

**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 - 2014-2015

Educational

- To continue to align curriculum that assesses specific Common Core standards. These data must track individual student growth in the standards.
- Develop and implement a four-year plan to align High School coursework and partnerships in specific Career and Technical Education (CTE) strands.
- Explore partnerships with local universities to offer certificate programs to our students during his/her senior year.
- Continue to develop and encourage students to engage in college level coursework
- Continue to assess the District's Strategic Objectives and report on progress toward those objectives

Facilities

- Explore the feasibility of green technologies as part of the projects associated with our Capital reserve expenditures

Finance

- Not to exceed the allowable tax levy cap while continuing to maintain and enhance all of our programs.

DATE: March 19, 2015

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

OPEN WORK SESSION

7:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Board Room

Board of Education

Arthur Barnett, President
Christine Napolitano, Vice President
Patricia Navarra
Nicole Matzer
Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion

Central Office

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools
Jack Waters, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations
Patricia Burns, Asst. Supt. of Curr.,Instr.,&Assess.
Andrea Paggi, District Clerk

A. Call to Order- 7:00pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission- Patricia Navarra

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

Absent: Pat Burns, currently in Albany

F. High School Student Organization Report

Tonight's SO report was by Craig VandeStouwe and Felicia Villa. It was reported by Felicia that the following events took place at the High School: String night, Choral night and Jazz night. She stated that all students participated in the finales at each event. According to Felicia, Mineola has been awarded for the 7th year in a row, "Best community for Music Education". Felicia also reported that the Marching Band won Best Performance of the Day while in Disney during the February break. Mineola High School will be hosting NYSSMA for instrumental and vocal performances. Multicultural Night took place at the High School and there was a lot of good food and performances. Finally, the 10- 12th grades will be performing "Annie Get Your Gun" 3/27 and 3/28 and Felicia encouraged everyone to attend the production. Craig reported that tomorrow night at the High School, the Junior Class is Sponsoring "Kids Night". Wednesday is "Senior to Senior" day at the High School. There was a blood drive held last week and many students participated. The SATs were administered at the High School this past Saturday. Craig stated that part of the mission of the Student Organization is to listen to the likes and concerns of student conveyed by the student reps. One of the items that students would like to see addressed is the quality of the food in the cafeteria as well as better service. Students are also concerned about the library situation and feel the climate could use improvement. Students expressed that they are happy that the turf field is being addressed and would like to see this take place. Mr. Barnett asked for clarification of the students concerns with the cafeteria. It was stated by Felicia that portion size and price is a concern and Craig also added that the students are unhappy with the quality of food served as well. Mr. Barnett stated that the Board will visit the High School during lunch time to follow up on these issues.

G. BOE Reports

a. Comments from Board Trustees

Chris Napolitano stated that she attended the PARP program and as always it was very enjoyable.

Patricia Navarra was able to read at both Hampton Street and Meadow Drive during PARP and had a great time.

Margaret Ballantyne stated that she was looking forward to the NSBA convention this weekend in Nashville. Dr. Ballantyne enjoyed reading in the Dual Language class and read stories in both English and Spanish.

Nicole Matzer did not have a report this evening.

b. Comments from Board President

Mr. Barnett had no report this evening.

c. Comments from Superintendent

Dr. Nagler is looking forward to "Annie Get Your Gun". He also would like to commend the community, students and faculty on being awarded the "Best Community for Music Education" again this year. Dr. Nagler reported that the climate surveys are complete and he will report on the results at the 4/23 meeting. He stated that he and the Board will be attending the NSBA conference in Nashville and at that time they will accept the Magna Award; in recognition of the Summer I pad program. The Superintendent stated that if there is a snow issue tomorrow, Mr. Waters will be responsible for making any calls in his absence.

H. Old Business

There was no old business this evening.

I. New Business

Mr. Barnett asked the Board if there was any new business. Nicole Matzer requested an update on the new online Psychology course. Dr. Nagler stated that he will invite Mr. Fretz to present on the progress of the course at the upcoming Board meeting.

J. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 40 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.6.b., as presented.

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Nicole Matzer

Discussion: The Superintendent stated that there were a few changes tonight to the Consensus Agenda. Due to the fact that the next meeting is not until 4/23, it is necessary to make these adjustments now to ensure that they are done in a timely manner.

The following items need to be added:

1. Instruction: c. Appointment of coaches:

Boys 7th grade Baseball - Jason Sauter (to replace Dominick Tolipano who was appointed 3/12/15)

Girls 7th grade Lacrosse- John O'Donnell (to replace Lauren Sheridan appointed 3/12/15)

4. Civil Service: b. appointments

2. Maura Hanretty, part time Teacher Aide at the Middle School (to replace Mary Beth Spollen), effective 3/16/15.

3. Ester Arnone, 11 month Typist clerk in the IL Office at the High School, effective on or about April 13, 2015.

The following items need to be pulled:

1. Instruction: c. Appointment of coaches

Strength & Conditioning- Christopher Schaca

4. Civil Service: a. Resignation

2. Jeanne Barry, part time Teacher Aide at Hampton Street School

Mr. Barnett asked for a motion to amend the consensus agenda. A motion was made by Margaret Ballantyne and second by Nicole Matzer. The board was polled and all were in favor of amending the agenda and the motion passed.

Mr. Barnett asked if there were questions or comments on the amended consensus agenda. The Board had no questions and was polled for approval of the amended consensus agenda.

Yes: Margaret Ballantyne

Nicole Matzer

Patricia Navarra

Christine Napolitano

Arthur Barnett

No: None

Passed: Yes

1. **Instruction**

a. Leave(s) of Absence/Child Rearing

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Lisa Fiocco, for an extension to her unpaid Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, effective September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
2. That the Board of Education grants a request to Janine Berto, for a Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, starting April 16, 2015.
3. That the Board of Education grants a request to Theresa Duignan, for a Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, starting approximately June 3, 2015, followed by FMLA and an unpaid leave of absence for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

b. Appointments Instruction

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Stacey Madden, to the position of Leave Replacement Teacher for Meghan Grieco, effective March 30, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Salary: BA, Step 1, \$58,706.

c. Appointment(s) Coaches

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following coaches for the current school year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Strength & Conditioning	Christopher Schacca	Step 1	\$7,344
7th Grade Softball	Peter C. Linderman	2	\$4,451
7th Grade Baseball	Jason Sauter	3	\$5,460
7th Grade Girls Lacrosse	John G. O'Donnell	1	\$4,272

2. **Instruction: Student Actions**

- a. That the Board of Education approves the following overnight/out-of-state overnight field trip:
-Winterguard, April 15, 2015 to April 19, 2015, to Dayton, Ohio

3. **Instruction: Other**

a. That the Board of Education approves the following anticipated vacancies for the 2015 Special Education Extended School Year Program:

- 2 Special Education teachers (6 hours)
 - o Elementary
 - o With ABA experience
- 2 Special Education teacher (6 hours)
 - o Middle School & High School
 - o With ABA experience
- 1 Regular Education teacher (6 hours)
- 2 Special Education teachers (3 hours)
 - o With LLI, Foundations, EdMark, and/or SOAR experience
- 1 Nurse (6 hours EXCEPT 7/6-7/10 and 7/13 - 7/17 - 7 hours)

- 1 School Psychologist (6 hours)
- 2 Part-Time Special Education teachers (3.5 hours)
 - o Wilson Trained
- 3 Speech and Language teachers (5.5 hours)
- 2 Occupational Therapists (5.5 hours)

4. **Civil Service**

a. **Resignation(s)**

1. That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Licia McCarthy, part time Teacher Aide at Hampton Street School, effective March 6, 2015.
2. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jeanne Barry, part time Teacher Aide at Hampton Street School, effective March 6, 2015.

b. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Erynn Clark, to the position of Registered Nurse 1:1, starting February 23, 2015. Salary: TBD.
- 2.
- 3.

c. **Leave(s) of Absence**

1. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Kim Baker, Mechanic for Transportation, due to surgery, effective February 27, 2015 through May 27, 2015.

5. **Business /Finance**

a. **Treasurer's Report**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's report for the period ending January 31, 2015 and directs that it be placed on file.

b. **Approval of Invoices and Payroll**

That the Board of Education accepts the Invoices and Payroll for the period ending February 28, 2015

A/P Warrant # 15	February 11, 2015	\$ 274,941.00
A/P Warrant # 16	February 25, 2015	\$1,277,594.22

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 1,522,535.22

PAYROLL # 15 & # 16

General	\$ 4,019,844.53
F Fund	\$ 53,517.75

TOTAL PAYROLL \$4,073,326.28

c. **Budget Appropriation Adjustment**

1. That the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds, in the amount of \$48,388 from Budget code: 9010 800 00 8096 to Budget code: 1621 418 00 0000 to cover Mark Design Studios Architect fees for Hampton Stadium and Cafeteria/Classrooms; this will cover 30% of total architect fee.

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

a. That the Board of Education approves Health Contracts between Mineola UFSD and the following districts, whereby Mineola UFSD provides health and welfare services for the 2014-2015 school year:

Baldwin UFSD, Bellmore-Merrick CHSD, Bethpage UFSD, Carle Place UFSD, Central Islip UFSD, Cold Spring Harbor CSD, Commack UFSD, Connetquot CSD, East Meadow UFSD, East Williston UFSD, Elmont UFSD, Farmingdale UFSD, Floral Park-Bellerose UFSD, Franklin Square UFSD, Garden City UFSD, Glen Cove City School District, Great Neck UFSD, Half Hollow Hills CSD, Herricks UFSD, Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD, Hicksville UFSD, Huntington UFSD, Jericho UFSD, Lawrence UFSD, Levittown UFSD, Locust Valley Central School District, Long Beach City School District, Lynbrook UFSD, Massapequa UFSD, Merrick UFSD, New Hyde Park-Garden City Park SD, New York City Board of Education, North Bellmore UFSD, North Shore CSD, Northport-E. Northport UFSD, Oceanside UFSD, Oyster bay-E. Norwich CSD, Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD, Port Washington UFSD, Rockville Centre UFSD, Roslyn UFSD, Sewanhaka Central School District, Smithtown Central School District, South Huntington UFSD, Syosset Central School District, Valley Stream UFSD 13, Wantagh UFSD, West Hempstead UFSD, Westbury UFSD.

b. That the Board of Education approves the Health Contracts, providing health services for Mineola resident children attending non-public school, between the Mineola UFSD and the following school districts for the 2014- 2015 school year:

Commack Union Free Public School
Garden City Union Free Public School
Hempstead Public Schools
Hicksville Public Schools
Jericho Union Free School District
Manhasset Union Free School District
New Hyde Park- Garden City Park Union Free School District
Northport- East Northport Union Free School District
Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District
Port Washington Union Free School District
Syosset Central School District
Uniondale Union Free School District
Westbury Union Free School District
West Hempstead Union Free School District

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 3/19/15

Presentations:

1. Budget Presentation
2. STEAM- Math

Tonight's first presentation by the Superintendent is the "2015- 2016 Budget- 1st Draft". *(This presentation can be found on the district website on the Board of Education page under the heading presentations). Dr. Nagler explained that tonight's presentation is an overview of the proposed budget and more specifics will be presented at the 4/23 Business Meeting.

It was reported that the current budget (2014/15) is \$87,799,041 and the draft budget for 2015/16 is \$89,414,263. This is an increase of \$1,615,222 or 1.84 % increase. Dr. Nagler displayed the 2015/16 Estimated Revenue:

Estimated Tax Levy- \$80,124,763

State Aid (as of 3/1/15)- \$6,000,000

PILOT (1st payment)- \$589,500

Other Income- \$2,450,000

Appropriated fund balance (last year this will occur)- \$250,000

The Total Estimated Revenue- \$89,414,263.

The Superintendent next displayed two charts: Chart 1 was a Revenue Comparison 2014/15 to 2015/16 Budget and Chart 2 was a Major Expense Categories- 2 year comparison. He reported that the major drivers of the budget are salaries and benefits. This year TRS has come down, which is helpful. Mr. Barnett asked if the TRS is a solid number and Dr. Nagler stated it is.

The Superintendent finished his presentation with the following recommendations;
Everything currently in the budget will remain as well as some additional curricula enhancements.

Recommend:

-Increase hands on science labs to K-2

-Increase math options at High School

- Increase time for 7th grade math- results in an increase in Teacher FTE of 4.5 teachers

Still need to allocate monies to finalize windows and masonry

Recommend a transfer to Capital of 1.3 million.

Dr. Nagler stated at the Business Meeting on 4/23, there will be more specifics regarding transportation and facilities. Ms. Napolitano inquired about what the State Aid number listed is based upon. Mr. Waters stated that the number used is a slightly reduced number from the Governor's proposed budget. There was no further discussion at this time.

The second presentation this evening is "STEAM- Mathematics" by Gary Desire and Andrew Casale.*(This presentation can be found on the district website on the Board of Education page under the heading presentations).

Mr. Casale presented the Goals and Objectives:

-continued implementation of Common Core Math Standards by adapting state curriculum to meet the needs of our students

- continued digitization of all Math curriculum in grades 5 thru 12
- continued development of multi-disciplinary opportunities for students by integrating components of STEAM into different classes
- electronic portfolio development for all students-School 4 One- Middle School

Mr. Casale reported on Mathematics at the Middle School. He stated that students in grades 5 & 6 have a double period of math every day. Currently, 7th grade students have one period of math daily, but next year the students will have two periods every other day. Next Mr. Casale displayed a list of online Math resources which included: "Show Me" videos, School 4 One, MathSpace, MobyMax, Khan Academy and Castle Learning. He reported that MathSpace is an iPad App that is available to 5th and 6th graders, which gives students instant feedback on each math problem. It also has hints and helpful videos for students. School 4 One is a digital portfolio of students work over the course of an entire school year. It also tracks student progress by standards. Mr. Casale displayed examples of School 4 One- teacher grade book, data by standard and snapshot. Mr. Casale next displayed MathSpace- Student Interface. Students write with their hand and it is converted to text and students get feedback. Mr. Casale finished his portion of the presentation by reporting on "what's next?" The Greenhouse and Mathematics- according to Mr. Casale the weather had caused some set backs with the greenhouse. However, students will use tables, graphs and line plots when testing different soils and fertilizers. In the 2015- 2016 school year, there will be STEAM projects in elective courses and in the additional time in 7th grade math. There is also the possibility of taking part in the Long Island Math fair. Mr. Casale also displayed a Middle School Competitions update which included competitions that students have participated in including Wind Turbine, Egg Drop, MagLev, Discovery Education Epic Story and Rube Goldberg Online competitions. The competitions coming this spring are: Team America Rocketry Challenge, Junior Solar Sprint and Nassau County Science Competition.

Mr. Desire presented on Math at the High School and the various options. In Grade 8 students take Common Core Algebra 1; Grade 9, students take Geometry Common Core; grade 10, students take Algebra 2 & Trigonometry; grade 11, students can take College Pre Calculus or AP Statistics; grade 12, students can take AP Calculus AB or BC, AP Statistics, or College Algebra.

Mr. Desire discussed the Quarterly STEAM projects in the 8th grade. For Quarter 1- STEAM: The Art of the Fibonacci Numbers- students did projects and videos on the golden ratio. Mr. Desire displayed some examples of the students work. Quarter 2- STEAM: Math in Architecture- students were taught the math principles involved in architecture and completed a project. Quarter 3- STEAM: Pi Day Conference (3-14-15)- students did a whole day of Pi activities. Students were given choices of activities and chose which ones they wished to participate in.

Mr. Desire next presented the "Periscope" for the High School: Complete implementation of the CCLS; Increase the number of students enrolled in college level classes; Closing the Achievement gap/ "College Ready" Curriculum; Continue STEAM Initiatives and Complete Digitizing 8- 12 curriculum. Finally, Mr. Desire presented an updated list of High School Competitions that the students have participated in. It was noted that Craig VandeStouwe is going to the finals in the LI Math Fair and the team from the High School won 2 out of 3 matches at the Science Bowl. Mr. Casale showed a video to the Board of the Rube Goldberg project to finish the presentation.

Dr. Nagler asked the Board if there were any questions or comments about tonight's presentations. Dr. Ballantyne expressed her excitement about the digital portfolios. Ms. Matzer stated that she is very grateful for the resources available for the students and stated that everyone benefits. Ms. Navarra stated that the students will have the standards for the rest of their lives. Ms. Napolitano stated that these things all make learning more practical and student understand "why they need to learn this". Mr. Barnett stated that students are responding to this new way of teaching and learning. Dr. Nagler stated that this is to the credit of the

principals and ILs. Students are being held to higher standards. He expressed that he is proud of everyone's good work.

Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent had no additional comments this evening.

L. Public Comments

Mr. Barnett opened the floor to public comment. There were three speakers this evening. The first speaker was a student at the High School with concerns regarding the offering of Latin 4. It was stated that the course is being offered next year but until enrollment is determined there was not a definite decision yet. The next speaker was a parent/resident who expressed her concerns with the Common Core Test and her views against them. The Superintendent responded to her comments and expressed the Board's position. Speaker was a Middle School student who expressed her concerns with the Common Core tests and curriculum. The Superintendent also responded to some of her concerns. There were no additional public comments.

M. Executive Session Time: _____ p.m.

There was no executive session this evening.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: _____

No: _____

Passed: _____

N. Adjournment Time: 8:30 p.m.

At 8:30 pm, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Nicole Matzer

Second: Margaret Ballantyne

Yes: Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Patricia Navarra
Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett

No: None

Passed: Yes