

**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 - 2016-2017

Educational

- Develop a comprehensive series of activities that actively engage parents in the District Mission.
 - Seek to engage parents in answering the question "How can Mineola best prepare students for the rapidly evolving and changing world of work and study"
- Continue to actualize the District's Mission and Strategic Objectives and measure progress toward these goals
 - Emphasis on increasing student choice
 - Emphasis on student portfolios
- Continue to expand and develop Queensboro certificate program to enable students to graduate HS with a full year of college credit

Facilities

- Continue to plan and fund a 5 year Capital improvement plan that addresses the outstanding items in the Building Condition Survey. Plan should include multiple funding sources- Energy performance contracts, Capital reserve fund, and budget transfers

Finance

- Not to exceed the allowable tax levy cap while continuing to maintain and enhance all of our programs and facilities

DATE: October 6, 2016

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

OPEN WORK SESSION 7:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Board Room

Board of Education

Christine Napolitano
Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Brian Widman
Cheryl Lampasona

Central Office

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools
Jack Waters, Asst. Supt. for Finance Operations
Patricia Burns, Asst. Supt. Curr.,Instr.,&Assess.
Edward Escobar, Asst. Supt. Human Resources
Andrea Paggi, District Clerk

A. Call to Order - 7:00 pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission- Margaret Ballantyne

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

F. High School Student Organization Report

This evening's SO report was by Danny Pires. He reported that the Open House took place on 9/28. More than 40 current and former students were recognized as AP Scholars and there was one National AP Scholar. Elizabeth Ryan was named a Commended Student by the 2017 National Scholarship Program. There was a Cyber Safety presentation at the high school and Danny stated that the information was very eye-opening to him. It was very informative and the presentation can be found on the district website. Danny reported that the Boys' Varsity Soccer team is in first place. He added that the entire team and Coach Paul Pereira participated in the Tunnel to Tower run. He stated that this run honors the Heroes of 9/11 and it was very inspiring to take part in it. In September, the Guidance Department had Senior Parent Night and Financial Aid Night, which were very informative. Danny stated that Homecoming was very well attended. There are 350 students currently signed up at the Student Service Center. Three College Mini-fairs have taken place and Danny stated that they are very helpful for students. The free SAT prep has started at the High School for students. The Girls Varsity Volleyball team is in second place and they are having a good season. The fall show is the "Miracle Worker". The Board thanked Danny for his report. Ms. Napolitano told Danny that she was very touched that the Soccer Team participated in the Tunnel to Towers Run, which is very special to her.

Dr. Nagler stated that this year during the Workshop Meetings, we will be recognizing students throughout the District. Ed Escobar has started a Recognition Program. Mr. Escobar explained that tonight there are four students from the High School being acknowledged. These students not only inspire and strive for excellence but they also have followed their passion. The four students include: Zachary Sloan, Daniela Monroy, Jennifer Boshans and Molly Donelan. Joe Owens introduced Zachary Sloan who was being recognized as an All State Musician selected by NYSSMA. Mr. Owens described Zachary as having a strong work ethic and represents all that our students have to offer. Dr. Whitney Smith introduced Daniela Monroy who participated in "Girls Who Code". He described Daniela as a quiet student who truly embraced technology and coding. She was one of twenty students selected to take part in this program. Next, Jennifer Boshans and Molly Donelan were introduced. They participated in a weeklong summer writing program at Adelphi. These two students were encouraged by their teacher Mr. Cavaluzzo to apply for the program. Following the presentations, there was a brief pause of the meeting for photos.

G. BOE Reports

a. Comments from Board Trustees

Nicole Matzer reported that since the last meeting she has attended PTA meetings, the Music Parents meeting and Football games. She added that Homecoming was a great event. She thanked the High School for the Cyber Safety presentation, which she described as amazing and very informative. Ms. Matzer wished that more parents could have attended because it is such an important topic. Marching Band is half-way through their season. Nicole stated that she has found the many fundraisers through the district enjoyable. She is looking forward to attending the NYSSBA Annual Convention in Buffalo later this month.

Cheryl Lampasona reported that she attended the Ribbon Cutting for the new field at the High School and Homecoming which was a lot of fun. She attended the Hampton Street 2nd PTA meeting and reported that it was very crowded.

Brian Widman also attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Homecoming and the Middle School Welcome Back Barbecue. He reported that his children attended the KidOYO presentation at the High School. The children that attended were broken into two groups: scratch and python. He stated that it is incredible what the students are learning. Mr. Widman is looking forward to the Home Show. He congratulated the top 10 in the class of 2017.

Margaret Ballantyne feels that so far this has been a very uplifting school year. She stated that Danny's report this evening was great and there are many events going on. Dr. Ballantyne stated that she has been thinking a great deal about the Mission Statement and is so happy to hear that 350 students are signed up at the Student Service Center.

b. Comments from Board President

Christine Napolitano was sorry that due to a family commitment, she was unable to attend Homecoming. But she was able to enjoy the many photos that were sent to her. Ms. Napolitano reported that she and Dr. Ballantyne sold mums at the High School Open House and it was a lot of fun. She also added that the student guides that evening were very knowledgeable and helpful.

c. Comments from Superintendent

Dr. Nagler attended "Coding Night", which was a Board initiative, gave parents some exposure to what their children are doing. He reported that approximately forty families attended. Dr. Nagler found it interesting to watch and he loves these events for families. Dr. Nagler was very happy to hear Danny discuss the "Cyber Safety" presentation. He hopes that the other students found it as eye-opening and informative. Dr. Nagler stated that in Newsday there was an article about another school district that was bringing students on a College road trip. He stated that Mineola has been doing annual College Road trips for the past 15 years. Dr. Nagler stated that these trips are a great way to help students see college campuses and help out parents as well. He stated that "Open Mic Mineola" has been launched on the website. There was some filming for it today in which teachers were reflecting on the technology in the schools. Dr. Nagler stated that a few weeks ago, there was an article in Newsday regarding the Nassau County police having the access to look at school cameras during an emergency. In order for a school district to participate, they must sign a Memorandum of Understanding. He has met with the Police Chief and he recommends doing this. A resolution will be put forth at the next Board Meeting on 10/20. Dr. Nagler spoke about two new programs to be introduced at Hampton and Meadow: Footsteps to Brilliance and Junior Explorers. Christine Napolitano asked how "Open Mic Mineola" was advertised since some parents were unaware of it. Dr. Nagler stated that an eBlast was sent. Ms. Napolitano suggested that eventually we could advertise it in the Mineola American.

H. Old Business

Christine Napolitano asked for an update on the lead testing conducted by the district. The Superintendent reported that we did our testing too fast, and the State has now put forth new requirements. He reported that we are in the system for new testing (there are only 5 labs available to do the testing). Dr. Nagler added that based upon our testing that was previously conducted he does not foresee any problems. Nicole Matzer asked for the status on the windows at Jackson. Dr. Nagler stated that the job is moving along and no problems have been reported. Brian Widman asked for an update on the other work due on the front of Jackson. Dr. Nagler stated that they are in the process of getting quotes now. He added that it is a big job and will wait until the doors are installed.

I. New Business

Nicole Matzer stated that she had some new business this evening. She stated that a teacher who was doing crowd control at a game, expressed some concerns to her about how other organizations are being watched while using the new completed field at the High School. Dr. Nagler stated that all organizations are expected to police their parents and if rules are not followed then permits will not be issued. He stated that the security company has been given a list of all organizations that have the proper permits to use the fields. Ms. Napolitano asked if security cameras are on the field and was told that they are. She suggested that signs could be posted to reflect that chairs are not permitted on the track. Margaret Ballantyne had one piece of new business. She stated that Erie 1 BOCES as started to send the policy changes for this school year and we will begin addressing them on the November agenda. The Board moved on to the resolutions under new business.

Accepting of Certified Financial Statements

RESOLUTION # 20 -BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District hereby accepts the Certified Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2016, completed by Nawrocki Smith LLP and such reports will be filed with the appropriate state regulatory agencies by the October 17, 2016 filing deadline.

Motion: Nicole Matzer

Second: Brian Widman

Discussion: The Superintendent explained that in the last Executive session the Board heard from the Auditor and this resolution formally accepts the financial statements in order for them to be filed.

Yes: Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Nicole Matzer
Margaret Ballantyne
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

Approval of CAP- State Audit Report

RESOLUTION # 21 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District hereby accepts the Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") related to the State Audit report and hereby instructs the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to file such a plan with the NYSED Office of Audit Services. This Corrective Action Plan was previously filed and accepted by the NYS OSC on February 12, 2016.

Motion: Cheryl Lampasona

Second: Margaret Ballantyne

Discussion: The CAP for the State Audit were originally filed and accepted on February 12, 2016. However, the District was notified that they needed to file in a different manner.

Yes: Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Nicole Matzer
Margaret Ballantyne
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

J. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 22- BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.6.a.1., as presented.

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Nicole Matzer

Discussion: Nicole Matzer stated that the members of Marching Band are very excited about going to Disney this year and were anxiously awaiting the Board's approval of the trip. Dr. Nagler added that he wanted to point out the large number of clubs being approved this evening and stated that he is very proud of the variety and number of clubs available for our students.

Yes: Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Nicole Matzer
Margaret Ballantyne
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

1. **Accepting of Minutes**

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the September 15, 2016 Business Meeting as presented.

2. **Instruction**

- a. **Appointment(s) Sub Teacher per diem**
That the Board of Education approves the following individual(s) as Per Diem Substitute Teacher (s) for the current school year, at a daily rate of \$100 days 0-10, \$110 days 11-20, \$120 days 21-30, \$130 day 31+; and retirees at a daily rate of \$125.00 per day, \$130 per day after 30 days.:

<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION</u>
1. Jessica Altieri	Music
2. Todd Beispiel	Physical Ed
3. Joan Buczkowski	Physical Ed
4. William Fecht	Physical Ed
5. Lindsey Johnson	Social Studies 7-12
6. Lynette McDaniels	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
7. Talia Rosenberg	Mathematics 7-12

	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION</u>
8.	Mark Silver	Biology 7-12
9.	Michael Speziale	Social Studies 7-12
10.	Lorraine Gigante	PreK - Grade 6

b. Appointment(s) Permanent Substitute Teachers

That the Board of Education approves the following individual(s) as Permanent Substitute Teacher(s) for the current school year, at a daily rate of \$100 for days 0-10, \$110 for days 11-20, \$120 for days 21-30, \$130 for day 31+, effective October 1st to May 31st.

	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION</u>
1.	Joan D. Buczkowski	Physical Ed
2.	Lindsey Johnson	Social Studies 7-12
3.	Michael C. Speziale	Social Studies 7-12
4.	Stephanie Kelly	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
5.	Christina Castello	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
6.	Cailin M. Giard	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
7.	Lauren M. Siemann	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
8.	Lynette McDaniels	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
9.	Karen Gutierrez	Mathematics 7-12

c. Facilitators

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following staff as Facilitators for the current school year:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Hampton Street	Denise M. Maynard	\$1,000.00
Jackson Avenue	Janice A. Killelea	\$1,000.00
Meadow Drive	Bruce M. Vatske	\$1,000.00
Middle School	Matthew Deluca	\$1,000.00
Middle School	Margaret Moroney	\$1,000.00
High School	Michael Kandel	\$1,000.00
High School	Frank J. Massaro	\$1,000.00

d. Appointment(s) Club/Stipends

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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
MS Animal Rights-PAWS	Annmarie Palumbo	\$909.00
MS Art Club Advisor	Andrea Antonelli	\$909.00
MS Book Club Advisor	Annmarie Palumbo	1/2 of \$909.00
MS Book Club Advisor	Ilyse Milberg	1/2 of \$909.00
MS Bookstore Advisor	Annmarie Palumbo	\$909.00
MS Chamber Ensemble	Sarah Ramsingh(LaSorsa)	\$1,434.00
MS Chess Club	Michael Mildon	\$909.00
MS Cultural Club	Kerry Ann Murphy	\$909.00
MS Enviromental Club	Lindsay Spanhake	\$909.00
MS Jazz Ensemble	Mark Bennett	\$1,434.00
MS Math Olympiads	Lindsay Spanhake	\$909.00
MS Nat'l Jr Honor Society	Annmarie Palumbo	1/2 of \$909.00
MS Nat'l Jr Honor Society	Ilyse Milberg	1/2 of \$909.00
MS Newspaper Advisor	Nicole Destefano	1/2 of \$2,868.00
MS Newspaper Advisor	Ilyse Milberg	1/2 of \$2,868.00
MS Peace Club	Karen Carraro	\$909.00

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
MS Projection Squad	Brian Goldman	\$909.00
MS Robotics	Vincent Interrante	\$909.00
MS Robotics	Melissa Fusco	\$909.00
MS Science Club	Vincent Interrante	\$1,434.00
MS Student Council	Linda Capone	\$2,868.00
MSVocalJazzTrebleMakers	Brian Goldman	\$1,434.00
MS Yearbook Advisor	Annmarie Palumbo	1/2 of \$2,868.00
MS Yearbook Advisor	Jerrill Critchley	1/2 of \$2,868.00
MS Community Action	Annmarie Palumbo	1/2 of \$909.00
MS Community Action	Jerrill Critchley	1/2 of \$909.00
MS Musical Director	Matthew DeLuca	\$4,303.00
MS Asst Musical Director	Brian Goldman	\$2,151.00
MS Musical Choreographer	Barbara Peters	\$2,151.00
MS Musical Technical Dir	Melissa Fusco	\$1,434.00
JA Art Club Advisor	Jeanine Gallina	\$859.00
JA Book Club	Marilyn Holland	\$859.00
JA Junior Lego League	Megan LaMantia	\$859.00
JA Math Olympiads	Janice Killelea	\$859.00
JA Junior Lego League	Jennifer Moreano	\$859.00
JA Safety Patrol Advisor	Kimberly Martino	\$859.00
JA Student Council Adv	Jeanine Gallina	\$1,434.00
JA Junior Lego League	Meagan Fabiitti	\$859.00
JA Junior Lego League	Michelle Rodriguez	\$859.00
MS Robotics	Thomas Nucci	\$909.00
HS A Capella Choir	Megan Messina	\$2,151.00
HS Art Club Advisor	Kathleen Loughlin	\$985.00
HS Art Honor Society	Gina Buongiovanni	\$985.00
Athletes Helping Athletes	Karin Weidlein	\$1,434.00
HS Brainstormers	Robert Goodwin	1/2 of \$1,434.00
HS Brainstormers	Ellen McGlade-McCulloh	1/2 of \$1,434.00
HS Cheerleader - Winter	Laura DeFeo	\$4,303.00
HS Class Advisor 8th	Bette Sloane	\$985.00
HS Class Adv Freshman	Katelyn Maroney	\$985.00
HS Class Advisor Soph	Gina Buongiovanni	\$1,434.00
HS Class Advisor Soph	Donald Leopardi	\$1,434.00
HS Class Advisor Junior	Mary Owens	\$2,151.00
HS Class Advisor Junior	Lisa Marino	\$2,151.00
HS Class Advisor Senior	Tara McDonnell	\$2,868.00
HS Class Advisor Senior	Francine Sclafani	\$2,868.00
HS Creative Writing Club	Drew Smith	\$985.00
Dynamics/Vocal Jazz Choir	Megan Messina	\$1,434.00
HS Environmental Club	Susan Kennedy	\$1,434.00
HS Foreign Language Club	Eleni Theodorakis	\$985.00
HS Gay Straight Alliance	Laura Grassie	\$985.00
HS Dignity Club	Stacey Rosenblatt	1/2 of \$2,151.00
HS Dignity Club	Patricio Romero	1/2 of \$2,151.00
HS Japanese Animee	Kieran Molloy	1/2 of \$1,434.00
HS Japanese Animee	Kathleen Levin	1/2 of \$1,434.00
HS Jazz Ensemble 1	Marc Ratner	\$1,434.00

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
HS Jazz Ensemble2	Christopher Toomey	\$1,434.00
HS Kwianis Club	Surabhi John	1/2 of \$2,151.00
HS Kwianis Club	Mary Owens	1/2 of \$2,151.00
HS Latin Club Advisor	Gigi Foge	\$985.00
HS Literary Society Club	Ann Zaffarese	\$985.00
HS Math Olympiads-8th gr	Lisa Marino	\$985.00
HS Mathletes Advisor	Bette Sloane	\$1,434.00
HS Mentoring Latinas	Marie Watson	\$1,434.00
HS Mock Trial Advisor	Kenneth Coy	\$985.00
HS National Honor Society	Eileen Burke	\$1,434.00
HS Question Mark Editor	Drew Smith	\$2,868.00
HS Red Cross Advisor	Tara McDonnell	\$985.00
HS Robotics Club	Kenneth Coy	\$985.00
HS Science Club Advisor	Ellen McGlade-McCulloh	\$985.00
HS Signet Adv Business	Rory Block	\$1,434.00
HS Signet Adv Editorial	Paul A. Sommer	\$5,050.00
HS String Ensemble	Tracey Campbell	\$1,434.00
HS Student Organization	Krista O'Donnell	\$2,151.00
HS Student Service Center	Eileen Burke	1/2 of \$5,050.00
HS Student Service Center	Claudia Rudnet	1/2 of \$5,050.00
HS S.A.D.D. Advisor	Anne McAree	\$985.00
HS Television Production	Melissa Fusco	\$2,868.00
Tri-M Music Honor Society	Marc Ratner	\$985.00
HS Drama Director-Fall	Matthew Deluca	\$2,868.00
HS Drama Assist Director	Bette Sloane	\$2,151.00
HS Drama Technical Dir	Melissa Fusco	1/2 of \$1,434.00
HS Drama Technical Dir	Vincent Interrante	1/2 of \$1,434.00
Drama Stage Construction	Paul Sommer	\$2,151.00
HS Thespian Club	Matthew Deluca	\$985.00
8/9 Musical Director	Aislinn Oliveri	\$3,384.00
8/9 Musical Asst Director	Sarah Ramsingh(LaSorsa)	\$2,151.00
8/9 Musical Technical Dir	Melissa Fusco	\$1,434.00
10/11/12 Musical Director	Matthew Deluca	\$5,050.00
10/11/12 Musical Asst Dir	Drew Smith	\$2,868.00
10/11/12 Musical	Aislinn Oliveri	\$1,434.00
Choreographer		
10/11/12 Musical Pit	Marc Ratner	\$2,868.00
Orchestra		
10/11/12 Musical Stage	Paul Sommer	\$2,868.00
Construction		
10/11/12 Musical	Vincent Interrante	\$2,151.00
Technical Director		
HS Science National	Ellen K. McGlade-McCulloh	\$1,434.00
Honor Society		

3. **Instruction: Contracted**

a. That the Board of Education approves the Amendment to the Services Agreement for Behavior/ Education and Speech between LNR Associates and the Mineola UFSD for the 2016- 2017 school year.

4. **Instruction: Student Actions**

- a. That the Board of Education approves the following Out of State and /or Overnight field trips:

1. Marching Band: Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, February 18-24, 2017

5. **Civil Service**

a. Resignation(s)

1. That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Alba Zambrano, Typist Clerk at the High School Copy Center, effective September 13, 2016.
2. That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Andrea Murphy, Registered Nurse at the High School, effective September 21, 2016.
3. That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Esmirna Pena, part time Greeter at Hampton Street School, effective September 30, 2016.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Diane Ricciardi, to the position of full time Teacher Aide at the Middle School, effective September 29, 2016. Salary is \$25,408 on Step 4.
2. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kelsey Baumann, to the position of part time Teacher Aide at the Middle School, effective September 29, 2016. Salary is \$13.95 per hour on Step 1.
3. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Amanda Hagan, to the position of part time Teacher Aide at the Middle School, effective September 29, 2016. Salary is \$13.95 per hour on Step 1.
4. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Susan Lynch, to the position of part time Teacher Aide at the Middle School, effective September 29, 2016. Salary is \$13.95 per hour on Step 1.
5. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jessica Molina, to the position of part time Teacher Aide at the Middle School, effective September 29, 2016. Salary is \$13.95 per hour on Step 1.
6. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Michael Giordano, to the position of part time Teacher Aide at the Middle School, effective September 29, 2016. Salary is \$13.95 per hour on Step 1.
7. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dominique Bourhill, to the position of part time Teacher Aide at Jackson Avenue School, effective October 5, 2016. Salary is \$13.95 per hour on Step 1.

c. Resignation(s)

1. That the Board of Education accept the resignation, with regret, of Margaret Farrell, part time Teacher Aide at Jackson Avenue School, for the purpose of retirement, effective September 30, 2016.
2. That the Board of Education accept with regret, the resignation of William Lutkins, Custodian at the Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective October 14, 2016.

6. **Other**

a. Accept donation

1. That the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD accepts the donation of a tuba from the Mineola Music Parents for the High School Concert Band.

Walk-On Agenda:

SEQRA- Meadow Drive School- Pre-K Addition

RESOLUTION # 23 - WHEREAS, the Mineola Union Free School District (the "District") acting through its Board of Education has proposed certain additions and alterations to The Meadow Drive School (Project #28-04-10-03-0-001-014) as more fully set forth in the plans on file in the Districts Administrative Office (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and associated regulations including 6 NYCRR Section 617.1 *et seq.* ("SEQRA"), the District is required to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project and in consultation with its consultants and counsel, the District has determined that the Project constitutes a Type II Action under SEQRA as defined under 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 and subparts thereunder because this Project, in that the Project involves an addition of less than 10,000 square feet, will have no significant environmental impact.

Based on the foregoing, the District finds that the Project is exempt from SEQRA as a Type II action under the applicable regulations.

Motion: Brian Widman

Second: Margaret Ballantyne

Discussion: The Superintendent explained that this SEQRA resolution is needed in order for the architect to file plans and for the project to move forward.

Yes: Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Nicole Matzer
Margaret Ballantyne
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

Walk-On Agenda:

SEQRA- Jackson Avenue School- HVAC & Electrical Upgrade

RESOLUTION # 24 - **WHEREAS**, the Mineola Union Free School District (the "District") acting through its Board of Education has proposed certain additions and alterations to the Jackson Avenue School (Project #28-04-10-03-0-004-022) as more fully set forth in the plans on file in the Districts Administrative Office (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and associated regulations including 6 NYCRR Section 617.1 *et seq.* ("SEQRA"), the District is required to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project and in consultation with its consultants and counsel, the District has determined that the Project constitutes a Type II Action under SEQRA as defined under 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 and subparts thereunder because this Project, in that the Project involves an addition of less than 10,000 square feet, will have no significant environmental impact.

Based on the foregoing, the District finds that the Project is exempt from SEQRA as a Type II action under the applicable regulations.

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Cheryl Lampasona

Yes: Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Nicole Matzer
Margaret Ballantyne
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 10/6/16

Presentations:

1. High School Data Report
2. Dual Language Program

The first presentation this evening is "Mineola High School: The Road to College Readiness" by Dr. Whitney Smith. *This presentation can be found on the district website on the Board of Education page. Dr. Smith started by thanking Larry Puccio and Heather Dvorak for being here this evening and thanked Matt Gaven and Pat Burns for all of their help with the presentation. He displayed a chart of the exams that students need for graduation. Dr. Smith stated that more and more College readiness actually reflects math readiness. Dr. Smith presented the keys to college readiness and used the images of different buses to represent the vehicles used at the high school to achieve this goal. At the High School, they are using a tiered approach which allows students that need extra time, the time necessary: Single Period; Period + an A or B day Lab; or Double Period. Dr. Smith next displayed a chart of "What happens when we come to a traffic light" and displayed the three different paths of students (green, yellow and red). The yellow represents when a student hits some roadblocks and the red represents when a student has many stumbling blocks. Dr. Smith displayed a chart of "What road are our students on now?" . This chart included the class cohort numbers; numbers enrolled in Algebra 2; numbers who passed the course and the number that passed the regents. He did a breakdown of the class of 2017: # in Cohort- 197; # enrolled in Algebra 2- 18; # passed the course- 158; and # that passed the regents- 136 (69%). For the 18 student enrolled- some receive a double period and some get a period plus a lab. Dr. Smith discussed some of the other roadblocks which include: entering and exiting students; multiple failures; other lacking coursework; other Regents exam failures and expectations. Finally, Dr. Smith talked about the "Amazing Roads in Mineola" for students; QCC Partnership (Internet and Information Technology Certificate Program); Strong Volunteerism (not a requirement but students willingly do it on their own); College Algebra; 32 College and AP offerings; State of the Art Fab Lab and 1:1 iPad Program. Dr. Smith asked for Board questions or comments. Dr. Ballantyne inquired about writing skills at the high school. Dr. Smith stated that they are currently working on curriculum which is all mapped and standard based. She asked if this curriculum is aligned with the college remedial exam for writing. Dr. Smith stated that they are but there is no data on it at this time. Christine Napolitano asked how many female students are enrolled in the QCC Partnership. Dr. Smith stated that of the 16 students enrolled 4 are female (25%). Dr. Nagler stated that the task for the High School is for all students to graduate with an advanced regents diploma. The best districts have 83% and in 2015 we were at 70%. Christine Napolitano thanked Dr. Smith and stated that she and the Board are very happy with the job he is doing.

The second presentation this evening is "English Language Learners- the Road to Biliteracy" by Dr. Nicole Moriarty. *This presentation can be found on the district website on the Board of Education page. According to Dr. Moriarty, in the Mineola School District, there are 523 students with a dominant language other than English. The High School has 152 students that were ELL. In 2016, 24 ELL students graduated with Advanced Regents diplomas; 13 with Regents diplomas and over 115 AP and College courses were taken among them. Our student body hails from 15 countries and speaks at least 16 different languages. Dr. Moriarty displayed "About our ELL Population- the Tale of Two Students". In K-7: 221 multilingual learners, 164 were born in the US and 57 were born in other countries. In grade 8-12: 77 are multilingual, 18 born in US and 59 were born in other countries. According to Dr. Moriarty the biggest challenge for students coming into the High School from other countries is that they have the same requirements, must learn a new language and are behind in education. Dr. Moriarty discussed the two types of program at Mineola. Dual Language in grades k-5: 349 students- 102 are ELL and 70% are non-ELL. English as a New Language in K-12: 192 students and all are ELL. Next she discussed "Effective Biliteracy Instruction". There are four principals:

allow students to participate actively and meaningfully; teachers integrate literacy and content; explicitly builds receptive and productive oral language and strategically plans 3 spaces- English, Spanish and Bridge. She added that the bridge is critical. Next, Dr. Moriarty discussed "Pursuing Excellence". She stated that we are looking forward to getting the Biliteracy seal on diplomas. She stated that they are looking at the current High School students to determine how this can be achieved. Dr. Moriarty presented samples of schedules for K-2 as well as grade 9. She also stated that for the "English as a New Language", we have an Integrated Class (co-teaching model) and Stand-alone Classes. Dr. Moriarty played a few videos of classes and students. Dr. Moriarty stated that many of our teachers are lifelong learners and have gone to other countries to continue their learning and teaching skills. Dr. Moriarty asked the Board for questions or comments. Dr. Ballantyne is very proud of all that Mineola offers our ELL students and is very impressed with the love and respect given to these students. She is very impressed with the resources being used and added that they are the best that are available. Cheryl Lampasona is thankful for the dual-language program which her sons participate. She added that she went to the open house for her son, and there was a paragraph written by him in Spanish. Dr. Ballantyne commended the teachers on their commitment to continue their education. Dr. Nagler expressed his thanks to Dr. Moriarty on all of her hard work. He looks forward to eventually having the Biliteracy Seals on diplomas.

Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent had no additional comments this evening, however stated that he was in need of an executive session.

L. Executive Session Time: 9:10 p.m.

At 9:10 pm, a motion was made for the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

Motion: Nicole Matzer

Second: Margaret Ballantyne

Yes: Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Nicole Matzer
Margaret Ballantyne
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

M. Adjournment Time: _____ **p.m.**

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: _____

No: _____

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea M. Paggi