

**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 – 2010-2011

- **Educational**
 - *To further expand the district initiative of differentiated instruction specifically focusing on individual student achievement.*
 - *To continue our growth as professional learning communities focusing on common formative assessments to demonstrate individual student growth*
 - *To continue to provide the resources to attain a Intel finalist within the next three years*
- **Facilities**
 - *To investigate and embrace projects that incorporate 'green' technologies that over time will decrease our dependency on fossil fuels*
- **Finance**
 - *To continue the district initiative to actualize a five year plan to maintain a stable tax levy*

DATE: March 3, 2011

LOCATION: Jackson Avenue School

OPEN WORK SESSION

7:00 p.m. - Auditorium

Board of Education

Terence Hale, President
Christine Napolitano, Vice President
John McGrath
William Hornberger
Irene Parrino

Central Office

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

A. Call to Order

At 7:10 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Hale.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission – Jack Waters

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

Also in attendance were: Matthew Gaven, Jackson Avenue Principal; Ed Escobar, High School Principal; Ralph Amitrano, and Supervisor of Athletics.

F. Old Business

President Hale announced that the March 17th meeting would be moved to March 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at the Willis Avenue School.

The Superintendent of Schools introduced Mr. Amitrano and the High School Wrestling Team and stated the following: recognized them as County Champs and for their hard work; and there was also a State Qualifier for Winter Track.

Mr. Amitrano introduced and congratulated the Wrestling Team Members (Christian Euell, State Qualifier, All County; Dan Granados, State Qualifier, All County; Matt Long, State Qualifier, All County; Steve O'Connor, State Qualifier, All County; Joe Barcos, All County; Willie Cashin, All County; Pat Clark, All County; Nick Fabiano, All County; Bruno Ferreira, All County; Dave Gorry, Joe Massaro, Luigi Miranda, Vin Pawlowski, Justin Sandler, All County; Dave Valmond, All County; Winter Track - _Nuno Tinoco, State Qualifier, All County 1000M, 1600 M); introduced the Junior Varsity Wrestling Team (Yosh Amaya, Bruno Benitez, Tevin Carlo, Matt Diaz, Jacob Escobar, Ken Faath, Juan Galvez, Leo Gorry, Pedro Miranda, Nick O'Connor, Anthony Riccardi, Andrew Rodrigues, Dennis Salmeron, Mike Sullivan, Milandip Toor, Brendan Pusey); a successful 2nd year in a row; introduced the coaches (Dan Guido, Head Coach for Wrestling was unable to attend this evening; Zack Sabatino, Head Coach for Track; Frank Massaro, Varsity Girls LaCrosse Coach); thanked all the young men for their accomplishments; Girls Basketball Team were Conference Champs; and Boys Basketball came in 2nd in their conference.

G. New Business

None

H. Consensus Agenda

1. Budget Appropriation Adjustment

- a. That the Board of Education approves an appropriation adjustment to Budget Code A5510.417.10.9299 in the amount of \$23,524.79 received from the insurance company (NYSIR) for repairs to Bus #99.

2. Leave of Absence

- a. That the Board of Education approves the Medical Leave of Absence for Rita Bailey, part time Teacher Aide at Cross Street School, effective March 1, 2011, due to surgery. Her return date is approximately April 13, 2011 or at the doctor's discretion.

3. Appointment

- a. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Amanda Hasset to the position of Student Worker effective March 3, 2011; salary is \$8.00 per hour.
- b. That the Board of Education approves the addition of the following candidates to the Per Diem Substitute Teacher List at a daily rate of pay, \$90.00:

Olivia McCauley	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Erin Klein	Math 7-12
Jeanine Fazio-Swartz	Students With Disabilities (Birth-2)
	Early Childhood Education (Birth-2)
Concita Brito-D'Orta	ESL
- c. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Elizabeth Gazzini, to the position of Leave Replacement teacher for Margarita Maravel, effective February 28, 2011 to on or before June 30, 2011; salary: MA+10, Step 1, \$69,104.00 pro-rated (cannot exceed \$30,000.00).

4. Resignation

- a. That the Board of Education approves the resignation of Concita Brito-D'Orta, part time Teacher Aide at Hampton Street School, effective March 4, 2011.
- b. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Valerie Liese, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2011.

5. Field Trip

- a. That the Board of Education approves of an out-of-state field trip for the High School Winter Percussion Ensemble to compete at Norwalk High School, Norwalk, CT Saturday, March 12, 2011.

6. Employment Agreement

- a. That the Board of Education approves an employee agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and Janice Patterson effective March 21, 2011 to June 30, 2011 to provide Educational Management and Research Services of the office of Superintendent of Schools and other duties as agreed upon by the parties, at a daily rate of \$794.00 per day, not to exceed \$29,999.00 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

7. CSE/CPSE Parent Member Volunteers List

- a. That the Board of Education approves the amended list of CPSE/CSE Parent Member volunteers for the 2010-2011 school year, effective March 3, 2011 as follows:

CPSE Members

CSE Members

Patricia Hendry
AnnMarie Christy
Cliff Datys
Antoinette Salierno
Kelly Melore
Nora Calabrese
Chester Easton
Dottie Easton
Ruth Gorski
Brigid Gasiewski
Souaad Khalil
Erin Bertuccio
Carlos Baca
Dora Baca
MaryClaire Cardinal
Denise Collins
Karin Connolly

Patricia Hendry
AnnMarie Christy
Antoinette Salierno
Kelly Melore
Nora Calabrese
Christina Duarte
Chester Easton
Dottie Easton
Ruth Gorski
Brigid Gasiewski
Hye Hyun Chung
Patricia Aronoff
Erin Bertucci
Carlos Baca
Dora Baca
MaryClair Cardinal
Denise Collins
Karin Connolly

8. Instructional Contract

- a. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and the Uniondale UFSD to provide Special Education services to students who are parentally placed in non-public schools for the 2010-2011 school year.

RESOLUTION #60 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free Schools District approves of Consensus Agenda Items H.1.a. through H.8.a. as presented.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Christine Napolitano

Discussion: Mr. McGrath inquired about Item H.6.a. (Employment Agreement) providing what type of Educational Management and Research Services. The Superintendent of Schools responded that Ms. Patterson will stay on until the new configuration, due to her knowledge of personnel that cannot be replaced at this time. Her position will be filled by July 1, 2011.

Yes: Irene Parrino
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

I. Superintendent's Reports

The Superintendent of Schools discussed why this evening's Board of Education meeting was being held at Jackson (Board visited with 5th graders participating in the iPad pilot program; and to hear a report on the program from Mr. Gaven).

Mr. Gaven reported on the following: thanked the students and parents for returning this evening to demonstrate their knowledge on the iPad; how the pilot program first began; uses of the device; opportunity to enhance student learning; outstanding 5th grade teachers at Jackson (Lisa Rivera, Matt, DeLuca, Courtney Zaleski, Dee Wojis, Benay Shear, and Sid Burgreen); revamping of 5th grade; teacher teams; working and partnering together like the Middle School; no pull outs; iPad instruction period; finding ways in the use of iPads; creative students communicating with each other; engage in critical thinking; reaction of students when the iPads were distributed with News 12 on site; learning APP reviews was how they started; shared research products using Safari and Key Note; 2nd phase gave students in-district e-mail accounts so they could file share and communicate; teachers e-mailing students home-work assignments; skills students are applying (Reading, organizing and thinking); started Wiki, editable web pages; research on-line allows students to communicate and discuss on each other's pages; students working even during Winter Recess week; students enjoying the work; 3rd phase using communication and collaboration; results of how parents evaluated the program; positive results of parent and student survey; parents more aware of what is going on and would like the program expanded; expand to 6th grade next year; students learning e-mail etiquette; many outside visitors to Jackson to review the program; professional development provided by Apple; partnering with Adelphi who sent students teachers to Jackson and they send APPs to Jackson's 5th graders; news media has visited Jackson regarding the program (Newsday, ABC, Channel 55, News 12).

The Superintendent of Schools discussed the following: commended Mr. Gaven on being a great leader and noted his excitement for the program; commended everyone involved in the program; asked Mr. Gaven if the 5th graders were ready for teaming. Mr. Gaven responded yes and noted that there were no accidents with the iPads.

Mr. Hale stated he was very impressed with what the students have learned; kudos to the teachers and students.

Ms. Napolitano commended Mr. Gaven and stated he was a pioneer and noted the tremendous amount of work that went into this pilot program, and appreciates the work he has done.

Mr. McGrath commended Mr. Gaven and staff and remarked "outstanding". He also remarked that a good choice was made in the site and staff who were implementing this program.

Mr. Hornberger stated this is a proud moment seeing what the children have learned. He also commended Mr. Gaven, teachers, and students and looks forward to them taking this to the next level.

Ms. Parrino commented on the importance of parental support and commended all for their work.

Mr. Gaven thanked the Superintendent of Schools and Technology Department for their help and support.

The Superintendent of Schools reported on the following: March 17 Board meeting will be moved to March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Willis Avenue school; school start time for next year (HS remains the same; MS 7:55 a.m.-2:32 p.m.; Meadow and Hampton 8:12 a.m.-2:49 p.m.; Jackson 8:43 a.m.-3:20 p.m.; Willis 9:09 a.m.-3:16 p.m.); transfer of Mr. Hepworth to the HS to accompany next year's 8th graders; budget presentation at March 16th Board meeting; adoption of budget at April 7th Board meeting; attended a conference in Albany where the Governor's budget was discussed (State no longer will fund Summer Special Ed, but it still is required by Federal law; significant cuts in building aid); hopeful the legislation will have a change of heart; how a 2% tax cap will affect school districts; Apple making a presentation at Jackson; PTA hosting PARP (Parents as Reading Partners).

Ms. Napolitano inquired as to the cost of the reconfiguration to date. The Superintendent of Schools responded approximately \$400,000.

Mr. McGrath suggested a later start time for the HS. The Superintendent of Schools stated he met with the HS student organization who also requested a later start, but in order to utilize district buses efficiently the HS needs to be bussed first. Mr. McGrath inquired as to the cost. The Superintendent of Schools pointed to the after-school activities as another reason they need to start first so not to go past a 3:00 p.m. school day.

The Superintendent of Schools stated he was in need of an executive session

J. Executive Session

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into executive session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Christine Napolitano

Yes: Irene Parrino
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale
No: None

Passed: Yes

President Hale stated that the Board may return at any time.

At 9:00 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

K. Adjournment

At 9:00 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Christine Napolitano

Yes: Irene Parrino
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martillo
District Clerk