

**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: October 23, 2014

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- 7:05pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission- Christine Napolitano

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

F. High School Student Organization Report

Tonight's SO report was by Craig VandeStouwe and Felicia Vella. It was reported by Felicia that two exciting events took place in Mineola; Homecoming and the Home Show. Felicia described the Home Show as being incredible and all of the students involved are very passionate about being part of this group. Felicia noted that she was wearing her band jacket tonight to show her pride in being a member of the marching band and she stated that the Marching Band will be in Syracuse this weekend to participate in the final competition of the season. Craig reported that a College Road trip to Rhode Island recently took place. He stated that the juniors took the PSAT on October 15th at the High School. Craig reported that the Student Organization has set goals for this year: they hope to raise \$2000 to provide food to local needy families at Thanksgiving and \$1000 for senior scholarships. Another goal for the SO is to get the 8th grade more involved in the organization. Dr. Nagler acknowledged that Craig was recently ranked number 3 in the class of 2015. The Board thanked Felicia and Craig for their reports. They also wished the Marching Band good luck in Syracuse and Mr. Barnett express his belief that this would be the year that Mineola takes first place in the competition.

G. BOE Reports

a. Comments from Board Trustees

Margaret Ballantyne reported that she had recently toured the High School with the Superintendent. She has now visited each school and is always happy to see the students, teachers and all that is going on. Dr. Ballantyne stated there have been many exciting events at the High School, Homecoming, the Home Show and the announcement of senior ranks. She added that this is a special year for her because her son is a member of the class of 2015. Dr. Ballantyne stated that the State has just passed a new regents track and it is nice to see that Mineola is ahead of the curve with this change. Finally, she looks forward to attending the NYSSBA Convention.

Nicole Matzer stated that she attended Homecoming and she wished the Marching Band good luck in Syracuse this weekend. She is also looking forward to attending the NYSSBA convention. Ms. Matzer complimented the look of the new "Outreach". She liked the color and really enjoyed the alumni spotlight. Ms. Matzer hopes to see more of this in future editions.

Patricia Navarra stated that she is happy with the new regents track announced by the State. She reported that as a parent, she had accompanied the Marching Band on trips to Syracuse and said that Mineola is always complimented on the students. Ms. Navarra stated she is proud of the students year after year and how well they behave and represent the District.

Christine Napolitano stated that as a Board Member the thing that makes her the happiest and most satisfied is to see our students truly happy participating in the various activities that are taking place.

b. Comments from Board President

Artie Barnett stated that the Mineola Fall sports are having a great season. The Varsity Football team is currently 5 and 1 for the season and is number 2 in the power ranking. The Girls Varsity Volleyball team is having a great season, currently 14 and 1 and will be starting playoffs shortly. The Boys Varsity Soccer team has their first playoff game. He congratulated all of the athletes and coaches. Mr. Barnett reported that he will be attending the NYSSBA convention to receive the Change for Kids award. Finally, Mr. Barnett wished the teams and the Marching Band good luck with the rest of their season.

c. Comments from Superintendent

Dr. Nagler really enjoyed the Home Show. He stated that there is a great deal of work and commitment that go into this show. Dr. Nagler added that the athletes also work very hard and spend many hours preparing for the season. He is proud of all of these students. Dr. Nagler stated that it has been a long time since the football team has made it to Hofstra and he is hoping that this will be the year. Dr. Nagler will be attending the NYSSBA conference to receive the "Be the Change for Kids" award. The Superintendent thanked Pat Burns and the teachers for putting together Parent University on Technology and Learning K-12. Parents are able to provide feedback via a survey on the Parent University. Dr. Nagler stated that they will need to look at the pros and cons of having Homecoming parade and game in the evening. It was reported that he is currently still working with other superintendents on the 2015- 2016 school calendar. Dr. Nagler stated that we will definitely start classes before Labor Day.

The Superintendent stated that we finally have approval on all of the capital projects. Bids will open on Tuesday and many have already picked up information on the project. Dr. Nagler hopes to be able to award the project at the November 6th meeting. Dr. Nagler and Mr. Waters met with the architect and a public presentation on the proposal of the turf field and expansion of Hampton Street School will take place at the November 6th Workshop.

H. Old Business

Mr. Barnett asked the Board if there was any old business but they did not have any at this time. Mr. Barnett stated that he wanted to clarify that he had recently expressed his concerns about the new apartment buildings in Mineola and the Pilots. Mr. Barnett wanted to be clear that he is not against these things however, we must be prepared for the impact that they will have on the District. Mr. Barnett asked the Board for their approval on holding a public hearing on the "Veteran's Exemption". The Public Hearing will take place on November 6th at 6:30pm prior to the Workshop Meeting. He added that the Board will vote on two action items related to the Veteran's Exemption at the Workshop Meeting. The Board was in agreement with holding a Public Hearing. The information regarding this Public Hearing will be in next week's edition of the Mineola American and will be posted on the District website. There was no additional old business at this time.

I. New Business

Mr. Barnett asked the Board if there was any new business and Ms. Napolitano stated that she had one item. Ms. Napolitano inquired if the District had been able to verify the numbers quoted by Mayor Strauss regarding the Pilots. The Superintendent stated that he had asked Mr. Waters to follow up on this matter and the District had been given the run around from IDA but now has a contact person. Mr. Waters had hoped to have the numbers by today but he did not receive them yet. Mr. Barnett asked if these Pilot numbers are necessary in order to calculate next year's budget and the Superintendent stated that we do because they can affect the levy and cause it to be reduced. The Board stated that they would like to be kept in the loop and be given the numbers when they are received.

Accepting of Certified Financial Statements

RESOLUTION # 19 -BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District hereby accepts the Certified Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2014, completed by Nawrocki Smith LLP and such reports have been filed with the appropriate state regulatory agencies as of October 15, 2014.

Motion: Nicole Matzer

Second: Margaret Ballantyne

There was no discussion.

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

No: None

Passed: Yes

J. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 20 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.5.b., as presented.

Motion: Christine Napolitano

Second: Patricia Navarra

Discussion: The Superintendent stated that he wanted to clarify two items in J.1.c.- Jackson Newspaper is actually Jr. 1st Lego League and the Jackson Safety Patrol is Scrabble Club and the back-up reflects this information. There was no additional discussion.

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

No: None

Passed: Yes

1. **Instruction**

a. Appointment(S) Sub Teacher per diem

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 \$100.00 per day; and retirees at a daily rate of \$125.00 per day.:

	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION</u>
1.	Thomas M. Maloney	Physical Education, Health
2.	Philip Testa	Physical Education, Health

b. Appointment(S) Perm Sub

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Stefanie Cristina, to the position of Permanent Substitute Teacher at Jackson Avenue, effective October 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015. Salary: \$100.00 per day.

c. Appointment(s) Club/Stipends

That the Board of Education approves the following Club/stipend recommendations for the current school year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Athletes Helping Athletes	Maryellen Perinchief	\$1,434.00
Brainstormers	Bob Goodwin	1/2 of \$1,434.00
Brainstormers	Suzanne Sabatini	1/2 of \$1,434.00
Cheerleader - Winter	Laura Kligman	\$4,303.00
Class Advisor-Eight Grade	Gina-Marie Buongiovanni	\$985.00
Class Advisor-Freshman	Mary Owens	\$1,019.00
Class Advisor-Sophomore	Tara M. McDonnell	\$1,693.00
Class Advisor-Sophomore	Francine Sclafani	\$1,693.00

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Class Advisor-Junior	Jennifer Honerkamp	\$2,367.00
Class Advisor-Junior	Eleni Theodorakis	\$2,367.00
Class Advisor-Senior	Suzanne Sabatini	\$2,868.00
Class Advisor-Senior	Bette Sloane	\$2,868.00
Creative Writing Club	Drew Smith	\$985.00
Environmental Club	Susan Kennedy	\$1,786.00
Foreign Language Club	Giuseppa Iaboni	\$985.00
Gay Straight Alliance	Laura L. Grassie	\$1,785.00
Increase the Peace	Stacey Rosenblatt	1/2 of \$2,151.00
Increase the Peace	Patricio Romero	1/2 of \$2,151.00
Japanese Animee Club	Lucy Long	\$1,785.00
Kwianis Club (Key Club)	Surabhi John	1/2 of \$2,367.00
Kwianis Club (Key Club)	Mary Owens	1/2 of \$2,367.00
Latin Club	Gigi Foge	\$985.00
Literary Society Club	Mark Bomser	\$1,358.00
Math Olympiads-8th gr	Lisa M. Marino	\$985.00
Mathletes Advisor	Suzanne Sabatini	\$1,434.00
Mentoring Latinas	Marie Watson	\$1,434.00
Mock Trial Advisor	Soraya Zahn Rogers	\$985.00
National Honor Society	Eileen Burke	\$1,547.00
Question Mark Editor	Drew Smith	\$3,940.00
Red Cross Advisor	Tara McDonnell	\$985.00
Science Club Advisor	Ellen McGlade-McCulloh	\$1,786.00
Signet Advisor-Business	Denise Zunno	\$3,640.00
Signet Advisor-Editorial	Paul Sommer	\$5,050.00
Student Organization	Francine Sclafani	\$4,388.00
Student Service Center	Eileen Burke	1/2 of \$5,050.00
Student Service Center	Nancy Regan	1/2 of \$5,050.00
S.A.D.D. Advisor	Maryellen Perinchief	\$1,786.00
Jackson Book Club	Judith Shaughnessy	\$859.00
Jackson K-Kids Club	Linda Goodwin	1/2 of \$1,434.00
Jackson K-Kids Club	Zoila Castillo	1/2 of \$1,434.00
Jackson Math Olympiads	Janice Killelea	\$859.00
Jackson Newspaper	Teresa L. Dawber	\$859.00
Jackson Safety Patrol	Michael Kandel	\$859.00
Jackson Art Club	Jeanine Gallina	\$859.00
Jackson Student Council	Jeanine Gallina	\$1,434.00

d. Appointment(S) Marching Band Staff

That the Board of Education approves the following staff members for the Marching Band:

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPENDS</u>
1.	Marching Band Guard Coach	John J. Meyer, Jr.(replacing Kevin Merino who resigned)	\$2,151.00

2. **Instruction: Contracted**

a. That the Board of Education approves the Diagnostic Services/HIPPA Agreement between the Fay J. Lindner Center and the Mineola UFSD for the 2014- 2015 school year.

b. That the Board of Education approves the Related Services Agreement between Life's WORC and the Mineola UFSD for the 2014- 2015 school year.

c. That the Board of Education approves the Special Education Services contract between Westbury UFSD and the Mineola UFSD for the 2014- 2015 school year.

3. **Civil Service**

a. **Resignation(s)**

1. That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Allison Dinkelacker, part time Teacher Aide at Hampton Street School, effective October 10, 2014.

b. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Sean Gonzalez, to the position of Custodial Sub, effective October 24, 2014. Salary is \$12.25 per hour.

2. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Nicholas Moran, to the position of Custodial Sub, effective October 24, 2014. Salary is \$12.25 per hour.

3. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Alexander Ayala, to the position of Custodial Sub, effective October 24, 2014. Salary is \$12.25 per hour.

4. **Business /Finance**

a. **Treasurer's Report**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's report for the period ending August 31, 2014 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 September 30, 2014

A/P Warrant # 5	September 10, 2014	\$ 355,212.29
A/P Warrant # 6	September 23, 2014	\$ 999,711.32

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 1,354,923.61

PAYROLL # 5 & # 6

General	\$ 3,879,663.25
F Fund	\$ 57,385.62

TOTAL PAYROLL \$3,937,048.87

5. **Business/Finance: Disposal of District Property**

That the Board of Education approves the disposal of the following district property, according to Policy #6900, declaring them obsolete:

a. Driver Education Car: 1996 Ford Contour VIN: 1FALP6538TK192491

b. Bus # 78: 2001 Bluebird Bus VIN: 1BAAGCPA91F099149

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 10/23/14

Presentations:

1. Science Report

The Superintendent stated that tonight's presentation is the "STEAM Initiative" and he introduced Andrew Casale and Jennie Fahey. *This presentation can be found on the District website on the Board of Education page, under the heading- presentations. Mr Escobar, High School principal, began by stating that the STEAM program is a continuation of the vision of Dr. Nagler and the Board that began with the move of the 8th grade to the high school. Mr. Escobar stated that currently we have a good science program and we want to make it a great program.

Andrew Casale stated that the STEAM Initiative is a movement that encourages the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics in our classrooms. Jennie Fahey stated that STEAM is life-long holistic learning. They presented the goals and objectives:

- Students will have fun learning science.
- Students will begin to analyze and solve real world problems.
- Students will be able to apply scientific knowledge to other subject areas and the outside world.
- Continue to integrate the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in our science curriculum.

Andrew Casale discussed Science at the Middle School. Students in the 5th and 6th grades are currently in their second year of using the Knowing Science program. For three periods every 6-day cycle of science, students are with the classroom teacher and two periods in the science lab with Ms. Murphy, where they discover concepts/ideas through hands-on experiments. Students in 7th grade are using a new curriculum which is aligned to the NGSS which includes: Physical Science, Earth Science and a heavy focus on Life Sciences. It was reported that starting in November, we will begin tracking students progress by standards (NGSS) using School 4 One. Mr. Casale discussed the Greenhouse Project at the Middle School. He explained that the greenhouse is an inter-disciplinary project that can involve all students in some capacity. Andrew Casale briefly explained the project. In Research class, students will investigate properties of a greenhouse as well as plants and vegetables that can be harvested by June. In Art, students will be making clay pots to grow seeds and plants in. They will also scan them digitally using the iPad and then reproduce them using the 3D printer. In Technology (engineering and design), the students will construct shelving for the pots and botany boxes to hold cell packs. Another possibility would be to design and construct a PVC Irrigation System. In Science, students will be studying water and soil analysis, fertilizers, different forms of energy and monitoring temperature changes. In Home and Careers, students will discuss the benefits of a healthy diet and have a farm to table lunch. Mr. Casale displayed the list of Middle School Competitions for this school year. The first competition is the Wind Turbine Competition on October 29th at the Cradle of Aviation. It starts at 9:30am and is open to the public. Mr. Barnett stated that the competition that caught his attention was the Rube Goldberg Online Competition and Mr. Casale and Mr. Interrante gave him some details of the competition. Dr. Ballantyne expressed interest in the Discovery Ed. Epic Story Competition. Dr. Nagler asked Mr. Casale to compile a synopsis of each of these competitions.

Jennie Fahey presented on the Science Program Structure at the High School. In grade 8, students will take 8R- NYS 8th grade Science Curriculum or Accelerated: Earth Science. Students in Grade 9 will either take 9R- Earth Science or Accelerated: Living Environment. In grade 10, students will take 10R: Living Environment or Accelerated: Chemistry. In grade 11, students will take 11R Chemistry, Physics or AP Science course or Accelerated Physics or AP science course. In grade 12, students will take Physics or AP science course. The AP Science Course options include: AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics and AP

Environmental Science. Ms. Fahey discussed Science at the High School. She reported that Science 8R teachers are adapting their labs to align with the NGSS standards. All AP Science courses have aligned their labs with the new College Board standards to be more inquiry based. All regents courses have modified at least 1 lab to align with the NGSS lab standards. Earth Science and Biology labs incorporated the use of iPads. There is also a Melting glass project in Art which uses chemistry. Dr. Nagler stated that he started speaking about STEAM in June and the art teachers have really embraced this whole concept and truly want to be a part of it. Jennie Fahey displayed the list of the competitions that student will take part in this school year. She stated that Dr. McGlade- McCulloh has really spearheaded this and set up the various competitions. Mineola is 1 of 20 schools to participate in the Science Bowl at Brookhaven National Lab. Ms. Fahey stated that this year, we will have STEAM Night, expanding on the High School Science Symposium. It will take place Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 6:30pm. The following will be included in this evening: Research Projects grades 9 -12; National Science Honor Society Induction; 8th grade STEAM project; Middle School and Jackson Avenue Science Showcase and a Robotics demonstration.

The Board had some comments on the Science presentation. Dr. Ballantyne is very happy to see that Art is a part of STEAM. Dr. Nagler commented that his plan is to highlight each of the disciplines throughout the course of the year. Ms. Matzer thanked all of the teachers and ILs involved with developing the STEAM initiative. Dr. Nagler stated that he met some Superintendents from Pittsburg that are about two years ahead of us with STEAM and he and Mr. Gaven are in the process of planning a trip to visit those districts. Ms. Napolitano expressed that she is truly looking forward to Research Night, as it is one of her favorite events of the year. She is very excited about the growth of the event and will definitely be there. Dr. Nagler asked Craig VandeStouwe if he would like to comment on the research program. Craig stated that the research program has expanded greatly and added that the larger lab facility makes it much easier for students to conduct their research projects. Mr. Barnett stated that he recently had a chance to speak with Jennie Fahey and added that Dr. Nagler is very enthusiastic about her qualifications. Mr. Barnett stated that Andrew Casale has done a great job at the Middle School and looks forward to seeing what will come next.

Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent had no additional comments this evening. But, he stated that he was in need of an Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

L. Public Comments

Mr. Barnett opened the floor to public comment and there was one resident who had a question for the Board regarding the public hearing and the Board President responded.

M. Executive Session Time: 8:15 p.m.

At 8:15pm, a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

Motion: Nicole Matzer
Second: Margaret Ballantyne

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

No: None

Passed: Yes

N. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____
Second: _____

Yes: _____

No: _____

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea M. Paggi