

**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 - 2014-2015

To Be Determined

DATE: July 1, 2014

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

OPEN WORK SESSION

3:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Board Room

Board of Education

Arthur Barnett
Christine Napolitano
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- 3:15pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Reading of Mission**
- 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

Margaret Ballantyne stated that she is anxious to start as trustee. She also reported that Septa had their final event which was a Duck's game.

Nicole Matzer welcomed Maugie to the Board and stated that she is looking forward to the upcoming school year.

Christine Napolitano attended that graduation and was thankful to be part of the event. She also welcomed Maugie to the Board.

b. Comments from Board President

Artie Barnett welcomed Maugie to the Board and stated he hopes that she is ready. He enjoyed the graduation which was extra special this year because his daughter was a member of the graduating class. Mr. Barnett also congratulated Ms. Napolitano on her daughter becoming "Dr." Napolitano.

c. Comments from Superintendent

Dr. Nagler stated the High School Graduation was a wonderful event and a very special day. The Middle School Moving up Ceremony was held on June 26th at the High School and was a very nice event. It was reported that the Board met on June 19th to discuss their goals for the upcoming school year. The goals will be presented at the July 24th Business meeting. He also stated that personnel appointments are in the process of taking place. Dr. Nagler will be going to Hofstra next week for a presentation on the PISA results. He is eager to see how our students performed on the test. The Superintendent stated that the latest results reported in Newsday show good numbers for the District; there was an increase in graduation rate and the number of AP exams administered. Dr. Nagler stated that there will be a change in format this year for administrators; goals will be laid out for each of them by him and Ms. Burns.

H. Old Business

Mr. Barnett stated that he had a few items of old business. Mr. Barnett asked for the status of the Jackson Avenue Cafeteria project. The Superintendent reported that they have started gutting out the space and it is anticipated that the job will be completed in time for the opening of school. Mr. Barnett asked if there have been any issues with the security measures that are in place. Dr. Nagler stated that there were a few "blind spots" detected and extra cameras are being installed to correct the problem.

Mr. Barnett stated that he would like to clarify some miscommunications that have occurred recently regarding the "Veterans Exemption". He stated that the District has not yet taken action due to the fact that we are waiting for the change in legislation. The District has until January 2015 to vote. He added that surrounding Districts that have already taken action have not done anything with the exemption yet. Therefore, no one is missing anything yet.

Mr. Barnett asked the Superintendent about the videotaping of the Board meetings. Dr. Nagler stated that we are looking to automate so that meetings will be streamed and cataloged. The Superintendent stated that it is possible that this will be ready for the next meeting. There was no additional old business.

I. New Business

RESOLUTION # 3 - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith grants Bridget Murphy a one (1) year unpaid leave of absence from her tenured position of School Psychologist effective July 1, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith appoints Bridget Murphy to a three year probationary appointment as the "Chairperson - Committee on Special Education/Committee on Pre-School Special Education and Summer School Principal/Assistant Principal", effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 at an annual salary of \$129,196- AMSA MS IL, Step 1. Ms. Murphy holds appropriate New York State certification to serve as an administrator.

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Nicole Matzer

Yes: Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett

No: None

Passed: Yes

J. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 4 -BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.5.a.6, as presented.

Motion: Nicole Matzer
Second: Christine Napolitano

Yes: Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett

No: None

Passed: Yes

1. Instruction

a. Appointment(S) Summer Music

That the Board of Education approves a self funded Summer Music Program, (Salary, hourly summer wages are based on the MTA contractual rates):

		<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
1.	Teacher	Kristin Frazer	3	\$68.31
2.	Teacher	Mark Bennett	3	\$68.31
3.	Teacher	Brian Goldman	1	\$58.14
4.	Teacher	Sarah LaSorsa	1	\$58.14
5.	Summer Worker	Allison Yarri		\$8.00
6.	Summer Worker	Daniel Pepe		\$8.00
7.	Teacher-in- Training	Aislinn Oliveri		\$8.50

b. Appointment(S) Summer Special Education

That the Board of Education approves the following staff members for the Summer Special Education Program

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
1.	Nurse - Sub	Marie Sloper		\$56.91
2.	Nurse - Sub	Anne McAree		\$56.91
3.	Teacher - Sub	Linda Villalta	1	\$58.14
4.	Speech Teacher	Monica Altamirano (replacing Phyllis Klein)	1	\$58.14

2. **Instruction: Committee on Special Education**

2014-2015 Parent Members and Chairpersons for CSE/CPSE & 504 Members

a. That the Board of education approves the following list of parent members and Chairpersons for Committees on Special education and Subcommittees on special education and 504 meetings for the 2014- 2015 school year:

Committee on Pre-School Education:

Catherine Maiman- Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Bridget C. Murphy- CSE/CPSE Chairperson

Child's Parent

Evaluator or Person Qualified to Interpret Evaluations

Professional Appointed by the Nassau County Department of Mental Health

Child's Special Education Teacher

General Education teacher if the child is participating in the general education program

Parent Members:

Erin Bertuccio

AnnMarie Christy

Eileen Conboy

Cliff Datys

Bridgid Gasiewski

Nicole Park

District Committee on Special Education:

Chairperson/Administrator: Catherine Maiman- Director of Pupil Personnel Services; or Bridget C. Murphy- CSE/CPSE Chairperson

Child's Parent

Evaluator or Person qualified to Interpret Evaluations

Child's Special Education Teacher

General Education Teacher if the child is participating in the general education program

School Psychologists:

Dr. Sonia Azevedo

Dr. Robert Drago

Dr. Manuel Romero

Dr. Patricio Romero

Vanessa Lealand

Parent Members:

Erin Bertuccio

AnnMarie Christy

Nicole Park

Eileen Conboy

Bidgid Gasiewski

Patricia Aronoff

School Physician: Dr. Ronald Marino

Committee on Special Education Sub-Committees:

Chairperson

Child's Parent

Evaluator or Person Qualified to Interpret Evaluations

Child's Special Education Teacher

General Education Teacher if the child participates in the General Education Program

Catherine Maiman and Bridget C. Murphy may chair all Subcommittees, as needed.

Jackson Avenue School Chairpersons: Dr. Manuel Romero- Psychologist; or Janet Gonzalez- Principal

Hampton Street Chairpersons: Dr. Robert Drago- Psychologist; or Devra Small- Principal

Meadow Drive Chairpersons: Vanessa Lealand- Psychologist; or Dr. SueCaryl Fleischmann- Principal

Middle School Chairpersons: Dr. Sonial Azevedo- Psychologist; or Matthew Gaven- Principal

High School Chairpersons: Dr. Patricio Romero- Psychologist; or Larry Puccio- Assistant Principal

Surrogate Parents: To Be Determined

Impartial Hearing Officers:

The list of Impartial Hearing Officers as maintained on the NYSED Impartial Hearing Officers Reporting Systems Website.

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Chairpersons of the Mineola School District's Section 504 Review Teams for the 2014- 2015 school year:

504 Chairpersons:

District -wide:

Catherine Maiman- Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Bridget Murphy- CSE/CPSE
Chairperson

Hampton Street:

Dr. Robert Drago- Psychologist; or Devra Small- Principal

Meadow Drive:

Vanessa Lealand- Psychologist; or Dr. SueCaryl Fleischmann- Principal

Jackson Avenue:

Dr. Manuel Romero- Psychologist; or Janet Gonzalez- Principal

Middle School:

Dr. Sonia Azevedo- Psychologist; or Matthew Gaven- Principal

High School:

Dr. Patricio Romero- Psychologist; or Larry Puccio- Assistant Principal

3. **Instruction: Contracted**

- a. That the Board of Education approves the Agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Roble Media, LLC for the purpose of developing and providing educational media for the 2014- 2015 school year.
- b. That the Board of Education approves the Software As A Service (SAAS) Agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Engrade, LLC for the 2014- 2015 school year.
- c. That the Board of Education approves the Summer Band Camp Agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Circle Lodge/Camp Kinder Ring from Monday, August 18, 2014 through Saturday, August 23, 2014.

4. **Civil Service**

a. **Appointments**

- 1. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Linda Munson, part time Typist Clerk, to a summer clerical position for the Office of Curriculum, effective July 1, 2013 through July 18, 2014. Salary will be \$26.77 per hour.
- 2. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Melissa Fusco, to the position of a summer part time Typist Clerk for the Office of Curriculum, effective July 21, 2014 through August 8, 2014. Salary will be \$21.03 per hour.
- 3. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Cindy Velez, to the position of a summer part time Typist Clerk for the Office of Curriculum, effective August 11, 2014 through August 29, 2014. Salary will be \$21.03 per hour.

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

- 1. That the Board of Education approve an extension of a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Gonzalo Gonzalez, Cleaner at the High School, effective June 5, 2014, until further notice.

c. **Appointment(S) Summer Special Ed Teachers-In-Training**

That the Board of Education approves the following Teachers-In-Training for the Summer Special Education Program:

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
1.	Seasonal Worker	Francesca Zito	\$9.00	07/01/2014

d. **Creation of New Position**

- 1. That the Board of Education approves a .5 technology aide for Central Office effective July 1, 2014. Salary will be \$13.74 per hour.

5. **Other**

Employee Agreements

a. That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board president to execute employee agreements with the following individuals, the terms of which have been reviewed by the Board in executive session, effective July 1, 2014:

- 1. Andrea Paggi- District Clerk
- 2. Sharon Macken- Chief Information Officer
- 3. Maureen Judge- School Business Administrator
- 4. William Gilberg- Assistant Supervisor of Transportation
- 5. Daniel C. Romano- Director of School Facilities and Operations
- 6. Elizabeth Rainha-Freitas- Administrative Assistant II

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 7/1/14

Presentations:

1. E Spark Data

The Superintendent presented on the eSpark Data and began with some background information. There are about 1000 students at Jackson Avenue (grades 3 & 4) and Middle School (grades 5- 7) that use eSpark. The focus was on building skills in reading literature and reading information text. It was primarily used for homework and 40 teachers supported eSpark. The Superintendent displayed charts of usage time which show that students logged in an average of 2.23 times per week. Grades 3 and 6 had high consistent usage and Grade 7 is not using as often because they do not find it as enjoyable.

The Superintendent displayed a series of slides. He explained the Achievement Impact Methodology: Data comes from NWEA; Metric 1: National percentile gains; Metric 2: absolutely growth in RIT scores relative to student expectations; and Metric 3: share of expected annual growth by goal and non-goal domains. Differentiation of needs: Mineola students are working on very differentiated content. Metric 1 was displayed and it was explained that typically the percentile gains are zero, but Mineola gained 6 points. Metric 2- Growth in RIT Scores was displayed and it showed that all students exceeded their RIT scores; even the 7th graders who no longer enjoy using eSpark. Next, Metric 3 was displayed. In eSpark, students usually target their weakest common core domains, called goal domain. NWEA measures progress in other domains called non-goal domains. Each student's growth is compared in goal to non-goal domains and the difference between the two is the eSpark effect. The Superintendent reported on the end of year assessment summary and stated that overall percentile growth was strong. In Metric 1, overall percentile growth was strong and outpaced national percentiles. In Metric 2, eSpark students, in all grades, outpaced expected typical RIT scores. In Metric 3, overall students outpaced expectations of typical growth by 36%. This is all good news according to Dr. Nagler.

The Superintendent reported that there is a webinar tomorrow with eSpark, which has made changes to the program as a result of the suggestions from our students. These changes are being demonstrated. It was reported that during the process leading up to the changes, students skyped with eSpark engineers. ESpark awarded 4 prizes to students. Mr. Barnett stated that he loves that eSpark is using the students ideas. There were no other comments on today's presentation.

Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent had no further comments.

Mr. Barnett stated that he is in need of an executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

L. Executive Session Time: 3:40 p.m.

At 3:40pm, a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and the District Audit.

Motion: Nicole Matzer
Second: Margaret Ballantyne

Yes: Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett

No: None

Passed: Yes

M. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____
Second: _____

Yes: _____

No: _____

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea M. Paggi