

**MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINEOLA, NY**

Special 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 24, 2011

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

OPEN WORK SESSION

7:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Staff Lounge

Board of Education

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

Central Office

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools

A. Call to Order

At 7:02 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Hale.

Mr. McGrath would be arriving later.

B. Appointment of District Clerk Pro Tem

RESOLUTION #62 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District appoints Michael Nagler as District Clerk Pro Tem for the meeting of March 24, 2011.

Motion: Christine Napolitano
Second: William Hornberger

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

Passed: Yes

At 7:10 Mr. McGrath joined the meeting.

C. Acceptance of Contract for Traffic Study

RESOLUTION #63 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District enter into an agreement with VHB Engineering, surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. for a traffic study in connection with the proposed lease of the Cross Street Elementary School to Solomon Schechter Day School.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Christine Napolitano

Discussion: The Superintendent of Schools introduced Mr. Robert Eschbacher of VHB whose firm will be conducting the traffic study. Mr. Eschbacher discussed the following: his background and expertise in the field of engineering for surveying and landscape architecture; traffic specialty; measure activity level; conduct a comparison for present and future; signage; observation of a typical school day; parents picking up and dropping off; list of recommended changes to take place; parking registrations; term restrictions; coordination with Solomon Schechter and School District; data gathering; safe efficient flow of traffic; there is an urgency.

The Board of Education raised the following concerns and suggestions: include St. Aidan's into the parking and traffic mix; outcome as to what the district is looking for; need for this study; safety concern; where staff and students will park; train traffic; start times of St. Aidan's and Solomon Schechter coincide; impact on neighborhood; resolving the start time may impact on the dismissal time; late buses; Meagher Place is a small street (Ambulance Depot/Library); idling buses; begin next week with observations; after 3 weeks will return for input in order to finalize report; will report be determining factor if the lease is signed; a request was made to have a spokesperson from CYO and Williston Park Little League attend the next Board Meeting to discuss use of fields; suggestions to include bad weather and Police Reports into the survey; concerns with traffic safety and quality of life, i.e. field usage; possible traffic light; like to see a

compromise; # of staff (60 + 6); controlling the number of Seniors driving; request that St. John's be contacted for students to park there. Legal Counsel suggested amending the Resolution.

A motion was made to amend the language of Resolution #63 with the addition of "...subject to approval by District's Counsel" after the word School.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

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

Passed: Yes

The Board now voted on Resolution #63 as presented with amendment.

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

Passed: Yes

D. Executive Session

At 8:13 p.m. a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

Motion: Christine Napolitano
Second: John McGrath

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

Passed: Yes

At 9:35 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

K. Adjournment

At 9:35 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: John McGrath

Second: William Hornberger

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

No: None

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Nagler, Ed.D.
District Clerk Pro Tem