

MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINEOLA, NY

Reorganization/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 – 2008-2009

- ***Improve Student Achievement & Learning for All Students***
- ***Mobilize District Mission and Core Values***
- ***Ensure Fiscal Stability of the School System***
- ***Improve Communications***
 - *Internal*
 - *External*

DATE: July 3, 2008

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

REORGANIZATION MEETING 7:00 p.m. 1st FLOOR CAFETERIA
WORKSHOP MEETING 7:30 p.m. 1st FLOOR CAFETERIA

Board Members

Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michael Nagler, Deputy Superintendent
Jack Waters, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Oper.
Sherri Goffman, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Instruction
Janice Patterson, Director of Pupil Services
Donna Martillo, District Clerk

A. Call to Order

At 7:06 p.m. the meeting was called to order by the District Clerk, Donna Martillo.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission Statement – Donna Martillo

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered to the following individuals by the District Clerk:

- Terence Hale, Board of Education Trustee
- William Hornberger, Board of Education Trustee
- Lorenzo Licopoli, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

F. Nomination of Board Positions and Oath of Office

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Stephen Siwinski, President of the Mineola Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year.

Moved: John McGrath
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Yes: Terence Hale
Laraine Salvatore
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Stephen Siwinski
No: None

Passed: Yes

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Siwinski by the District Clerk.

A motion was made to nominate Ms. Laraine Salvatore, Vice President of the Mineola Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year.

Moved: John McGrath
Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
Laraine Salvatore
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Stephen Siwinski
No: None

Passed: Yes

The Oath of Office was administered to Ms. Salvatore by the District Clerk.

G. Consensus Agenda

1. Board of Education Appointed Positions

That the Board of Education designates the following individuals to Board appointed positions for the **2008-2009** school year:

Donna Martillo	District Clerk
Lori Dolan	Asst. District Clerk
Frazer & Feldman (J. Feldman)	Legal/General Counselor
Frazer & Feldman (F. Frazer)	Labor Counsel
Hawkins, Delafield & Wood	Bond Counsel
Donna Squicciarino	District Treasurer and Registrar for Coupons & Bonds
Jack Waters	District Purchasing Agent
Audry Jakubek	Acting Purchasing Agent

Dr. Marino, Winthrop Pediatrics Assoc. Nawrocki Smith, LLP	District Medical Inspector District External Independent Auditor
Bernard Donegan Dodge, Chamberlin, Luzine & Weber <u>TBD</u> JoAnn Greene, CPA Consultech Sherri Goffman	Financial Consultant Architect of Record Internal Auditor Internal Claims Auditor Unemployment Specialist Title IX Compliance Coordinator
Jack Waters	Records Access/Management Officer
Fitzharris & Company	Workers' Compensation/Self Insurance Administrator
Daniel Romano <u>TBD</u> <u>TBD</u> Daniel Romano Daniel Romano/Janice Patterson	Health & Safety Officer AHERA Designee Census Enumerator Asbestos LEA Designee Compliance Coordinators for ADA
Donna Martillo	Registrar for registering qualified voters
Lori Dolan	Deputy Registrar for registering qualified voters

2. Designators of Treasurers & Signatories of Extra-class Activity Funds

That the Board of Education designates the following individuals as designators of Treasurers and signatories of Extra-class Activity Funds and co-signatory thereof as follows for the **2008-2009** school year:

Ms. Devra Small, Principal	Cross Street School
Dr. SueCaryl Fleischmann, Principal	Hampton Street School
Matthew Gaven, Principal	Jackson Avenue School
Patricia Molloy, Principal	Meadow Drive School
Deborah Shaw, Principal	Willis Avenue School
Mr. Mark Barth, Principal	Mineola Middle School
Mr. Edward Escobar, Principal	Mineola Senior High School

3. Petty Cash Fund Facilitators

That the Board of Education establishes and designates the following individuals as facilitators of Petty Cash Funds for the **2008-2009** school year:

<u>SCHOOL OR OFFICE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATOR</u>
Central Office	100.00	Mr. Jack Waters
High School	100.00	Mr. Edward Escobar
Middle School	100.00	Mr. Mark Barth
Cross Street School	100.00	Ms. Devra Small
Hampton Street School	100.00	Dr. SueCaryl Fleischmann

Jackson Avenue School	100.00	Mr. Matthew Gaven
Meadow Drive School	100.00	Ms. Patricia Molloy
Willis Avenue School	100.00	Ms. Deborah Shaw
Transportation Office	100.00	Mr. Michael DeStefano

4. Bonding of Employees

That the Board of Education establish the bonding of the Regular and Acting -- District Treasurers and Internal Claims Auditors, and the Central Treasurers of Extra-class Activity Funds, as well as other officers and employees of the District, be as set forth in the employee blanket bond policy provided by **New York School Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR)** which should thereupon be approved as to amount and sufficiency of surety (\$250,000) for the **2008-2009** school year.

5. Banking Resolution

That the Board of Education adopts the following Banking Resolution (designation of depositories, etc.) for the **2008-2009** school year.

BANKING RESOLUTION OF THE MINEOLA UNION
FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 1, 2008

RESOLVED, that the JP Morgan Chase Bank, Bank of America, Capital One, Citibank, The Bank of New York, State Bank of Long Island, Wachovia Bank, Commerce Bank, and HSBC to be designated as the depositories of the funds of the said District; that current funds of the District be maintained in each of the said depositories; that the said funds shall be subject to withdrawal only in pursuance of a resolution of this Board of Education and on voucher-order checks signed by the **Treasurer** and **Superintendent of Schools** or **Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations**, payable to the order of persons entitled to receive such money in accordance with Section 1720 of the Education Law, except however, that pursuant to said Section 1720 one voucher-order check may be drawn in the total amount of a duly certified payroll for the salaries of regular employed employees and officers legally entitled to be compensated for their services. The proceeds of such voucher-order payroll check shall be credited to a **Payroll Account**, designated as such, in each of the said depositories from which checks shall be signed by the **Treasurer** of the District and **Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations** drawn payable to individual employees or officers legally entitled to be compensated for services only.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Treasurer** and **Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations** are hereby further authorized to use either their autographed or facsimile signatures upon such checks to be issued against any or all of the District's accounts provided, however, that such facsimile signatures shall be made by means of a recognized machine or check-signing device to be used for the signing of payroll checks by the **Acting Treasurer**, which **Treasurer** cannot be present, with all the safeguards prescribed by the manufacturer, and that the keys for the machine shall at all times be kept in the custody of such officer.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said depositories be and they (including their correspondent banks) are hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor all checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in this corporation's name on its accounts (including those drawn to the individual order of any person or persons whose name(s) appear thereon as a signer or signers thereof) when bearing the facsimile and/or autograph signature of the following:

DONNA SQUICCIARINO, Treasurer
LORENZO LICOPOLI, Superintendent of Schools
JOHN WATERS, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

and said Banks (including their correspondent banks) shall be entitled to honor and to charge this corporation for all such checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, regardless of by whom or by what means the actual facsimile signature or signatures thereon may have been affixed thereto, if such facsimile signature or signatures conform to the facsimile specimens from time to time filed with said banks by the Clerk or other officer of this corporation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the foregoing depositories be designated as depositories for interest-bearing deposits of other funds of said District subject to withdrawal only by appropriate withdrawal orders signed by the **Treasurer** or **Superintendent of Schools** or **Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations** and by draft of the depository made payable to the order of this District, which said funds so withdrawn shall be re-deposited by the **Treasurer** or **Superintendent** or **Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations** into established checking accounts of the District as aforesaid provided for current funds.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said banks are hereby authorized to pay any such checks or drafts and also to receive the same for credit or in payment from the payee or any other holder without inquiring as to the circumstances of issue of the disposition of the proceeds thereof and, except in the case of interest-bearing deposits as in the preceding paragraph provided, even if drawn to the individual order of any signing officer or tendered in payment of his individual obligations.

6. Online Bid Service - Munivest

That the Board of Education authorizes an online bid service, Munivest, in awarding of CD investments to the highest bidder.

7. Board Member & Administrator Liability

That the Board of Education adopts the following Public Officer's Law §18:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District hereby adopts the coverage provided by §18 of the New York State Public Officers Law for the following job titles: School Board Trustee, Administrator, employees and agents working for the Mineola UFSD. The adoption of this provision is intended to supplement and not supplant the protection available to such employees by virtue of already existing statutory provisions or other sources. Such coverage shall include but not be limited to being called to testify as a witness or to answer questions concerning their acts or omissions within the scope of their office, agency or employment before a Grand Jury, the Office of the District Attorney, or other law enforcement official. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or require defense or indemnification to a member of the board of education, the superintendent of schools, administrator, employee, and/or agent working for the Mineola UFSD who has been identified as a defendant in a pending criminal prosecution, or where such individual or the school district has reason to believe that such individual is a target in a criminal investigation or prosecution by the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement entity. This benefit shall not be available to and shall not cover any employee serving in any of the job titles listed herein who is represented for collective bargaining purposes by a duly designated collective bargaining agent unless

and until such coverage is negotiated with the collective bargaining agent representing said employee. The Superintendent or his designee shall take steps necessary to obtain insurance protection against the potential liability to the district arising out of the adoption of this provision.

8. Designation of day, time & place of Board Mtgs for the 2008-09 school year

Workshops 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. July 3 (Reorg.) Willis-Board Room
 Thurs. Sept. 4 Willis Ave-Cafeteria
 Thurs. Oct. 2 Willis Ave-Cafeteria
 Thurs. Nov. 6 Willis Ave-Cafeteria
 Thurs. Dec. 4 Willis Ave-Cafeteria
 Thurs. Jan. 8 Willis Ave-Cafeteria
 Thurs. Feb. 5 Willis Ave-Cafeteria
 Thurs. Mar. 5 Willis Ave-Cafeteria
 Thurs. April 2 Willis Ave-Cafeteria

Business 7:00 pm

Thurs. July 17 Willis Ave-Cafe.
 Thurs. Aug. 14 Willis Ave-Cafe.
 Thurs. Sept. 18 Willis Ave-Cafe.
 Thurs. Oct. 16 Willis Ave-Cafe.
 Thurs. Nov. 20 Willis Ave-Cafe.
 Thurs. Dec. 18 Willis Ave-Cafe.
 Thurs. Jan. 15 Willis Ave-Cafe.
 Thurs. Feb. 26 Willis Ave-Cafe.
 Thurs. Mar. 19 Willis Ave-Cafe.
 Thurs. April 23 Willis Ave-Cafe.

Wed. April 21

Willis Ave-Board Room
 (Open Board Meeting
 for discussion and vote
 on BOCES Budget at 7:00 p.m.)

Thurs. May 7

Willis Ave-Cafeteria
 (Annual School Budget
 Hearing at 7:00 pm followed by
 Workshop meeting)

Thurs. May 21

Willis Ave-Cafe.

Tues. May 19

Jackson Avenue
 (Open Board Meeting
 for results of Annual
 Elec. & Budget Vote at 9:15 pm)

Thurs. June 4 Willis Ave-Cafeteria

Thurs. June 18

Willis Ave-Cafe.

Reorganization/Workshop

Thurs. July 2 Willis Ave-Board Room

All Board meetings are open to the public.

A motion was made to amend the start time of Board of Education meetings as 7:00 p.m. for both Workshop and Business meetings for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion: Stephen Siwinski

Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
 Laraine Salvatore
 William Hornberger
 John McGrath
 Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

9. Designation of voting delegate and alternate to NYSSBA and N-SSBA

That the Board of Education designate 1 Board Member and an alternate to represent the Mineola School District at the NYSSBA and N-SSBA Conventions.

Voting Delegate	John McGrath
Alternate	Terence Hale

10. Board Membership in following Associations

That the Board of Education designates the following Associations for Board Membership:

New York State School Boards Association
Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Association
Nassau Citizens Budget Committee

A motion was made to add **National School Boards Association** to the above list.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Yes:	Terence Hale	No:	None
	Laraine Salvatore		
	William Hornberger		
	John McGrath		
	Stephen Siwinski		

Passed: Yes

11. Authorization for Board Members to Attend Meetings & Conventions

That the Board of Education authorizes the expenditure of funds for Board of Education Members to attend meetings and conventions of the following:

New York State School Boards Association
Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Association
American Association of School Administrators
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
Nassau Citizens Budget Committee
Nassau/Suffolk Bar Association
National School Boards Association
S.C.O.P.E.

12. Board of Education Representation on Committees

	BOARD REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
COMMITTEE		

BOCES Representative	John McGrath	Stephen Siwinski
Capital Planning Committee	Stephen Siwinski	Terence Hale
Communications Committee	Stephen Siwinski	John McGrath
District Council	Stephen Siwinski	Laraine Salvatore
SEPTA	John McGrath	Terence Hale
Finance Committee	William Hornberger	Laraine Salvatore
Health & Safety Council	Laraine Salvatore	William Hornberger
Legislative Liaison	Stephen Siwinski	Terence Hale
Mineola Youth Center	Terence Hale	John McGrath
Negotiations	Laraine Salvatore	William Hornberger
Policy & Regulations Review	Laraine Salvatore	Stephen Siwinski
Technology Advisory Committee	John McGrath	William Hornberger

13. Bid Opening Authorization

That the Board of Education approves authorization to **Mr. Jack Waters, Ms. Audry Jakubek, and Ms. Loretta Helmich** to open bids at stipulated bid opening times, properly prepared and received in the Business Office for the **2008-2009** school year.

14. Investments

That the Board of Education authorizes **Ms. Donna Squicciarino and Mr. Jack Waters** to invest district funds on behalf of the Mineola UFSD for the **2008-2009** school year.

15. District 2008-2009 Organizational Chart

That the Board of Education accepts the Mineola Union Free School District Organizational Chart for **2008-2009** (Attached).

16. Establishment of Travel Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Approved Travel

That the Board of Education approves the travel mileage reimbursement rate for approved travel at a rate of \$.58 per mile as per IRS Regulations.

A motion was made to amend the Travel Mileage Reimbursement Rate for the 2008-2009 school year as \$.585 per mile, per IRS Regulations.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Yes: Terence Hale
Laraine Salvatore
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

17. Official District Newspaper

That the Board of Education adopts Mineola's Official Newspaper, The Mineola American for the **2008-2009** school year.

18. Other Newspapers to be Used When Needed

That the Board of Education assigns The Roslyn News and Williston Times as additional publications to be used as needed for the **2008-2009** school year.

19. Chubb Pollution Liability Insurance Policy

That the Board of Education awards the renewal of the district's Chubb Pollution Liability Policy including Terrorism coverage to Bermack, Champion & Lewine for the **2008-2009** school year in the amount of \$16,465.00.

20. School District Insurance

That the Board of Education renews the policy with New York School Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) as the District Insurance Carrier for the **2008-2009** school year.

21. Public Employee Dishonest Policy

That the Board of Education renews its Public Employee Dishonest policy to St. Paul Travelers for the **2008-2009** school year.

RESOLUTION # 1 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the consensus agenda G.1. through G.21. as amended.

Moved: John McGrath

Second: Laraine Salvatore

Discussion: Ms. Salvatore inquired about item G.7. (Board Member and Administrator Liability). Mr. McMorrow, district's counsel, stated it is renewed each year.

President Siwinski inquired about the benefit to the district for the Board of Education to join National School Boards' Association. Mr. McGrath responded that it gives the Board a different perspective than just the New York State School Boards' Association. It gives Mineola the opportunity to view what other states are doing. Ms. Salvatore inquired as to where their meetings are held. Mr. McGrath responded they have sub-organizations. He further stated that if the Board does not utilize their services, they will be eliminated next year. As a note, dues have been significantly reduced.

President Siwinski suggested changing the time of when Board meetings begin to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hornberger requested having the Meet the Candidates night televised. Mr. McGrath responded that it was a PTA District Council event and that they had to make a request.

Yes: Terence Hale
Laraine Salvatore
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

The Oath of Office was administered to the District Clerk, Donna Martillo, by District's Counsel, Kevin McMorrow, Esq. for the 2008-2009 school year.

H. Workshop Consensus Agenda

1. Instructional - Appointments

- a. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jaclyn Manouvrier, to the position of Art Teacher, effective September 1, 2008; salary MA, Step 1, \$63,109.00; probationary period, September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2011.
- b. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lisa Fiocco, to the position of Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2008; salary MA, Step 6, \$76,927.00; probationary period September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2010.
- c. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kathleen Mullen, to the position of Leave Replacement Guidance Counselor for Karen Cordani, effective September 1, 2008 to on or before June 30, 2009; salary MA, Step 1, \$63,109.00.
- d. That the Board of Education approves the following stipends to Kristin Frazer, effective April 17, 2008 to June 30, 2008:
 - 6th Grade Orchestra \$ 919.00 pro-rated
 - 7th Grade Orchestra \$ 919.00 pro-rated
 - 8th Grade Orchestra \$ 919.00 pro-rated
 - Chamber Ensemble, Middle School \$1,068.00 pro-rated
- e. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Corinne Tomszyk, to the position of Varsity Girls Soccer Assistant Coach, effective August 25, 2008 for the Fall 2008 Interscholastic Season at a stipend of \$3,838.00.

2. Instructional Contract

- a. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and North Merrick Union Free

School District to provide services for each student's Individualized Education Services Program (IESP) for Mineola students parentally placed in out-of-district non-public and private schools for the 2007-2008 school year.

- b. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and Oyster Bay/East Norwich Central School District to provide services for each student's Individualized Education Services Program (IESP) for Mineola students parentally placed in out-of-district non-public and private schools for the 2007-2008 school year.
- c. That the Board of Education approves a contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and Hicksville Union Free School District to provide services for each student's Individualized Education Services Program (IESP) for Mineola students parentally placed in out-of-district non-public and private schools for the 2007-2008 school year.

3. Civil Service

a. Resignation/Retirement

- 1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, with regret, of Carol Mueller, Stenographer, effective December 31, 2008.
- 2. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Teresa Muller, Permanent Nurse Substitute, effective July 1, 2008.

b. Appointment

- 1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Thomas Bayne to the position of summer worker for the Custodial Department. The program will run from July 1, 2008 through August 19, 2008; salary will be \$8.00 per hour.
- 2. That the Board of Education approves the appointments of the following summer employees for the High School:

Tricia DeRosa	Main Office	\$37.65
Jeanne Cribbin	Guidance Office	\$31.22
Judy Granath	Mineola EAST	\$ 8.00
Jane Lapin	Mineola EAST	\$ 8.00
Rosina Sarno	Mineola EAST	\$ 8.00
Thomas Falls	Technology	\$ 8.00
Melvin Geevarghese	Technology	\$ 8.00

3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Thomas Patello, from Cleaner Sub to Cleaner Part Time, effective July 1, 2008; salary, \$10.08 per hour.

4. Field Trip

- a. That the Board of Education approves an out-of-state, overnight field trip request as follows:
 - Marching Band – New York State Field Band Conference Championships, Syracuse, New York, Friday, October 24 to Monday October 27, 2008.

RESOLUTION #2 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves Workshop Consensus Agenda items H.1.a. through H.4.a. as presented.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Discussion: Mr. Hornberger inquired about item H.4.a. (Field Trip) if there were set dates for these types of trips. President Siwinski responded one overnight. Mr. McGrath corrected that response. He asked a resident for further clarification. The resident responded that there is also band camp which is overnight. The only competition the marching band stays overnight at is Syracuse.

Yes: Terence Hale
Laraine Salvatore
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

I. Comments from Board of Education

- Retreat and Board Goals

President Siwinski polled the Board as to dates they were available to meet for a Retreat (July 22nd, 23rd). The consensus of the Board was to meet on July 23rd and if another date was needed they would select it then.

- Comments from Board President

Because this was President Siwinski's first meeting, he had no comments.

J. Superintendent of Schools' Report

The Superintendent of Schools began by congratulating the following: graduating Seniors, it was a wonderful ceremony; Mr. Hale and Ms. Salvatore, they had children who graduated; and that the Salutatorian and Valedictorian's speeches would be posted on the district's website.

An inquiry was made if it was posted at Meadow Drive “No Dogs Allowed”. Ms. Salvatore responded yes. President Siwinski inquired if the sprinkler system at the Middle School could be checked. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes.

The Superintendent of Schools stated he had spoken with Dr. Fowler regarding setting dates for the focus groups (Grade Configuration Study).

Mr. Waters informed the Board about increasing lunch prices at the elementary (+\$.10) and secondary (+\$.15) levels.

Ms. Salvatore inquired if the district would be putting out an RFP for school lunch. Mr. Waters responded, next year.

The Superintendent of Schools inquired if the Board had reviewed the Meadow Drive Library Plans. He stated that Dr. Nagler created the design. President Siwinski stated that he is in favor as long as the district holds tight to the budgeted amount. Ms. Salvatore inquired if custodians would be doing the work. The Superintendent of Schools responded that some work would be done by outside contractors.

The Superintendent of Schools stated that he would like to get started on the Soccer Field project. Mr. Hornberger inquired if the Superintendent was looking for approval this evening. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he just needed a green light for the irrigation system. The Superintendent of Schools also discussed: inside track; drainage and irrigation; boys and girls locker rooms at the Middle School; and asked Mr. Waters to update the Board as to ongoing capital projects.

Mr. Waters reported on Middle School projects: ventilation system; windows are scheduled for July 14th; meetings with project manager; demolition of tunnels has started; work has been going on for about a month, slightly ahead of schedule in what needs to be done; on schedule with HVAC and window and doors; and financially, the district is where it should be.

Ms. Salvatore inquired if the High School track was regulation and if not was the district aware of this. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the Supervisor of Athletics placed an appeal to the Association to obtain approval. The field is under inspection. Mr. McGrath stated that the Board put up a bond issue to address the reconfiguration of the fields, but the community did not want it. The Superintendent of Schools stated that the track is 30 meters short and it is sufficient for sprints, possibly overlap to get a full track effect. Ms. Salvatore inquired as to when the district will get a response. The Superintendent of Schools responded he will follow-up with the Supervisor of Athletics.

Mr. Waters stated that no other field work will be done until irrigation work is completed, which will be early Fall.

The Superintendent of Schools will get back to the Board with a cost for doing a census in a week or so. President Siwinski recommended putting a call into the Village as well.

The Superintendent of Schools made a point of information that the legal expenses incurred by the district, as a result of negotiations with Sprint/Nextel, and Nextel withdrawing their proposal, will be reimbursed. President Siwinski inquired if the Superintendent of Schools thinks they will contact us again. The Superintendent of Schools responded that in 8 months to a year the FCC will issue new regulations allowing all of the available band leases for communication purposes. This is an indicator that there will be a positive New York metropolitan market used for emergency response plans for urban areas. It is supposed to rectify the communication problem experienced on 9/11.

- Goals and Administrative Retreat

The Superintendent of Schools announced that the Administrative Retreat would be July 8 and 9, focusing on team formation, and goal setting.

- Evaluation of 2007-2008 School Year

He will be working with Dr. Nagler and Ms. Goffman in preparing the End of the Year Report. He further stated that the community will be pleased with the results, which will be the best ever. The 8th grade test results were abysmal compared to the County due to a compromise in security of the test. Only 8 students were counted out of the entire 8th grade. The following was reported:

- 6 and 7th grade were in the high 89% range.
- Middle School ELA jumped 10 to 15% from last year to this year
- Elementary Math results were extremely good
- Hampton and Meadow received 100% in 5th grade Math

The Superintendent of Schools stated that once all test results were received throughout the district he would present them. He is pleased with the results and grateful to the students taking them seriously.

Mr. McGrath inquired as to the significant jump in scores. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the reading initiative program at the Middle School was instrumental. Factors mentioned:

- Approach to reading
- Research for improvement
- Compilation approach to reading in content area
- Availability of AIS Reading Program for students

The Superintendent of Schools congratulated Mr. Hale and Mr. Hornberger on their being on the Board of Education and was looking forward to working with them.

Ms. Salvatore inquired if the Superintendent of Schools felt the PLC (Professional Learning Collaborative) had anything to do with improved scores. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the collaboration had a great deal to do with results. Ms. Salvatore inquired if there was a plan to send more teachers this year. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the district does not intend to send additional teacher at this time.

Mr. McGrath inquired as to how they anticipate the Science and Social Studies scores. The Superintendent of Schools responded they look very good. Dr. Nagler stated that Regents scores were very good as well.

The Superintendent of Schools stated that work is being completed on the Summer Newsletter and it will be distributed to the community either the first or second week in August. The calendar should be received in community homes the 3rd week in August.

Mr. Hornberger expressed concern that the Board's Retreat was after the Administrative Retreat and if the Board had different initiatives. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the Administrators had 3 retreat dates and the focus was on team building, and school improvement plans and that everything would be tied together. It is better to have the Board Retreat first, but they are not all that much apart.

Mr. McGrath inquired about community input sessions for focus groups, if more focus group meetings were necessary. Both Mr. Hornberger and Ms. Salvatore agreed that the Board agreed to have them. Mr. McGrath inquired as to what additional information would be gotten from them. Mr. Hornberger responded that he would like input from teachers as to what options they would like to see. There was only one plan that was a positive, Option #4, as an alternative without going to the community because that was the option that the community said yes to. Mr. Hornberger asked Mr. McGrath what he would like to do instead of going out to the community. Mr. McGrath stated Option #6 (Maintain all 7 school buildings). The Superintendent of Schools stated that he would be putting together, at the Board's request, the Construction Manager's experiences for each option. President Siwinski responded rent was one, and that he would like to hear the community again.

Mr. McGrath inquired if there was a resolution to the petition by parents regarding Cross Street and Meadow Drive's class sizes. The Superintendent of Schools responded no. He will be asking the Board for direction at the July 17th Business Meeting which would be the last day for a decision. He would need time for recruitment.

Mr. Hornberger inquired if the Board had given direction on the irrigation plan. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes.

Mr. Hornberger inquired if an executive session was still needed. The Superintendent of Schools responded no.

K. Public Session

The public comments were as follows:

- ❖ A resident complained about the election process that identification was not required when a voter presented themselves to vote in the Annual Election and Budget Vote in May. The resident also inquired as to why the district used four separate voting sites. Mr. McGrath responded that up until now he did not think the district had problems, and it would be looked into.
- ❖ A resident stated she had 3 questions. The resident inquired about the 8th grade Math results if they would be hand scored. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the district would aggregate it and make it available to everyone. The resident inquired if there was a Board Policy stipulating there was a conflict of interest in teachers running their own programs, i.e. SAT. There is a Board Policy regarding Code of Ethics for all employees with a conflict of interest clause. The district did confer with its attorneys and their assessment was that there was a practicable conflict of interest. The resident stated that Site Based was the reason Kaplan was brought in and Site Based decided on both programs, and parents would make the decision as to which one they would send their child to. Mr. McGrath inquired if Site Based made the recommendation and asked the resident if they were on the Site Based Team. The resident stated currently no, but had been. Mr. Hornberger stated the topic was discussed, but legal counsel had concerns and the Board asked for the other program to be reviewed as well. Mr. McGrath expressed interest in the recommendation of the Site Based Team. He also inquired as to who was in charge of it this year. The resident stated Mr. Escobar. The resident expressed that she was not interested in getting rid of the other program. The Superintendent of Schools stated that the district had a relationship with Kaplan in terms of use of facilities. Both programs are profit making and for a profit making group to use our facilities the teacher team would be in the black. The resident welcomed Mr. Hale to the Board and wished him luck. The resident addressed Ms. Salvatore and her absence at the last meeting. Ms. Salvatore responded that she was attending her daughter's orientation at Seton Hall. The resident, as she did at the last meeting, discussed the Commissioner of Education's dismissal of Ms. Salvatore's petition stating that it lacked merit. Ms. Salvatore responded with a written statement expressing that she ran for the Board in order to listen to the community and make decisions on information she sees. She cannot promise that she will always be right, but promises to do everything that is right. Ms. Salvatore stated she will not pursue the petition and work with the Board. Ms. Salvatore also addressed a resident who commented about Ms. Salvatore at the June 19, 2008 meeting.
- ❖ A resident expressed her dissatisfaction in Ms. Salvatore petitioning the Commissioner as well as the cost to the district. She also took exception that Ms. Salvatore was speaking for the majority of the community. Ms. Salvatore responded that she speaks to many people and that she and the resident have different interpretations of the Commissioner's response.
- ❖ A resident inquired as to the amount budgeted for the Grade Configuration Study and survey, and how much was scheduled to be spent. Mr. Waters responded that the budgeted amount was \$52,000.00. Due to a slight credit from BOCES, who performed the population study. All has not been paid out as yet. The Superintendent of Schools stated that the community survey was not part of the initial request.

- ❖ A resident inquired about confirmation as to district enrollment being 2,700 students. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes. The resident reported that he went to the NYSED site for the District Report Card and stated that the enrollment was not going down, but remaining the same and to keep this in mind going forward. The resident agreed with Mr. McGrath for Option #6. Mr. McGrath stated that the savings with these options comparing it against the budget it will not be a significant savings to the individual taxpayer. Mr. Hornberger stated that 2 to 3 million dollars in savings is not a drop in the bucket and felt differently than Mr. McGrath. Mr. Hornberger referred to the concerns of the Board regarding the increase of lunches and drainage issue.
- ❖ A resident suggested to keep 2nd grade at Meadow as 2 separate sections instead of 1, and requested what the savings would be comparing the two. Mr. McGrath stated the only reason to combine a class is if the number of students falls below guidelines. The resident inquired if there was a class of 26. Mr. McGrath responded to split it. President Siwinski stated that this discussion will be held at the next Business Meeting. Mr. McGrath stated that it was not his understanding to address each individual class size, and the Board acted on the 6th grade request to replace of a retiring teacher. He did not agree to deviate from guidelines, but in this case Mr. Barth made a good argument to deviate from them. Mr. Hornberger responded that these individual classes were brought to the Board's attention by Administration.

L. Adjournment

At 8:31 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: William Hornberger

Yes: Terence Hale
 Laraine Salvatore
 William Hornberger
 John McGrath
 Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martillo
 District Clerk