it was a walk-on agenda item. The Superintendent of Schools explained why it was a walk-on item (Awaiting information from Legal Counsel and Architects).
 - ❖ A resident inquired about the square footage of Hampton. The Superintendent of Schools responded that it was substantially larger, but has smaller classrooms and less bathrooms. The resident inquired if the proposed Willis playground would be covered or open. The Superintendent of Schools responded open.
 - ❖ A resident suggested that each option have a description when it is put before the voters. The Superintendent of Schools inquired of legal counsel if Administration could have the actual Bond proposal as well as the type of bond at the same meeting. Legal Counsel responded that he didn't think it would be a problem, but recommended to consult with Bond Counsel prior. The Superintendent of Schools stated the cluster option should be voted on first by the community, because it is better than the default option. The resident stated that Willis should not be a community school.
 - ❖ A resident commented that she was not in favor of a rooftop playground at Willis. The resident inquired of the Board, what if you are a community person who does not like any of the options. The resident wanted the opportunity for the community to voice their opinion to keep things as they are now. The Superintendent of Schools stated that the biggest response from the exit poll was to leave 5th and 8th grade as they are. The resident inquired if there was a question on the exit poll to leave things as they are now. The Superintendent of Schools responded no.
 - ❖ A resident voices displeasure in having children on a bus for a long time.
 - ❖ A resident commended the Superintendent of Schools on the presentation and stated residents are fed up with taxes, and that Willis was not a good investment and the district is stuck with it. The Superintendent of Schools asked the resident if they were willing to spend 1.7 million on Hampton over Willis. The resident responded yes. The Superintendent of Schools stated that the tax levy will be going up in the next 3 years, 5 or 6%. He wants to build a more streamlined school district.
 - ❖ A resident commented that it was chaos at Willis and stated the Superintendent of Schools does not know what school to close. The Superintendent of Schools responded that as soon as the Board votes, he will announce it.
 - ❖ A resident thanked the Superintendent of Schools and the Board for his child's education. The resident was not in favor of the proposed rooftop playground at Willis.
 - ❖ A resident expressed displeasure with the proposed roof top playground at Willis. The resident also requested clarification of the state that 4th graders would go to the Middle School. The Superintendent of Schools responded that this was to avoid more than 1 transition, and parents can elect to have their 4th grader attend Jackson for 1 year. The resident commented that if the district spent 1.7 million dollars to renovate Hampton, what would happen to Willis. The Superintendent of Schools responded that they would try and rent it. The Superintendent of Schools made a contrast

between Willis, spending 2.3 million dollars on addition 14 classrooms and a playground to Hampton, 1.7 million on only 4 classrooms, but the district has a configuration where no money would be spent.

- ❖ A resident thanked the Board and Superintendent of Schools for the presentation and stated they will support the plan to save money for the future by consolidating now.
- ❖ A resident commented that doing nothing is not an option. The district has the highest per pupil costs and is happy the Board is doing something, and will support whatever they choose.

Mr. Hale commented that the Board is listening to the community and will decide as a Board to reconfigure closing 2 schools to streamline and move forward to better the programs as well as be fiscally responsible.

The Superintendent of Schools stated that Bond Counsel will draw up 2 separate referendums and the Board will act at the next meeting.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about the time frame if the Board doesn't vote tonight. The Superintendent of Schools responded probably be able to get it in the same time.

K. Board of Education Reports

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

The Superintendent of Schools reported on the following items: AP results; Board Retreat date of August 9, and 10, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m.; and SED decided to change cut-scores on all standardized exams.

- 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

The Superintendent of Schools stated he is in need of an executive session.

L. Executive Session

At 9:50 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: Christine Napolitano

Second: John McGrath

Yes: Irene Parrino
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

President Hale stated the Board may return at any time.

At 10:30 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

M. Adjournment

At 10:30 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: John McGrath

Second: Irene Parrino

Yes: Irene Parrino
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martillo
District Clerk