

**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 - 2012-2013

Educational

- To use technology and NWEA assessment data to provide differentiated homework thereby increasing individual student achievement.
- To implement the Common Core Curriculum with an emphasis on assuring a correlation between the grade level unit assessments and State exam.
- Create grade 7-12 ELA curriculum in line with Common Core shifts in ELA/Literacy
- Continue to encourage HS students to challenge AP and/ or College level coursework with the goal of every student gaining this experience before they graduate
- Continue to engage the community in the District's Strategic Plan with a specific focus on the quality indicators that define Mineola's expectations of academic excellence.
- Assess the long term viability and explore expansion of the elementary world language program. Assess current program through parental input and student data.
- Implement, monitor and assess the effectiveness of the Pre-K -7 science program

Facilities

- Continue projects that incorporate 'green' technologies that over time will decrease our dependency on fossil fuels
- Begin to fund our Capital Reserve with the goal of achieving new windows and doors on all 4 elementary buildings

Finance

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

DATE: April 4, 2013

LOCATION: Willis Ave. School

OPEN WORK SESSION

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

Board of Education

William Hornberger, President
Terence Hale, Vice President
Irene Parrino, Trustee
Arthur Barnett, Trustee
Christine Napolitano, Trustee

Central Office

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

- A. Call to Order - 7:00pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Reading of Mission-** Terence Hale
- D. Moment of Silent Meditation**
- E. Dais & Visitor Introductions**

F. High School Student Organization Report

There was no Student Organization report this evening.

A motion was made by Terence Hale to change the order of the meeting. He moved to change item K- presentations to take place first. The motioned was seconded by Arthur Barnett and all of the Board member were in agreement.

The Superintendent stated that the first presentation this evening would be the "Apple Distinguished Program Award". Two Representatives from Apple were introduced to present the award. It was stated that the Apple Award was for School Districts that are centers of innovation, leadership and educational excellence. These schools must demonstrate the Apple vision and have a compelling learning environment. It was stated that fewer than 200 schools across the nation have received this honor and Mineola will be the only one in Nassau County. The Superintendent, Mr. Gavin and the Board were presented with the banner from the Apple Representatives. The speaker stated that personally, he enjoyed the experience of sitting in on a class in which the students taught the Superintendent and stated it was a truly special event. It was also stated that this award is a really big deal. He stated that it is truly rare to have Administrators, teachers and students as good and dedicated and visionary as demonstrated at Mineola. The District should be very proud. The Superintendent stated that the banner would be hung at the Middle School.

The Superintendent asked if there were any comments from the Board. Mr. Hale stated that he was glad that the Apple Representatives were able to see the students. Ms. Parrino thanked Administration for all that they do. The Superintendent stated on behalf of Mr. Gavin and the students, he is so proud to be given this award. Ms. Napolitano stated that she is proud to have been part of this since the beginning stages. Everyone was cautious at first and she truly appreciates the collaboration with Apple. Mr. Barnett looks forward to the continued collaborations with Apple. The Superintendent stated that we will be hosting an event with BOCES on 5/16. He added that schools from upstate are coming down to visit the Middle School. He congratulated Marc Licht from our Technology Department for his hard work. The Superintendent stated that he is very proud. Finally, Mr. Hornberger stated that when you are not afraid to go forward, great things can happen.

The Superintendent introduced tonight's second presentation "Science Report". He stated that there are many new initiatives in Science throughout the district including K-2, new science lab at Jackson Avenue and at the Middle School. The Superintendent introduced Mr. Hepworth to present on the Science program from grades 3- 7. Mr. Hepworth explained the curriculum, lab schedule and the Common Core Standards. He stated that Jackson Avenue has a new Science Lab this year and it has sparked the interest of students. In grades 3 and 4, students read on the content, participate in a lab application of reading and then are looking ahead. Mr. Hepworth introduced three students from Jackson Avenue to explain a lab on "Electric Circuits" which they completed. Ms. Bartone also was introduced and spoke about the work of the students. A video of their work in the lab was played for the board. Mr. Hepworth stated that he and Ms. Bartone continue to communicate to build upon the program.

Mr. Hepworth discussed the Science program at the Middle School and invited some Middle School students up to talk about their experiences. A video of 5th and 6th grade students use of wireless PASCO prob-ware

and the I Pads was played for the Board. The student explained how this technology is used and what he has learned. Mr. Hepworth then discussed the 7th grade lab based student experience. A student explained the lab journal that students must keep which includes the lab criteria and conclusion. There was a video of the Frog Dissection lab and it was explained that students must complete a lab write up, set up material and the complete the lab. There were also students present to discuss the fetal pig dissection lab. The students stated that the pig have similar anatomy to humans. The students were very enthusiastic about their lab work. Mr. Hepworth explained that the 7th graders have a double lab period to allow more time. There is only one teacher that does the lab with all students and the individual classroom teachers do the content reading.

The Superintendent thanked all of the students for coming tonight to discuss the Science lab program. Mr. Hornberger also thanked the students and teachers for coming tonight and added that he is happy to see the student and hear what they are doing in class.

G. BOE Reports

a. Comments from Board Trustees

Mr. Hale stated that he had the opportunity to be a caller for Supermarket Bingo at Hampton Street on 4/26 and had a great time.

Ms. Parrino stated that she has been hearing great feedback about Camp Invention and asked what the response has been. Ms. Burns stated that currently there are about 70 enrolled.

Mr. Barnett stated that he is happy that the State budget has been settled. He also stated that he is very happy to see that the Tri-Am program is running at Mineola and explained that it is similar to the Tri-athletes.

Ms. Napolitano stated that she is very proud of the School District and the many things that are happening. Ms. Napolitano added that she appreciates the hard work of everyone.

b. Comments from Board President

Mr. Hornberger stated that he attended the middle School Drama Club function celebrating "Dear Edwina" and added that next year's play is the "Little Mermaid".

c. Comments from Superintendent

The Superintendent stated that this has been his most enjoyable year because of all that is going on. He is visiting the schools more to see what is taking place on a daily basis. Mr. Hornberger added that this is a different Board; they have made it past the restructuring and planning. The Board is now continuing to push the success of students. He added that a lot of effort and energy has been put in by all to get to this point. The Superintendent stated that when he visits the schools he sees that students are enjoying learning which is very important. Dr. Nagler stated that recently there have been rallies in other Districts encouraging parents to have their children opt-out of State exams. He does not condone this and added that there are consequences to this action. The Superintendent stated that he does not agree with changing the curriculum and the State exams at the same time as the State has chosen to do. He believes that there will be a rocky period with State test scores.

The Superintendent displayed photos of the Meadow Drive project. He stated that there has been great

progress on the steel structure and the project is close to being on schedule. The Superintendent gave an update on the AGP contract with CW Post. The contract is currently with the lawyers and they are looking at the language. The cost per student is \$2900 per year and there is a budget for 40 students. The program will be offered to all children in AGP and CW Post will make the decision on admission.

The Superintendent gave an update on security and stated that there was a meeting today and another tomorrow. He stated that the total cost is approximately \$150,000. He hopes to have everything in place for the fall. The Superintendent stated that he will present more of the particulars on 4/17. Dr. Nagler stated Senator Martins had a meeting to discuss Pension smoothing. He attended this meeting with Mr. Waters and representatives from other school districts. This process allows the district to cap at 14% for years 1& 2, 16% for years 3 & 4, 18% for year 5 and at year 6 must pay down whatever is owed. The District can opt-out if they change their mind. It was asked how this would affect the tax cap with the smoothing. The Superintendent does not feel that it would benefit the district. Both Mr. Hornberger and Mr. Barnett stated that they do not feel that it is worth the risk. The Superintendent stated that he can't make any recommendation until more of his questions are answered. The Superintendent stated that he received word from DASNY that the District can submit their receipts for the grant money that was awarded to the district. He also stated that the polling place change has been posted on the website and in the papers. The Superintendent stated that the estimate for the roll door in the high school cafeteria is \$6500 and the job will take a few days to complete. Dr. Nagler is in favor of doing this job because he believes that it will help the flow of the lines in the cafeteria. Mr. Hornberger polled the Board regarding completing this work and all were in favor and stated that the work should precede. The Superintendent stated that Mr. Waters would follow up on the transferring of funds needed. Dr. Nagler stated that the next meeting is on a Wednesday to accommodate the BOCES vote. The Strategic Planning Committee will be making a presentation on 4/17.

The Superintendent presented the Board with proposed Budget highlights for the 2013/14 school year (this information can be found on the district website on the Board of Education page). The proposed budget is \$86,143,656 and this is an increase of 2.56% (with a majority being the pension and health costs). The proposed levy is approximately 2.20% (using \$250,000 of the fund balance achieved by settling the teachers' contract). Educational highlights: all current programs will be maintained including- educational, extra-curricular and athletic programs; enhanced staff development and professional development; and an additional section of 5 day 1/2 day Pre-K. The Superintendent added that he will be sending the Board the results of the Pre-K survey, which shows overwhelmingly that parents want a 5 day program. Operational highlights: 5 year plan for the bus fleet; staff excessing- 20 FTE aides; and maintain 4% fund balance. The Superintendent stated that in the budget a total of \$217,000 has been designated for equipment and they are currently obtaining quotes. Ms. Napolitano asked if the reduction of aides will affect student safety and Dr. Nagler stated that he would not recommend it if it was unsafe but added that this a necessary change. Ms. Parrino asked if the Jackson Avenue windows and doors are in the budget and the Superintendent stated that they are not in the budget. The Superintendent stated that the 5 year Bus Plan has been factored into the budget. He added that buses will be purchased via financing over 5 years and the budget will stay flat, allowing you to cycle purchasing. The 5 year plan has been sent to the Board and he stated 14 vehicles would be replaced by next year.

H. Old Business

There was no old business.

I. New Business

There was no new business.

J. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION #49 -BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.4.b., as presented.

Motion: Terence Hale
Second: Arthur Barnett

Discussion: The Superintendent stated that it is necessary to pull item J.3.b.1, the appointment of Peter Paladini to the position of custodial sub.

A motion was made by Irene Parrino to amend the Consensus agenda and was second by Terence Hale. The Board was polled and all were in favor of amending the agenda; motion passed.

There was no further discussion. The Board was polled to accept the amended Consensus Agenda

Yes: Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett
Irene Parrino
Terence Hale
William Hornberger
No: None

Passed: Yes

1. Accepting of Minutes

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of February 14, 2013 Business Meeting as presented.

2. Instruction

- a. Appointment(s) Coaches
That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following coaches for 2012-2013 year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
7th Grade Baseball	Christopher Weidlein(filling vacancy left by resignation of Dominick Tolipano approved 1/31/13)	1	\$4,230.00
8th Grade Softball	Katrina Witt (filling vacancy left by resignation of Katelynn Maroney approved 1/31/13)	1	\$3,938.00

3. **Civil Service**

a. **Resignation(s)**

1. That the Board of Education takes from that table Resolution #44 item J.3.a.1 (February 14, 2013) and accepts the resignation of Maria Dunlop, part time Classroom Aide at Hampton Street School, effective January 18, 2013.

b. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Peter Paladini, to the position of Custodial Sub, effective April 8, 2013. Salary will be \$12.25 per hour.

c. **Resignation(s)**

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation of Susan L. Delia, Teacher Aide at Hampton Street School, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 21, 2013.

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

a. That the Board of Education approves the Health Contract, providing health services for Mineola resident children attending non-public school, between the Mineola UFSD and the Hicksville School District for the 2012- 2013 school year.

b. That the Board of Education approves the Health Contract, providing health services for Mineola resident children attending non-public school, between the Mineola UFSD and the Westbury UFSD for the 2012- 2013 school year.

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 4/4/13

Presentations:

1. Science Report
2. Technology Report
3. Apple Distinguished Program Award

Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent had no additional comments.

Mr. Hornberger opened the floor to **public comments** on the presentations only. There were two public comments by parent/residents.

L. Executive Session Time: 9:05 p.m.

A motion was made at 9:05pm, for the Board of Education to go into executive session to discuss negotiations.

Motion: Arthur Barnett
Second: Christine Napolitano

Yes: Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett
Irene Parrino
Terence Hale
William Hornberger

No: None

Passed: Yes

M. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____
Second: _____

Yes: _____

No: _____

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea M. Paggi