

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 – 2008-2009

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

DATE: May 21, 2009

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

OPEN BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 p.m. 1st FLOOR CAFETERIA

Board of Education

Laraine Salvatore, Vice President
John McGrath
William Hornberger
Terence Hale

Central Office

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

Absent: Stephen Siwinski

Lorenzo Licopoli, Superintendent of Schools

A. Call to Order

At 7:06 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice President Salvatore.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission – Terence Hale

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

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

F. High School Student Organization Report

The newly elected student representative reported on the following: Senior Cut Day; Regents Review classes are in session; end of the year field trips.

G. Old Business

Mr. McGrath inquired about the status of the class size at Meadow Drive. Dr. Nagler informed everyone that the Superintendent of Schools was called away regarding a family emergency and Ms. Patterson will be a few minutes late. Dr. Nagler responded to Mr. McGrath's inquiry as follows: examined test scores, etc. specifically for that class; projections have not changed for next year; conflicting information what was initially reported by Ms. Molloy regarding the amount of time Special Ed students spend in the class; recommendation, at this time, is not to change anything until further information is received over the summer; exits are not known yet; and the domino effect with Cross' 5th grade because the district's flexibility in the current staffing allocation is in Cross' 5th grade. Ms. Salvatore inquired the latest date to split a class. Dr. Nagler responded if a staff member is needed to be added it should be soon. Mr. McGrath inquired what was the decision, split or merge. Dr. Nagler responded either they add to the budget or they move someone around. Mr. McGrath inquired where the person would come from. Dr. Nagler explained the two increased positions (Knew about Literacy Collaborative position, but not the 12th extra section for next year's first grade). Mr. McGrath inquired about desks for students. Dr. Nagler responded that he has to sit down with Ms. Molloy where the class will be housed (largest class in building). He believes it can be done. Mr. McGrath inquired when. Dr. Nagler responded sooner rather than later. Dr. Nagler stated they will be waiting on the Kindergarten numbers, hopefully by July they will know to either keep things as they are or make a change. Parents will be notified. Mr. McGrath stated he does not want it to happen at the end of the summer; the physical space needs to be resolved before the end of this year. Mr. Hornberger inquired that Ms. Molloy came in with a different timeline, who is the best person to determine how much time the students spend in the classroom. Dr. Nagler responded that Ms. Goffman sent out a chart for the total enrollment, and time allocation of Special Ed teachers to accommodate students in that grade. Ms. Goffman interjected that Ms. Molloy sent the information in October for the budget, and all Principals were asked to update their information as a result of the last Board meeting again and it was different. Ms. Goffman further stated that Ms. Molloy told them that the numbers were not correct. Mr. Hornberger stated that he has a problem with information changing. Ms. Patterson stated that Ms. Molloy said it was an error. Ms. Salvatore commented that on 10/4/08 the information was not correct. Dr. Nagler responded that they updated the Board's packet, which has not been sent yet.

H. New Business

Ms. Salvatore stated she received an e-mail from a parent regarding the 6-Day Cycle. Dr. Nagler responded that it started this year, designed to meet the physical education mandate of the students' day, as a result of the NYS Audit on Physical Education. He further stated that there are staffing and budgetary implications. Dr. Nagler stated that Physical Education is mandated daily. Ms. Goffman reported the following: Principals say it is okay; meeting with Mr. Freeman and Mr. Amitrano; and within the school year students will spend the same amount of time in Art and Music. Ms. Salvatore stated the parent was concerned with time allotted for music lessons. Dr. Nagler responded that is a pull-out program. Ms. Salvatore inquired about Mr. Amitrano's presentation if the district would be adding it to the students' day. Dr. Nagler responded that a change will be made to the K-3 physical activity. Administration is still grappling with supervision and running some type of physical education program. Dr. Nagler stated that the district

may petition the State for mandate relief on this issue because very few schools are in compliance.

Ms. Salvatore requested to alert Principals and PTAs to try and free up Board meeting dates before setting their calendar of activities. Dr. Nagler responded that there are many conflicts, but will try to limit them. Ms. Salvatore also suggested changing the venue of Board Meetings to the High School. Mr. Feldman advised the Board to check the policy for a designation site. A resolution is not needed as long as the public is alerted well in advance as to the location of the meeting.

Ms. Salvatore inquired as to the losses in the teacher retirement system since the market took a downward turn. Mr. Waters responded millions. Ms. Salvatore inquired if it would take 2 years to make up. Mr. Waters responded it is a rolling three year period because of the loss in the market. Ms. Salvatore inquired as to the length of time it will be paid back. Mr. Waters responded the State will determine in 2010-2011 if they need to charge employers to build it up. If the market turns around to previous levels, less would be needed. Dr. Nagler stated they know we are going to have giant shortfalls. Ms. Salvatore inquired if the bailout money is in addition. Mr. Waters responded yes. Mr. McGrath inquired if the district will be reimbursed. Dr. Nagler responded the district is supposed to be reimbursed.

Mr. Hale commented on the locker room theft at the Middle School. He was upset and angry that the locker room was not properly secured and felt it was the coaches' responsibility and feels they should be reprimanded. Mr. Hale has heard there were suspects. Dr. Nagler stated that students were interviewed and they have no suspects. Dr. Nagler discussed the following: cameras can be added to cover the exit doors and hallways; and Mr. Amitrano will be making a recommendation for a locker room attendant. Mr. Hale stated that it could have been avoided if the door was locked.

Mr. Hale reported on the trip to the Cohoes School District upstate to view their energy conservation program. He stated it was very enlightening and will distribute copies of the report to Board Members who did not attend. Items discussed: Cohoes saved \$152,000 throughout their six schools; shutting off lights when rooms are not being used; heat set at 68 and A/C at 74; the Energy Miser at Cohoes is the union President; Johnson Controls guarantees a yearly savings of \$60,000.00. Dr. Nagler inquired of the Board if that item should be added to July's retreat agenda. Ms. Salvatore inquired if Cohoes was a newer school district. Mr. Hornberger responded it was as old as Mineola. He further added to the discussion the following: boiler systems would need updating; and the capability of monitoring from home when the parameters are set. Dr. Nagler stated that at least three buildings can be implemented. Ms. Salvatore stated it can be further discussed at the Retreat.

1. **2009-2010 Tax Anticipation Note**

RESOLUTION #76 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the following Resolution in authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes:

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 21, 2009, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN

ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of Mineola Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$17,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
- (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
- (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Terence Hale

Discussion: Mr. McGrath requested that Mr. Waters explain Resolution #76. Mr. Waters explained that every year all school districts go out and borrow money to pay expenses until the tax revenue is obtained in late October early November. The interest is budgeted for and the principle is paid back in cash. Mr. Waters further stated that last year the district needed

14.5 million and even though the resolution requests 17 million, the district intends to borrow no more than 14 million at this time. If something happens the district has a 3 million dollar cushion.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore

No: None

Passed: Yes

I. Consensus Agenda

1. **Accepting of Minutes**

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the April 23, 2009 (Business) meeting as presented.

2. **Instruction**

a. **Resignations**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of John Tortora, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 12, 2009.

b. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approves the addition of the following individuals to the Per Diem Substitute Teacher list at a daily rate of pay of \$90.00:

Jessica Perry	Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2)
Kathleen Hughes	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Sandra Binder	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), pending
Anastasia Panouis	Reading, Nursery – Grade 6
Adam Ratner	Music (Pending), Fingerprints (Pending)
Christina Pontickio	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Pending
Louis Petersen	Math 7-12, pending
Lawrence Scherr	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6, English 7-12)
Nicoletta Vetrano	Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

2. That the Board of Education approves the following teachers for the Summer Jump Start Program, to be funded through Title III; salary, hourly summer wages as per MTA contract:

Jennifer Capella	Step 2	\$1,813.00
Mary Kenny	Step 2	\$1,813.20

3. That the Board of Education approves the following staff members for Summer Language Program 2009:

Elementary Administrator:	Maureen Cromwell		\$6,874.00
		<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Elementary Teachers:	Karen Carraro	1	\$3,892.70
	Tom Nucci	2	\$4,230.80
	Margaret Moroney	2	\$4,230.80
	Tilia Erreich	2	\$4,230.80
	Marie Watson	2	\$4,230.80
	Charyn Restituyo	2	\$4,230.80
M.S. Administrator:	Dominick Tolipano		\$6,874.00
M.S. Teachers:	Karin Shaw	1	\$3,892.70
	John O'Malley	2	\$4,230.80
	Caryl Salesi	2	\$4,230.80
	Mike Kandel	2	\$4,230.80

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 March 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009 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 2008-2009 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.

2.3. Instruction: Student Actions

a. Field Trip

1. That the Board of Education approves the following out-of-country, overnight field trip requests as follows, at no cost to the district:

- Student Exchange, Leon & Madrid, Spain, February 9-21, 2010

2.4. Instruction: Other

- a. That the Board of Education approves a self-funded 2009 Summer Music Program with the following staff Members, salaries to be remunerated according to MTA Summer School Schedule:

James Dugal
Kristen Frazer

3. Civil Service

a. Resignations

1. That the Board of Education accepts a letter of resignation from Margaret Nofer, Typist Clerk, effective June 30, 2009.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Frank Juliano, Substitute Bus Driver, to the position of 5/8ths Bus Driver, to replace Joel Levine, effective May 26, 2009; salary, Step 1, \$21,183.00; probationary period 26 weeks.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jeanette Landivar to the position of part time Teacher Aide to replace Melissa Dadich, effective May 26, 2009; salary, Step 1, \$13.74 per hour; probationary period 26 weeks.
3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Susan Duninger to the position of part time One-to-One Teacher Aide, effective May 26, 2009; salary, Step1, \$13.74 per hour; probationary period 26 weeks.
4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Diane Ricciardi to the position of part time One-to-One Teacher Aide, effective May 26, 2009; salary, Step 1, \$13.74 per hour; probationary period 26 weeks.
5. That the Board of Education approves the summer appointments of the following 10 month employees for the Elementary Summer Language Program, which is funded by Title III; salary is based on the 2008-2009 Teacher Aide salary schedule:

Kathleen Aiello	\$20.32
Rose Constantino	17.57
Claire Gavin	17.57
Nancy Gessner	17.57
Angela Hagan	15.22
Marly Ramos	27.89

6. That the Board of Education approves the summer appointments of the following 10 month employees for the Middle School Summer Language Program, which is funded by Title I; salary is based on the 2008-2009 Teacher Aide salary schedule.

Nomeky Billiris	\$26.55
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Patricia DelliGati	19.35
Karen Dombeck	32.98
Judy Granath	24.83

7. That the Board of Education approves the summer appointments for the following 10 month employees for the Mineola East Program at the High School, September 1, 2009 and September 2, 2009; salary, \$8.00 per hour.

Judy Granath
Jane Lapin
Rosina Sarno

8. That the Board of Education approves the summer appointments of the following 10 month clerical employees for the High School. Salary is in accordance with the hourly salary of the 2009-2010 Clerical Contract:

Jeanne Cribbin	Guidance Office	\$33.24
Tricia DeRosa	Main Office	\$39.42

9. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following candidates for the support staff substitute list, effective May 26, 2009;

John Wigand	Cleaner Sub.	\$12.25
Cherie Adrat	Teacher Aide Sub.	\$13.74
Barbara Fischthal	Teacher Aide Sub.	\$13.74
Concita Brito-D'Orta	Teacher Aide Sub.	\$13.74

c. New Position

1. That the Board of Education approves a new position of 12 month, part time Typist Clerk, effective July 1, 2009.

4. **Business/Finance**

a. Treasurer's Report

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 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 April 30, 2009.

Warrant #19	\$ 582,111.82
Warrant #20	\$ 255,938.98
Warrant #19A	\$ 20.92

Voids \$ 78,195.05 Cr.
TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 916,266.77

PAYROLL #19 & #20

General \$3,943,646.24
Fund F \$ 58,482.90
TOTAL PAYROLL \$4,002,129.14

4.1. Business/Finance: Contract Approvals

a. Health Services 2008-2009

1. That the Board of Education approves Health Services Contract for 2008-2009 for our students attending non-public schools in other School Districts:

<u>District</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>School Attending</u>	<u>Per Pupil Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Garden City	16	Waldorf (7)	\$700.33	\$11,205.28
		St. Joseph (8)		
		St. Anne's (1)		
Hempstead	41	Sacred Heart	\$778.00	\$31,898.00
Hicksville	30	Holy Trinity (27)	\$512.12	\$15,363.60
		Trinity Lutheran (2)		
		St. Ignatius Loyola (1)		
Jericho	9	Long Island Lutheran (8)	\$872.59	\$7,853.31
		Solomon Schechter (1)		
Manhasset	20	St. Mary's (19)	\$787.38	\$15,747.60
		Our Lady of Grace (1)		
New Hyde Park-GCP	1	Notre Dame (1)	\$614.89	\$614.89
North Merrick	3	Progressive School of LI	\$137.00	\$411.00
Plainview-Old Bethpage	2	Hebrew Academy	\$740.00	\$1,480.00
Pt Washington	1	St. Peter's	\$737.25	\$737.25
Syosset	13	Our Lady of Mercy	\$741.27	\$9,636.51
Uniondale	58	Kellenberg (54)	\$610.49	\$35,408.42
		Hebrew Academy (2)		
		St. Martin DePorres Marianist (1)		
		Pat-Kam School (1)		
Westbury	4	Holy Child (3)	\$752.90	\$3,011.60
		Friends (1)		

4.2. Business/Finance: Bids

- a. That the Board of Education approves the participation of the Mineola Union Free School District in the following BOCES cooperative bids at an aidable fee of \$350.00 each:

- 07/08-008A Chain Link Fencing Ext. #2

- 08/09-004X Fire Extinguishers & Services Ext. #1
 - 08/09-003 Doors; Hollow Metal, Frames & Hardware Replacement & Installation Ext. #1
- b. That the Board of Education approves the extension of the 2008-2009 Garbage and Rubbish Removal Bid with Winter Bros. Recycling Corporation for the 2009-2010 school year. Prices will remain the same, \$31,144.00.
- c. That the Board of Education approves the participation of the Mineola Union Free School District in the Irrigation Installation and Service Cooperative Bid 09/10 with the following school districts: Baldwin, Bethpage, Carle Place, East Meadow, Elmont, Floral Park, Freeport, Garden City, Herricks, Hewlett-Woodmere, Hicksville, Jericho, Lawrence, Malverne, Manhasset, Merrick, Mineola, New Hyde Park-Garden City Park, North Bellmore, North Merrick, Oceanside, Plainview-Old Bethpage, Port Washington, Uniondale, Valley Stream CHSD, Valley Stream #30, Wantagh, Westbury, and West Hempstead.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education award this bid to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications:

Sipala Landscape Services \$79,610.00

4.3 Business/Finance: Change Orders

- a. 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)

5. Other

RESOLUTION #77 – **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education approves Consensus Agenda items I.1.a. through 4.3.a. as presented.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

A motion was made to amend the Consensus Agenda by removing Angelo Suarez’s name, under Item I.2.b.2., from the agenda.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

Yes: Terence Hale
 William Hornberger
No: None

John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore

Passed: Yes

A motion was made to amend the Consensus Agenda by removing the minutes of April 2, 2009 (Workshop) and April 21, 2009 (Special BOCES) under Item I.1.a. from the agenda pending further review.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

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

Passed: Yes

A motion was made to amend the Consensus Agenda by removing item I.4.3.a. (Change Orders) pending further review.

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)

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

Discussion: A discussion regarding change orders prompted the Board to request further information before taking action. Specifically, the Board needed more information on additional work performed by Rockmore Contracting Corp. that was not within the scope of the work stipulated within the specifications, i.e. roof patching.

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

Passed: Yes

The Board of Education now voted on Resolution #77 to approve Consensus Agenda Items I.1.a. through I.4.2.c. as amended.

Discussion: Ms. Salvatore inquired about item I.2.1.a.; why was it late. Ms. Patterson responded that it is an annual review. These recommendations will be effective July 1st or September 1st.

Ms. Salvatore inquired about item I.3.c.1. (New Position). Dr. Nagler responded that this is a federally funded part time position for Pupil Services. He further stated Ms. Patterson's office needed more support.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore

No: None

Passed: Yes

RESOLUTION #78 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School district and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (BOCES) for project #9-1801081P and an assignment of CoSer agreement.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

Discussion: Dr. Nagler apologized for walking this item in, but BOCES canceled their June meeting and they need this approval as soon as possible. Mr. McGrath inquired as to why the meeting canceled. Dr. Nagler was not sure. Mr. Hornberger needed clarification that this approval was needed to expedite the process. Ms. Salvatore inquired if all equipment should be in before school begins. Dr. Nagler responded they will try.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore

No: None

Passed: Yes

J. Public Comments

The public comments were:

- ❖ A resident commented on the 6-Day cycle and that her son misses gym on Thursday due to music practice. The resident followed up with a question regarding the time Special Ed students spend in the 4th grade mainstream class room at Meadow Drive. Dr. Nagler responded that a report Ms. Molloy gave them was different from what she described in today's telephone conversation. Administration will continue to explore this issue. Ms. Patterson interjected that the students spend 45 minutes in the morning and 30 to 45 minutes in the afternoon. The resident also inquired if the class was kept together, with almost 40 individuals in the classroom at one time, would it be possible to maintain that amount of mainstreaming time.
- ❖ A resident commented on statement made by the Superintendent of Schools "...a collision course with doomsday," and time constraints in deciding whether to close or not close a school. She is concerned about passing future budgets. Mr. Hale needed

clarification as to what meeting she was referring. The resident responded at the January and February Board meetings. Dr. Nagler responded that this will be a major topic at the Board's July Retreat. He further stated that they will be looking at two things: (1) Present a budget in the current configuration with best numbers; and (2) if a school were to close what it would look like and mean. Preliminary discussions: MS configuration 5 – 7, and HS 8 – 12 which would change programs radically. Why reconfigure if programs would change? Two items are budget breakers: TRS, and Health Insurance increases. A lot of work needs to be done in gathering information before it is presented to the Board. Ms. Salvatore stated that the Board Retreat will be early July. The resident continued to voice concern about the time constraint in addressing this issue. Dr. Nagler stated it takes a lot of time to organize a district if a school is to close. The resident inquired about employee contracts affecting the budget if a school is not closed. Dr. Nagler responded that the contracts are not the budget breaker and described what they were. He further discussed: the reserve built into the budget, i.e. fund balance; looking at programs to formulate a budget; what reconfiguration of grades looks like; present a package to the Board and then discuss finance; feels confident that Administration can deliver a good budget. Mr. Hornberger interjected that there are 2 elements to a school system (Children and money) and does not want the program to be saved, he wants it better. Dr. Nagler stated that a change in transportation needs to be voted on by the community.

- ❖ A resident/parent of a student in Meadow Drive requested that the Board reconsider to split this year's fourth grade for next year. Mr. McGrath responded that Dr. Nagler will be getting back to the Board regarding this issue in July. Mr. Hale interrupted and Mr. McGrath requested a point of order to let him finish his response. Ms. Salvatore stated the Board is looking to obtain all information before a decision is made.
- ❖ A resident commented on the importance of transportation for his child and was willing to pay for it. Mr. McGrath responded that the Board cannot ask parents to pay for transportation. The resident then asked how parents would get their children to school without bussing. Mr. McGrath reassured the resident that a public vote would be needed. The resident was fearful that Hampton Street could close. Mr. Hornberger stated the Board is not interested in getting rid of transportation, but using its resources differently.
- ❖ A resident thanked the Board for following up on a recommendation he made regarding energy conservation.
- ❖ A resident/parent of a child in Meadow requested that the Board reconsider their decision to combine this year's 4th grade classes for 5th grade next year. She spoke about: support her son receives from his teacher; his successes as a Special Ed student; noise levels are distracting; and 5th grade experience building confidence to prepare him for Middle School.
- ❖ A resident/parent also expressed concern about next year's 5th grade being in one class.

K. Board of Education Reports

- Comments from Board President

Ms. Salvatore thanked the community for passing the budget.

- Board Committee Report

- Superintendent of Schools' Reports & Comments
 - Superintendent Comments

Dr. Nagler commented on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools. He discussed the following: Mr. Waters and Ms. Judge were currently working on a grant for the Point of Sale, but a good possibility there isn't enough time to obtain it; development of a Capital Threshold policy; and extension of the Memorial Day weekend by the Superintendent of Schools and the Board. Ms. Salvatore inquired about the RFPs for Technology, Legal, and Cafeteria. Dr. Nagler responded the RFP for Technology was due June 10th and as yet he has not received any inquiries from the ads. Mr. Waters stated that the Legal RFP was due June 9th and the district would be going out shortly with the Cafeteria RFP. Dr. Nagler inquired of the Board if they required the executive summary, which is quite lengthy, or analysis of the completed report. Ms. Salvatore inquired if Administration intends to solicit firms for Cafeteria like they did for the computers or just go RFP. Dr. Nagler responded straight RFP. Mr. McGrath inquired about the old equipment in moving Home and Careers in the Middle School. Dr. Nagler responded that there was no certified teacher to use that equipment, possibly moving it out to an adult lounge or possibly sell it off in September when they have the computer sale.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about the district-wide plantings done by Building and Grounds. Dr. Nagler responded that they do some of the planting along with PTA and student organization; Mr. Romano works in conjunction with the organizations. Dr. Nagler further stated that Jackson Avenue will be recognized for its new Discovery Zone. Mr. Waters also stated that a landscaper is also used. Mr. Hornberger inquired about the maintenance of plants regarding irrigation. Dr. Nagler stated that there is irrigation due to many sprinkler systems.

- 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

L. **Executive Session**

At 8:49 p.m. a motion was made for the Board to go into executive session to discuss various lawsuits (Licopoli v. Salvatore and District v. Illiano). Ms. Salvatore stated that the Board may return at any time.

Motion: William Hornberger

Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore

No: None

Passed: Yes

At 9:20 p.m. Ms. Salvatore left the meeting.

At 9:35 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

M. Adjournment

At 9:35 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: William Hornberger

Second: John McGrath

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Stephen Siwinski

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martillo
District Clerk