

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.*

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**Board Goals – 2009-2010**

- **Educational**
  - *To further expand the district initiative of differentiated instruction specifically denoting how schools plan to move student achievement from level to level as well as preventing student regression within and between levels.*
  - *To continue to develop our relationship with Winthrop Hospital to develop a career academy at the HS for students pursuing potential post HS opportunities.*
  - *To establish guidelines for the health and wellness of our children that encompasses curriculum, food program(s) and safety policies.*
- **Facilities**
  - *To investigate and embrace projects that incorporate 'green' technologies that over time will decrease our dependency on fossil fuels.*
- **Finance**
  - *To create a five year financial landscape that captures status quo and tax levy projections. Those projections will then be articulated to the community in order to open a dialogue about the future of Mineola.*

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**DATE: June 17, 2010**

**LOCATION: Willis Avenue School**

**OPEN BUSINESS MEETING**

**7:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Staff Lounge**

**Board of Education**

William Hornberger, President  
Terence Hale, Vice President  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Christine Napolitano

**Central Office**

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools  
Sherri Goffman, Deputy Superintendent  
Janice Patterson, Asst. Supt. for Pupil Pers. Services  
Donna Martillo, District Clerk

**Absent:** Jack Waters, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

**A. Call to Order**

At 7:01 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Hornberger.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Reading of Mission** – Sherri Goffman

**D. Moment of Silent Meditation**

**E. Dais & Visitor Introductions**

Also in attendance: Jacob S. Feldman, Esq., District's Legal Counsel; and Irene Parrino, newly elected Trustee.

**F. High School Student Organization Report**

None

**G. Old Business**

President Hornberger announced that the Board will go into executive session at 8:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation and that agenda items J. and K. would be combined.

Mr. Hornberger inquired as to who would be attending the NYSSBA Convention in October this year. The response was Mr. McGrath and Ms. Parrino. The Superintendent of Schools stated he would also be attending and that no resolution was needed. Mr. Feldman interjected that a resolution would only be needed for hotel rooms.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about testing results. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he will address that topic during his report.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about the RFP for a District Architect. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he and Mr. Waters interviewed firms this week and will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

The Superintendent of Schools reported on the status of the Food Service Management Bid timeline (Legal Notice in paper, June 23, 2010 and bid opening July 8, 2010).

President Hornberger announced that the July 15<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting would be moved to July 22, 2010 at Mineola High School.

**H. New Business**

**1. 2010-2011 Confidential Central Office Administrators**

**RESOLUTION #80** – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the 2010-2011 Central Office Administrators Work Agreements and salaries, as approved in the 2010-2011 Budget, effective July 1, 2010, as follows:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Mr. Jack Waters	Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations	\$176,470
Ms. Janice Patterson	Asst. Supt. for Pupil Services	\$174,720
Ms. Patricia Burns	Asst. Supt. for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	\$170,000
Ms. Maureen Judge	Asst. Business Administrator	\$110,207
Mr. Daniel Romano	Director of School Facilities & Operations	\$139,911
Ms. Sharon Macken	Chief Information Officer	\$101,720
Mr. William Gilberg	Supervisor of Transportation	\$ 81,085

**Motion:** John McGrath

**Second:** Terence Hale

**Discussion:** Mr. Hornberger inquired about salary changes. The Superintendent of Schools explained that these employees are not in a union and the Board

must approve them each year. Their salaries are in line with Nassau County School Districts. He further explained that Ms. Macken and Mr. Gilberg's salaries are low for the work they perform, therefore, they will receive more than 4%. The Central Office Administrators' agreements have been adjusted as per the following: Reduction in Personal Days, Family Illness Days, and Bereavement Days; and Assistant Superintendents will contribute 20% toward Health Insurance where all other employees pay 15%.

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

## **I. Consensus Agenda**

### **1. Accepting of Minutes**

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of April 8, 2010 (Workshop); May 6, 2010 (Budget Hearing); May 18, 2010 (Annual Meeting); May 20, 2010 (Business) Meetings, as presented.

### **2. Instruction**

#### **a. Resignations**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ian Dunst, Middle School Instructional Leader, effective June 30, 2010.
2. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lisamarie Curley, Occupational Therapist, effective June 30, 2010.

#### **b. Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Stacy Fried, to the position of Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher, for Jennifer Honerkamp, effective June 1, 2010 to November 30, 2010; salary, MA, Step 1, \$65,318.00.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following teachers for the Math Lead Teacher positions for the 2010-2011 school year:  

Elizabeth Donnelly	Cross Street
Andrea Romano	Hampton Street
Mary LoCascio	Jackson Avenue
Margie Buttgerreit	Meadow Drive
Nancy Ekloff	Willis Avenue
3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following teachers for the Science Resource Teachers for the 2010-

2011 school year:

Tom Nucci	Cross Street
Janice Killelea	Hampton Street
Nicole Bartone	Jackson Avenue
Elena Murphy	Jackson Avenue
Brad Carrell	Meadow Drive
Teri Wolfe	Willis Avenue

4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following coaches for the Fall Interscholastic Season for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>SPORT &amp; LEVEL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Varsity Football	Dan Guido	3	\$10,638.
Varsity Football Assistant	Helms Bohringer	3	\$7,271.
Varsity Football Assistant	John Tortora	3	\$7,271.
JV Football	Mark Miller	3	\$6,757.
JV Football Assistant	Glenn Cocoman	3	\$6,251.
7/8 Football	Mike Perro	3	\$6,251.
7/8 Football Assistant	Mario Villa	3	\$5,741.
7/8 Football Assistant	Matt Antoniou	3	\$5,741.
Boys Varsity Soccer	Paul Pereira	3	\$7,770.
Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant	Al Cavalluzzo	3	\$5,283.
Boys JV Soccer	Peter Blum	3	\$5,406.
Boys 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer	Don Leopardi	3	\$4,740.
Boys 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer	Bill DiGennaro	3	\$4,740.
Girls Varsity Soccer	Katherine Hock	3	\$7,770.
Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant	Corinne Tomczyk	3	\$5,283.
Girls JV Soccer	Tara McDonnell	3	\$5,406.
Girls 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer	Terry Maisto	2	\$4,228.
Girls 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer	Meghan Nelson	3	\$4,740.
Girls Varsity Volleyball	Diana Nick	3	\$7,770.
Girls JV Volleyball	Hyunah Park	3	\$5,406.
Varsity Golf	Al Weidlein	3	\$4,389.
Cross Country	TBD		
Athletic Trainer	John DiGregorio	NA	
Cheerleading	Hyunah Park	NA	

5. 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:

Rory Reis	Biology 7-12
Tara Swed	Speech and Language Disabilities
Danielle O'Brien	English Language Arts 7 – 12
Kelly McMahon	Social Studies 7-12
Elizabeth Bellisari	Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

**2.1. Instruction: Committee on Special Education Actions**

- a. 2010-2011 Parent Members and Chairpersons for CSE/CPSE

That the Board of Education approves the following list of parent members and Chairpersons for Committees on Special Education and Subcommittees on Special Education for the 2010-2011 school year:

**Committee on Pre-School Special Education**

Chairperson(s): Bridget C. Kehn-Psychologist

Janice R. Patterson-Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services

Alternate Chairperson: Christina Verdi-Speech Teacher

Child's Parent

Evaluator or Person Qualified to Interpret Evaluations

Professional Appointed by the Nassau County Dept. of Mental Health

Child's Special Education Teacher

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

Parent Members:

Ann Albano

Fedra Haldane

Erin Bertuccio

Mary Claire Cardinal

AnnMarie Christy

Louis Llanes

Eileen Conboy

Nicole Park

Chester Easton

Antoinette Salierno

Dorothy Easton

Roberta Schreib

Bridget Gasiewski

Ruth Gorski

Kelly Melore

Virginia Llanes

**District Committee on Special Education**

Chairperson/Administrator: Janice R. Patterson-Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services;

or Bridget C. Kehn-Psychologist;

Alternate Chairpersons: Larry Puccio; Whitney Smith

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

Mrs. Vanessa Lealand

Dr. Robert Drago

Dr. Patricio Romero

Dr. Manuel Romero

Ms. Bridget Kehn

Parent Members:

Ann Albano

Fedra Haldane

Erin Bertuccio

AnnMarie Christy

Virginia Llanes

Louis Llanes

Mary Claire Cardinal

Kelly Melore

Nicole Park

Eileen Conboy

Ruth Gorski

Chester Easton

Dorothy Easton

Antoinette Salierno

Roberta Schreib

Bridget Gasiewski

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 is participating in the general education program

Janice R. Patterson and Bridget Kehn may chair all Subcommittees, as needed

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

Jackson Street Chairpersons: Dr. Manuel Romero-Psychologist; or Mr. Matthew Gaven-Principal

Hampton Street Chairpersons: Mrs. Vanessa Lealand-Psychologist; or Dr. Suecaryl Fleischmann-Principal

Meadow Drive Chairpersons: Dr. Robert Drago-Psychologist; or Mrs. Patricia Molloy-Principal

- Willis Avenue Chairpersons: Mrs. Vanessa Lealand-Psychologist; or Mrs. Christina Verdi-Speech Teacher; or Mrs. Deborah Shaw-Principal
- Middle School Chairpersons: Dr. Sonia Azevedo-Psychologist; or Mr. Whitney Smith-Assistant Principal
- High School Chairpersons: Dr. Patricio Romero-Psychologist; or Mr. Larry Puccio-Assistant Principal

**Surrogate Parents:**

Louis Llanes  
Kelly Melore

**Impartial Hearing Officers:**

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

b. Instruction: Committee on Special Education Actions

1. That the Board of Education approves the CSE/CPSE/SCSE recommendations for programs and services for students with IEPs for the time period from April 17, 2010 to May 14, 2010 as set forth in Confidential Attachment "A".

**2.2. Instruction: Contracted Instructional Services**

- a. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and Rockville Centre Union Free School District to provide services to Mineola students parentally placed in out-of-district public schools for the 2009-2010 school year. Cost is in accordance with Education Law Section 3602-c and related provisions of the Education Law and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.
- b. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and Carle Place Union Free School District to provide services to Mineola students parentally placed in out-of-district public schools for the 2009-2010 school year. Cost is in accordance with Education Law Section 3602-c and related provisions of the Education Law and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.
- c. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and KidsPeace National Centers to provide educational services to 1 student for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost of \$240.38 per day.
- d. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and Westbury Union Free School District to provide services to Westbury students attending a school in Mineola for the 2009-2010 school year. Cost is in accordance with Education Law Section 3602-c and related provisions of the Education Law and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.
- e. That the Board of Education approves a Transition Services Agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and Abilities, Inc. to provide transition services to individuals enrolled in Abilities, Inc. for the 2010-2011 school year.

**2.3. Instruction: Student Actions**

**2.4. Instruction: Other**

- a. That the Board of Education approves Health Services Contracts for 2009-2010 for Mineola students attending non-public schools in other School Districts:

<u>District</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>School Attending</u>	<u>Per Pupil Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bellmore	1	St. Elizabeth of Seton (3 mos.)	241.26	241.26
Garden City	13	Waldorf (7) St. Joseph (8) St. Anne's (1)	\$741.10	\$9,634.30
Hempstead	43	Sacred Heart	\$793.00	\$34,099.00
Hicksville	26	Holy Trinity (24) Trinity Lutheran (1) St. Ignatius Loyola (1)	\$524.64	\$13,640.64
Jericho	11	Long Island Lutheran (10) Solomon Schecter (1)	\$918.51	\$10,103.61
Manhasset	21	St. Mary's (18) St. Marys Elementary (2) Our Lady of Grace (1)	\$789.66	\$16,582.86
New Hyde Park- Garden City Park	3	Notre Dame (3)	\$696.52	\$2,089.56
North Merrick	2	Progressive School of LI	\$132.00	\$264.00
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD	2	Hebrew Academy of Nassau (2)	\$759.00	\$1,518.00
Port Washington	1	St. Peter of Alcantara	795.10	795.10
Syosset	15	Our Lady of Mercy	\$760.92	\$11,413.80
Uniondale	63.5	Kellenberg (61.5) Hebrew Academy (1) St. Martin DePorres Marianist (1)	\$646.10	\$41,027.35
Westbury	5	Holy Child (2) Whispering Pines (2) Friends (1)	\$830.04	\$4,150.04

**3. Civil Service**

a. Resignations/Leave of Absence

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, to Robert Spielman, Groundsman, effective June 30, 2010.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approves the following summer cleaners for the 2010-11 summer program, beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at \$8.00 per hour:

Cross Street  
Paul Chung  
Thomas Bayne

Hampton Street  
Sean Gonzalez  
John Caputo

Jackson Avenue

Meadow Drive

Bill Gerstner  
Robert Sallie

Jonathan Dias  
Tracy Reardon

Willis Avenue  
Connor McCann  
Kevin McCann

Middle School  
Kayla Farrell  
Tierney Farrell  
Nicholas Fabiano  
Mary Phelan

High School  
Frank Aiello  
Tyler Cashin  
Luke Escobar  
Michael Escobar  
Peter Granath

Maintenance  
Anthony Aragona  
Nick Grimaldi  
Robert Port

Grounds  
Joseph Calabro

2. That the Board of Education approves the following 2010 Summer positions at the High School:

Clerical:

Tricia DeRosa	Main Office	\$39.47 Hr.
Jeanne Cribbin	Guidance	34.15 Hr.

Summer Workers:

Rosina Sarno	Mineola East	\$8.00 Hr.
Judy Granath	Mineola East	8.00 Hr.
Jane Lapin	Mineola East	8.00 Hr.

Textbooks:

Kelly Fernandez	Main Office	\$8.00 Hr.
Andrew Kalesky	Textbook Return	8.00 Hr.

3. That the Board of Education approve the following 2010 Summer employees for the Special Ed Summer Program, which begins July 1, 2010 through August 11, 2010. Salaries are in accordance with the 2008/2009 Teacher Aide contract.

Teacher Aides:

Barbara Miller	\$23.86
Lynn Clifford	27.03
Kathy Polumbo	18.51
Nina Mullane	15.38
Donna LaRose	26.55
Marie Sallie	27.26
MaryAnn Wachtner	18.05
Angela Hagan	15.38
Melanie Reif	20.81
Karen Dombeck	33.97
Maria Dunlop	14.16
Jackie Teemsma	24.83
Sue Camarda	33.97
Rosina Sarno	19.35
Sarah Bond	29.31
Annette Karlewicz	29.31
Jessica Bolz	14.99
Donna Coulon	26.55
Gladys Cuzco	23.86
Marlene Mills	23.86
Sue Dunninger	13.74
Diane Ricciardi	13.74



**If there is an increase in student enrollment more teacher aides will be needed.**

4. That the Board of Education approves the following Teachers-in-Training for the 2010 Summer Special Education Program:

**Teachers-in-Training:**

Elizabeth Campbell	\$9.00
Sarah Boland	\$9.00
Jennifer Vlavianos	\$8.75
Giovanna Zito	\$8.75
Christina Garafalo	\$8.75
Laura Darmstadt	\$8.50
Emily Mooney	\$8.50

5. That the Board of Education approves the following employees for the 2010 Summer Special Education Program:

**Clerical-** (Salary in accordance with the 2007–2010 Clerical/Secretarial Contract)  
Regina McWeeney \$44.78

**Principal-** (Salary in accordance with the 2007–2011 Mineola Teacher’s Contract)  
Al Weidlein \$16,606

6. That the Board of Education approve the following teachers for the Summer Special Education Program: (Salaries are in accordance with the 2007 – 2011 Mineola Teacher’s Contract)

**Teachers:**

Diana Kohl	\$12,173
Janine Berto	\$12,173
Ronnie Kleinman	\$12,173
Greg Greer	\$12,173
Dr. Manuel Romero	\$12,173
Steve Mitchell	\$12,173
Michael Robilotto	\$12,173
Andrew Smith	\$12,173
Brian Zorn	\$12,173
Meghan Nelson	\$12,173
Susan Brignati	\$12,173
Melissa Lofrese	\$12,173
Barbara Brenner	\$12,173
Diane Rodocker	\$11,261
Lauren Reif	\$12,173
Kathryn Haberman	\$12,173
Tara Lynch(OT)	\$12,173
William Nomikos(OT)	\$12,173
Donna Hasan (Teacher/nurse)	\$12,173
Chris Friedel (1/2 day)	\$ 6,086
Bruce Vatske (1/2 day)	\$ 6,086
Sandra Smith (1/2 day)	\$ 6,086

**Elizabeth Campbell and Sarah Boland are both certified teachers and will act as our substitute teachers when staff members are absent.**

c. **Excessing of Position(s)**

1. That the Board of Education approves the excessing of one Cleaner position, effective June 30, 2010.

2. That the Board of Education approves the excessing of two School Monitor/Greeter positions, effective June 30, 2010.

4. **Business/Finance**

a. Treasurer's Report

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2010 and directed that it be placed on file.

b. Approval of Invoices and Payroll

1. That the Board of Education approves the Invoices and Payroll for the period ending May 31, 2010.

Warrant #21	\$ 278,670.45
Warrant #22	\$ 934,545.62
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,213,216.07</b>

PAYROLL #21 & #22

General	\$4,178,209.77
Fund F	\$ 88,377.12
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$4,266,586.89</b>

c. That the Board of Education approves the following Budget Transfer:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1320,441.00.0199	1320,442.00.0199	\$12,100.00

4.1. **Business/Finance: Contract Approvals**

4.2. **Business/Finance: Bids**

a. That the Board of Education approves of the following Nassau County School District Cooperative Bids for the 2010-2011 school year:

Baldwin UFSD –  
- Ceiling Tile Installation  
- Roof Repairs

Hicksville UFSD –  
- Cafeteria/Kitchen Repair

Bellmore-Merrick UFSD –  
- Grounds Equipment Repair  
- Field Maintenance & Supplies

Jericho UFSD –  
- Organic Lawn Care

East Meadow UFSD –  
- Associated Site Work  
- Asphalt  
- Concrete Paving

Lynbrook UFSD –  
- Fire Extinguisher Service

Floral Park-Bellerose UFSD –  
- Elevator Maintenance

Manhasset UFSD –  
- Tree Maintenance

Freeport UFSD –  
- Paint & Paint Supplies

North Merrick UFSD –  
- Catalog Signs & Plaques

Garden City –  
- General Boiler Welding Repair

Plainview-Old Bethpage –  
- Floor Tile & Carpet Installation

- Floor Sanding/Refinishing/Repair

Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD –  
- General Electric Repairs & Maintenance

West Hempstead UFSD –  
- Fuel Tank Alarm Repair/Replace

- b. That the Board of Education awards the Special Transportation Busing Bid, opened on June 10, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., for the 2010-2011 school year to the following lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u># OF STUDENTS</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL BIDDER</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
All Saints Regional	1	WE Transport	\$ 8,800
Countryside Montessori	2	ACME	\$13,760
Grace Christian Academy	2	ACME	\$ 5,700
Harmony Heights	2	DELL	\$15,000
Holy Child	2	WE Transport	\$10,780
Progressive School	1	WE Transport	\$ 4,450
Solomon Schechter	1	ACME	\$ 4,800

- c. That the Board of Education awards the Five Year Bus Lease Bid, opened on June 11, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for four (4) - 64 child passenger buses and five (5) - 18 passenger child diesel vans to TD Equipment Finance, Inc. in the amount of \$131,281.78.

**5. Other**

**RESOLUTION #81** – **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education approves Consensus Agenda items I.1.a. through I.4.2.c. as presented.

**Motion:** John McGrath  
**Second:** Christine Napolitano

A motion was made to amend Resolution #81, Item I.3.b.3. as follows:

Removal of Donna Coulon and Marlene Mills, Teacher Aides for the 2010 Summer Special Ed Program as it is reflected on the 6/17/10 agenda; and  
Appoint Marilyn Pisano as a One-on-One Teacher Aide to the 2010 Summer Special Ed Program at the hourly rate of \$23.86.

**Motion:** Terence Hale  
**Second:** Christine Napolitano

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger  
**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

A motion was made to amend Resolution #81, Item I.3.b.6. as follows:

Removal of Susan Brignati from the Teacher List for the 2010 Summer Special Education Program as it is reflected on the 6/17/10 agenda.

**Motion:** Terence Hale  
**Second:** William Hornberger

**Discussion:** Mr. McGrath inquired as to why the need for amending the Consensus Agenda. The Superintendent of Schools responded that it was due to a clerical error.

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger  
**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

The Board of Education now voted on Resolution #81 to approve Consensus Agenda Items I.1.a. through I.4.c. as amended.

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger  
**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

**RESOLUTION #82 - BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District to approve an agreement between Mineola UFSD and Nassau BOCES (Project #11-226176AP, dated June 17, 2010) to find that:

- (i) the use of Equipment and the District's participation in the Learning Technology Project Planning and Administrative project is essential to the district's proper, efficient and economic operation of its education program to be supported by the Equipment, and is necessary to maintain the District's education program; and that
- (ii) the expenses arising under this Agreement constitute ordinary contingent expenses necessary for providing educational services and the transaction is in the best financial interests of the School district because it enables the District to utilize the equipment in a cost effective and economic manner.

And to approve an assignment of Co-Ser Agreement between the Mineola UFSD and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County arising under the agreement for Technology program project #11-226176AP to replace obsolete computer equipment at Administration Building, Mineola High School, Mineola Middle School, Jackson Avenue Elementary School, Hampton Street Elementary School, Meadow Drive Elementary School, Willis Avenue School (NOC), Administration Building and Cross Street School and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate assignment and such other documents and agreements as may be necessary to effect the transaction subject to legal counsel review.

**Motion:** Laraine Salvatore  
**Second:** Terence Hale

**Discussion:** Mr. Hornberger asked the Superintendent of Schools to explain this Resolution. The Superintendent of Schools apologized for the walk-on Resolution, but it is a time sensitive issue. BOCES needs the Mineola Board of Education to approve prior to the BOCES Board approving it. The district is replacing its Xerox equipment with multi-year functional equipment that will place a quota on copies made, eliminating waste, a savings of \$70,000 to the district in the replacement of the Xerox equipment.

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

**J. Executive Session**

At 8:39 p.m. a motion was made for the Board to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

**Motion:** Terence Hale  
**Second:** Laraine Salvatore

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
John McGrath  
Laraine Salvatore  
Terence Hale  
William Hornberger

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

At 9:02 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

**K. Public Comments**

Mr. Hornberger asked that when addressing the Board to please state their name and address and limit the time at the microphone.

- ❖ A resident commented on transportation costs increasing due to the reconfiguration plan presented and that he felt Jackson could not handle the additional buses.
- ❖ A resident commented about 1 option being put out to the community to vote on. The Superintendent of Schools responded that residents can voice their concern by voting negatively. The resident inquired why option 4 was expensive. The Superintendent of Schools responded that 4 additional classrooms would need to be constructed. The resident asked if the Board could vote to have everything stay the same. The Superintendent of Schools responded, yes.
- ❖ A resident voiced concern about the possibility of many more people residing within the proposed condos because they will now be rentals. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he owned a coop and there were no restrictions on the number

of residents.

- ❖ A resident inquired about the cost being the same for a clustering Bond. The Superintendent of Schools responded the Bond centers around 8 classrooms at Jackson, and Willis would be an additional cost. Clustering will be more expensive.
- ❖ A resident commented on the difference between rentals and ownership. The resident inquired why 2 Bond votes. The Superintendent of Schools responded that if the first one fails. The resident inquired about the cost of a vote. The Superintendent of Schools responded approximately \$15,000 to \$18,000. The resident inquired about a Bond's impact on the tax levy. The Superintendent of Schools responded that bonding a small amount would maintain a 2.5% tax levy.
- ❖ A resident inquired if the presentation was available in writing. The Superintendent of Schools responded that it will be on the website tomorrow, but he would mail the resident a copy. The resident stated that hearing the word bond reminds him of the word bondage. The resident commented that he is against closing schools.
- ❖ A resident inquired if there was enough space at the High School for Central Office staff if it remained a 9-12 facility. The Superintendent of Schools responded, yes. The resident inquired about option 3 being put up for the first Bond vote, and stated it was problematic for him. The Superintendent of Schools responded that a result of the exit poll, 50% respondents stated they were in favor of clustering if the number of transitions before the Middle School was minimal. The resident stated that 50% of the people were against clustering. The Superintendent of Schools stated that is why it will be put before the voters. The resident commented that he believes the way the Bond vote will be a "loaded" vote; Administration will get what it wants (Closing 2 buildings). The resident stated that the Board can turn this around at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The resident read a statement criticizing the district's decision to purchase iPads/iTouches for elementary and Middle School students. The resident felt that students should be using the library and textbooks instead of pushing buttons, which is too easy. Mr. Hornberger stated that he appreciated the resident's opinion.
- ❖ A resident questioned option 3 (Closing of 3 schools) of the reconfiguration that the Superintendent of Schools presented this evening, stating that the Board, at a past meeting, authorized the closure of 2 schools, not 3. The Superintendent of Schools stated that if that was the option chosen the Board would have to vote on it. The resident commented on estimating construction costs; they always come in higher than anticipated. The resident further asked if construction will be completed in time for students to occupy in September. The Superintendent of Schools responded that in all scenarios the construction will be completed by 2012 and reminded everyone that the district cannot spend more than an approved Bond by voters.
- ❖ A resident stated that vacating Willis during construction was necessary, and asked, if Hampton would need to be vacated during construction. The Superintendent of Schools responded, no, only when the connection to the building is made, but, if they plan it right, it would be done during summer months.
- ❖ A resident thanked Ms. Salvatore for fighting and caring for the district and the courage to voice her opinion for the benefit of all the kids and residents. The resident also acknowledged Ms. Goffman for her lasting legacy of great improvement for Mineola; and thanked the Board for all their work.
- ❖ A resident inquired if the community had input regarding the addition of more playground space at Willis. The Superintendent of Schools responded that if there was a desire for green space the district could accomplish that. The resident inquired if there was a provision to eliminate the \$30,000 parking expense at Willis. The Superintendent of Schools stated that 17 parking spaces can be taken from Willis and equal the number of spaces at Hampton. The resident commented about the referees, and visiting teams using Hampton during football season. The Superintendent of Schools responded, this is why one of the options is to float a Bond to build an extension onto Hampton instead of Willis. The resident inquired if Central Office

left Willis would it free up parking spots for teachers and eliminate the need to lease parking. The Superintendent of Schools responded, even though Central Office would be gone there may still be a need for leased parking space, but he is not sure. Mr. Hornberger stated the lease with the First Korean Church is still in effect and needs a legal discussion, and he is not sure if not using the building is grounds for getting out of the contract.

- ❖ A resident inquired about the impact of busing at Willis if green space is developed. The Superintendent of Schools responded that you maintain the loop by installing gates. The resident commented on a security issue at Willis. The Superintendent of Schools responded that you can make that case for each building. The resident stated that they are open to some of the options, but there are a lot of “what ifs”. The Superintendent of Schools stated it is impossible to please everyone. The community will have the opportunity to say what they want. The resident commented negatively about the wording of the exit poll. The Superintendent of Schools responded that is why he is recommending to the Board to go out for a Bond to hear the community’s voice.
- ❖ A resident inquired about the Hampton Bond. The Superintendent of Schools explained that one Bond will address the north/south configuration (Jackson 3-5; and the Middle and High School remaining the same) and if it passes another Bond will be presented to put a 4 classroom extension on Hampton. The Superintendent of Schools stated that if the Board wanted his recommendation now, he would recommend the clustering Bond first, keeping the north/south configuration as a backup. If north/south passes first it is done. The resident inquired if the \$250,000 construction work for Willis included converting the parking lot into a playground. The Superintendent of Schools responded, no playground, just green space. The resident commented that a playground is important and the current one at Willis is not appropriate. The Superintendent of Schools responded what the \$250,000 included (addition of 5 classrooms, a full working kitchen with oven, and converting black top to grass at Willis). The resident inquired about the voters conveying to the district if green space was desired. The Superintendent of Schools commented that children spend more time in classrooms than on the playground and in his opinion Willis has more advantages than Hampton.
- ❖ A resident inquired about Willis’ parking spaces. The Superintendent of Schools responded that most spaces at Willis are for clerical employees. The resident commented about the additional staff needed with the addition of 14 classrooms and the need to continue paying \$30,000 in the rental of spaces. The Superintendent of Schools stated it may be. The resident inquired about the time left on the Willis lease. Mr. Hornberger stated 5 years. Ms. Salvatore interjected that there is a municipal lot 2 blocks down.
- ❖ A resident inquired about the estimate savings in closing 3 buildings (5 million dollars over 3 years). The Superintendent of Schools stated that at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting an estimate of savings will be given for each of the 4 options. The resident inquired what a Bond would cost with the 3 year savings. The Superintendent of Schools responded that if the Bond were 5 million dollars and there was a savings of 5 million dollars over 3 years you could pay the Bond with the savings, and in year 4 the district would have less operational costs. The resident inquired if the project could be done for 5 million dollars. The Superintendent of Schools stated that the last 3 estimates from Architects were not unreasonable.
- ❖ A resident inquired about breaking down the budget-to-budget increase as it relates to the tax levy. The Superintendent of Schools explained the following: the budget-to-budget increase automatically is 5% which translates approximately into 7% tax levy increase.
- ❖ A resident stated that the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting will generate a high level of interest and inquired if the material for that meeting can be posted prior. The Superintendent of

Schools responded he is hesitant to do that because the material may be misconstrued. Factual information may go out after the Board had the opportunity to preview it first. The Resident asked the Board to consider this request.

Ms. Salvatore suggested holding the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at the High School in the Auditorium. The Superintendent of Schools stated the meeting will be at the High School.

#### **L. Board of Education Reports**

- Comments from Board President

President Hornberger stated he looks forward to retiring as Board President and just taking on the task of Trustee. He thanked all Board Members for their help this past year. He stated the Board agrees that the children are most important. Mr. Hornberger thanked Ms. Salvatore for her time and effort serving on the Board of Education.

- Board Committee Report
- Superintendent of Schools' Reports & Comments

The Superintendent of Schools presented a reconfiguration report. He reported on the following: where the district is now; switching from Hampton to Willis; Exit poll result summary; narrowing options (4) down to 2 schools of thought, providing pros and cons for each option; timeline in order to bring this matter to closure; pursuing a Bond; decision on Bond; recommendations – Board to decide at July Business Meeting; and voters to determine the configuration by their vote. Ms. Salvatore inquired if all the options were equally sound. The Superintendent of Schools responded educational sound, yes. Ms. Salvatore inquired how the Superintendent of Schools knows the full cluster will pay for itself before the Bond is due before speaking with his Administrators. The Superintendent of Schools responded that in closing 3 buildings the district realizes the greatest savings of a million dollars 3 times. He further stated the following: opens up more revenue opportunities; and by having the 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Middle School and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the High School the savings would be even more. His best guess, without fully vetting the plan, would be a savings of 5 million dollars. Ms. Salvatore inquired as to the cost of SEQRA. The Superintendent of Schools responded that there are some fees associated with the Architect for filing. The Board declares the district the lead agency. Mr. Hale commented that the district was looking at late October and early November for a Bond vote. Ms. Napolitano inquired about residents registering as eligible voters. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the times and dates will be planned for. Mr. Hale inquired if the Superintendent of Schools knew who he intended to use. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes. Mr. Hornberger inquired about prospects for each elementary building. The Superintendent of Schools responded as follows: the district intends to advertise if there was interest; there have been unsolicited suitors that have contacted him and he received a proposal, but does not want to reveal details at this time; the district is limited as to who can rent Willis because there is still a tax-free Bond on it. Mr. Hornberger asked Legal Counsel about releasing details. Mr. Feldman responded that the district does not want to reveal any proposals, because it will set the standard.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about playground equipment at Willis for recess, gym classes, and field days. The Superintendent of Schools responded that space can be acquired by taking over parking spaces; Willis has 17 more spaces than Hampton.



Mr. Hornberger inquired about a lunch room at Willis. The Superintendent of Schools responded that Willis' cafeteria is larger than Hampton's. The cost to convert Willis into a full operational kitchen is \$250,000; and to add 4 classrooms onto Hampton, 1.5 million dollars.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about an auditorium at Willis. The Superintendent of Schools responded that Willis could utilize the High School Auditorium as other elementary schools, and it is air conditioned. The Superintendent of Schools would like everyone the opportunity to voice their concerns by voting.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about the proposed condos and the impact they will have on enrollment. The Superintendent of Schools spoke with the Mineola Mayor this week and discussed questions that were raised as a result of the Mayor's town meeting (Study conducting 1 and 2 bedroom apartments). The Superintendent of Schools stated that the only time the district will encounter a problem is when 30 to 50 kids, in the same grade level, would be attending the same school.

Mr. Hornberger inquired if costs would be available by July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes, and some renderings may be available.

Mr. McGrath inquired as to the last time the district had an influx of 50 kids in a particular grade in one of the buildings. The Superintendent of Schools responded, not since he's been here. Mr. Hornberger inquired how long has that been. The Superintendent of Schools responded, 1999.

- Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent of Schools introduced Ms. Goffman to address the audience. Ms. Goffman thanked the following people: Mr. Schumacher for his comments; the Board for the great opportunity to work in Mineola with the parents, teachers, administrators, and colleagues. Ms. Goffman stated she was very proud of the work in Mineola. She noted a few thoughts to think about: when you leave things could return to zero (Whatever she worked on could be lost); Mineola is at a cross road now; the Board has the power to make any configuration successful for the students; and what is important and best for the kids. Mr. Hornberger stated he appreciated her comments and on behalf of the Board of Education congratulated her on her retirement.

The Superintendent of Schools stated that he and Ms. Goffman attended the Kornreich Family Service League moving up ceremony and wanted to recognize Mr. Kornreich for being a benefactor for providing a 3 year old program at Hampton.

The Superintendent of Schools wanted to share a distressing situation regarding the State rescoring the 3 to 8 and Regents Assessments this year (Changing the "cut scores"). He cautioned the community when seeing the numbers, it is not what it seems.

The Superintendent made the following announcements: Board Retreat, Saturday, August 7, 2010; Regents week; schools are winding down; High School graduation is June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Tilles Center; and he is in need of an executive session.

- Capital Updates
- Table Reports
  - Finance and Operations Report
    - Monthly Financial Report
    - Building & Grounds Report
      - Building Usage
      - Vandalism
      - Work order status
    - Transportation Report
- Special Reports
  - \*Public Questions - Board Committee Reports; Student Organization Report; Superintendent's Report; Table Reports (All Finance & Operation Functions); and Special Report

**M. Executive Session**

At 9:49 p.m. a motion was made for the Board to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

**Moved:** Laraine Salvatore  
**Second:** Christine Napolitano

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
 John McGrath  
 Laraine Salvatore  
 Terence Hale  
 William Hornberger

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

President Hornberger stated the Board may return at any time.

At 10:34 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

**M. Adjournment**

At 10:34 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

**Motion:** Terence Hale  
**Second:** Laraine Salvatore

**Yes:** Christine Napolitano  
 John McGrath  
 Laraine Salvatore  
 Terence Hale  
 William Hornberger

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

Respectfully submitted,  
 Donna Martillo  
 District Clerk