

MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINEOLA, NY
Budget Hearing/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 - 2015-2016

Educational

- Continue to actualize the District's Mission and Strategic Objectives and measure progress toward these goals
 - Continue to develop an electronic portfolio which recognizes the attributes embodied in the mission statement
 - Demonstrate that students are contributing positively to a global society
 - Demonstrate that students are exhibiting strength of character (habits of the mind)
 - Demonstrate that students are pursuing something about which they are passionate
- Continue to expand and develop college and career partnerships to ensure success for our HS graduates.
 - Expand Queensboro certificate program
 - Explore career partnerships with local institutions

Facilities

- Develop a comprehensive Building Condition Survey which outlines the health of all of the districts buildings
 - Create a new five-year Capital Plan to address outstanding items in the BCS
 - Leverage both the Capital Reserve and Energy Performance Contracts (EPC)

Finance

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

DATE: May 5, 2016

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

OPEN WORK SESSION

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

Board of Education

Christine Napolitano
Patricia Navarra
Nicole Matzer
Margaret Ballantyne
Brian Widman

Central Office

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

A. Call to Order- 7:00 pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission- Brian Widman

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

Absent: Patricia Navarra

F. High School Student Organization Report

There was no Student Organization Report this evening.

G. BOE Reports

a. Comments from Board Trustees

Nicole Matzer welcomed everyone back and stated that it is full steam ahead to the end of the school year. She is looking forward to the concert season and the Wizard of Oz. Ms. Matzer gave a brief report on her experience at the NSBA Conference in Boston. Ms. Matzer stated that there is a big difference between the local conference compared to the national one. Ms. Matzer feels that Mineola is right where we should be and is on the right path for the future. She stated that classrooms are changing and technology is the wave of the future. A few of the sessions that she attended dealt with dealing with negative people and adults being more responsible on social media. Ms. Matzer really enjoyed this conference.

Margaret Ballantyne thanked District Council for organizing the "Meet the Candidate Night". She had the opportunity to accompany visitors from Japan who visited the school district. Dr. Ballantyne is looking forward to seeing the Wizard of Oz. She was happy to see the many stories in the local papers about the Mineola students and seeing the mission statement coming to life. It makes her very proud when she reads the various stories. Dr. Ballantyne also spoke about her experiences at the NSBA Conference which she truly enjoyed. She found the talk by Robin Roberts very inspirational. Two points that Dr. Ballantyne took from the speech were "Dream Big, Focus Small" and "Position yourself for good things to happen". Dr. Ballantyne stated that one of the things that she realized from this experience was that colleges need to wake up to the skills of the students coming up now.

Brian Widman welcomed everyone back and reminded everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, May 17th. Mr. Widman also discussed his experience at the NSBA conference and stated that he attended sessions on Technology and Social Media. He feels that Mineola is doing a good job in dealing with issues. Mr. Widman was very excited about the tech related furniture that was displayed. He enjoyed the conference.

b. Comments from Board President

Christine Napolitano thanked Brian Widman for reminding everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, May 17th. She is looking forward to seeing the Wizard of Oz. Ms. Napolitano stated that attending the NSBA was a very good experience and added that it is very important to see what is going on nationally. Christine Napolitano stated that she attended sessions on the future of education. Those in attendance were asked to

share what is going on in there school district. They also discussed how technology will change the classroom. She stated that she is grateful to see that Mineola is in a very good position. This national conference put in perspective what we are doing and it was mind blowing to see all that is happening nationally.

c. Comments from Superintendent

Dr. Nagler enjoyed the NSBA conference in Boston and also attended a summit in San Diego. The summit dealt with best practice, what will evolve and where investors should put their money. The Summit validates the idea that education is changing. Dr. Nagler stated that this past week, visitors from Japan came to Mineola. The visit was arranged by APPLE and included two private schools in Manhattan as well as Mineola. The translator that accompanied the group was very good. The Superintendent stated that the Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5/17 at 8:00 pm at Jackson Avenue. The lead testing results are in and all school water tested negative for lead. Dr. Nagler gave an update on projects including windows and doors at Meadow Drive and Hampton Street. Dr. Nagler stated that those passing the High School will see the new addition of a Mustang statue. Dr. Nagler thanked all of the individuals involved with the donation of the Mustang and added that it livens up the outside of the High School. Dr. Nagler stated that we are in the midst of staffing interviews and demos. He wished all of the Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day.

H. Old Business

Christine Napolitano asked the Board if there was any old business. Brian Widman asked the Superintendent for a timeline for the Hampton project. The Superintendent stated that the project is still awaiting approval and the process has not become any faster. He stated that this project would not begin before the start of the new school year.

Christine Napolitano thanked the Superintendent for the quick response to the Board's request for lead testing of the water in the schools.

I. New Business

Policy- First Reading of Revised Board Policies

RESOLUTION # 72 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD waives the first formal reading of the following Revised Board Policies due to their availability on the information table:

Policy # 1650- Submission of questions and Propositions at the Annual Meeting and Election and Special District Meeting

Policy # 3420- Non-Discrimination and Anti-harassment in the School District

Policy # 5220- District Investments

Policy # 5630- Facilities: Inspection, Operation & Maintenance

Policy # 5661- Wellness

Policy # 5674- Data Networks and Security Access

Policy # 5675- Student Grading Information Systems

Policy # 6110- Code of Ethics

Policy # 6120- Equal Employment Opportunity

Policy # 6121- Sexual Harassment of District Personnel

Policy # 6122- Employee Grievances

Policy # 6130- Evaluation of Personnel

Policy # 6161- Conference/ Travel Expense Reimbursement

Policy # 6215- Probation and Tenure

Policy # 6216- Disciplining of a Tenured Teacher or Certified Personnel

Policy # 7121- Diagnostic Screening of Students

Policy # 7130- Entitlement to Attend

Policy # 7131- Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Policy # 7132- Non-Resident Students

Policy # 7210- Student Evaluation, Promotion and Placement

Policy # 7220- Graduation Requirements/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs

Policy # 7222- Diplomas and/or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities

Policy # 7240- Student Records: Access and Challenge

Policy # 7320- Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)

Policy # 7420- Sports and Athletic Program

Policy # 7530- Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Policy # 7550- Dignity for All Students

Policy # 7551- Sexual Harassment of Students

Policy # 7650- Identification and Register of Children with Disabilities (Child Find)

Policy # 8130- Equal Educational Opportunities

Policy # 8211- Prevention Instruction

Policy # 8280- Instruction for English Language Learners

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Nicole Matzer

Yes: Brian Widman

Margaret Ballantyne

Nicole Matzer

Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

J. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 73 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.4.a., as presented.

Motion: Brian Widman

Second: Nicole Matzer

Yes: Brian Widman
Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

1. **Accepting of Minutes**

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the April 19, 2016 BOCES Vote Meeting and the April 21, 2016 Business Meeting as presented.

2. **Instruction**

a. Leave(s) of Absence/Child Rearing

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Lisa Balogh-Richards, for an unpaid Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
2. That the Board of Education grants a request to Lisa Fiocco, for an unpaid Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
3. That the Board of Education grants a request to Kim Morrissey, for an unpaid Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, effective September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

b. Appointment(s) Sub Teacher per diem

That the Board of Education accepts the following individual(s) as Per Diem Substitute Teacher(s) for the current school year, at a daily rate of \$100 days 0-10, \$110 days 11-20, \$120 days 21-30, \$130 day 31+; and retirees at a daily rate of \$125.00 per day, \$130 per day after 30 days.:

<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION</u>
1. Jessica A. Kaminsky	Early Childhood Ed(Birth - 2)

3. **Civil Service**

a. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Janice Francischine-Syers, to the position of Registered Nurse Substitute, effective May 9, 2016. Salary will be \$125 per day.
2. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Bryan Gonzalez, to the position of Student Worker in the Locker Room of the Middle School, effective April 21, 2016. Salary is \$8.00 per hour.

4. **Business/Finance: Bids**

a. That the Board of Education approves the awarding of the Irrigation Installation & Service Co-Op bid for the 2016- 2017 school year to Byrne & Son Irrigation, the lowest responsible bidder, meeting all specifications.

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 5/5/16

Presentations:

1. Budget Hearing

Tonight, Dr. Nagler presented the 2016-2017 Budget Hearing. *The presentation can be found on the district website on the Board of Education page under the heading- presentations.

The Budget Increase percentage is 1.73 and the Tax Levy Cap is -.012. He reminded everyone that allocating monies from the unappropriated fund balance is a one-time expense. Since the money will not reoccur in next year's budget, they are identifying which codes will be reduced in the 2017-2018 budget: \$200,000 transfer to capital; \$330,000 facilities upgrade and \$470,000 in equipment.

The Superintendent presented "**What is in the Budget?**"

- All current educational and co-curricular programs
- All extra-curricular activities
- All current athletic programs
- Maintain 5 year technology plan (year 10)
- Maintains a comprehensive professional development

Transfer to Capital:

-Increase transfer to Capital total of 1.5 million: air condition instructional spaces at Jackson Avenue; create a district storage facility at Hampton Field and renovate and construct 3 new music rooms at the High School

-Maintain \$830,000 facilities upgrade line:

- ~MS Bus loop
- ~Meadow playground surface
- ~Expand Meadow room 200, creating "Pre-K wing"
- ~Complete baseball field
- ~Jackson exterior painting and cupola repair
- ~Create Middle School Fab Lab

-Increase equipment to \$800,000

High School

- 4 additional 21st century classrooms
- New Library furniture
- New "iHub" furniture
- Fab Lab furniture and equipment
- Science research equipment
- 1,700 new student lockers
- New Music room instrument lockers

Middle School

- Fab lab furniture

District

- New furniture Jackson, Meadow, Hampton
- New truck and plow, "Bobcat" for bus garage
- Musical instruments, Jackson Art room cabinetry
- New football and lacrosse helmets and shoulder pads, replace practice wrestling mats, 2 exercise bikes, 2 ARC bikes (elliptical),

new shot clock at HS
• Miscellaneous technology

Dr. Nagler opened to comments/questions. Christine Napolitano thanked Jack Waters and Dr. Nagler for this budget. She stated that we are doing so much while keeping within the cap. Ms. Napolitano also added that Patricia Navarra asked her to express her support of the budget presented.

The floor was opened to **Public Comments** regarding the budget. There were no comments this evening.

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Nagler had no additional comments but stated that he was in need of an Executive Session.

L. Executive Session Time: 7:40 p.m.

At 7:40 pm, a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into Executive Session to for an audit committee meeting.

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne
Second: Brian Widman

Yes: Brian Widman **No:** None
Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano

Passed: Yes

M. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____
Second: _____

Yes: _____ **No:** _____

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea M. Paggi