

**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 for 2023-2024**

***Educational***

- Expand innovative opportunities for learners to participate in courses and unique real- life experiences to build agency and develop readiness skills for college and careers. This initiative continues to emphasize and incorporate self-directed learning and learner voice and choice.
  - Offer new, in person certification opportunities: EMT certification, Cybersecurity certification (Security Plus), CPR/First Aid
  - Create PAVE @ Synergy (Providing Access to Virtual Experiences) this cadre of asynchronous, self-directed courses will prepare learners to sit for industry standard certifications.
  - Create a new community in KidOYO that replicates our teacher SNAX PD opportunities. Learners will be able to challenge themselves with asynchronous, self-paced 'courses' on a variety of creation tools.
  - Develop opportunities for learners to communicate with and learn from experts in a variety of career disciplines through asynchronous online experiences.
- Continue to develop the process for implementation of the Learner Portfolio Grades 3-12. The portfolio will serve as a place for learners to document and reflect upon their educational journey in real time, and as a showcase of their work and accomplishments throughout their school years in Mineola.
- Continue to refine and build our structured literacy model with an emphasis on phonological awareness, decoding and sight word recognition. (in both languages for our dual language learners)

***Facilities***

- Articulate the 5-year Capital improvement plan that addresses the outstanding items in the new Building Condition Survey (BCS). Plan should also include building enhancements related to future programs.

***Finance***

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

**DATE and LOCATION: Thursday, November 2, 2023 / Synergy Building - 7:00 p.m.**

**Board of Education**

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne, President  
Patrick Talty, Vice President  
Cheryl Lampasona, Trustee  
Brian Widman, Trustee  
Stacey DeCillis, Trustee

**Central Office**

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools  
Catherine Fishman, Deputy Superintendent  
Jack Waters, Interim Admin for Business & Operations - **ABSENT**  
Cindy Velez, District Clerk

- A. Call to Order - **7:00 pm**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Reading of Mission - **Patrick Talty**
- D. Moment of Silent Meditation
- E. Dais & Visitor Introductions
- F. Student Recognitions - **Valedictorian, Salutatorian, NYSSMA All-State, NYSATA-NYSSBA Art Exhibit Participants, Huntington Arts Council, Mineola Marching Band Student Leaders - SS1 NYSFBC**
- G. BOE Reports
  - 1. Comments from Board Trustees - **Stacey DeCillis, Cheryl Lampasona, Brian Widman, Patrick Talty**
  - 2. Comments from Board President - **Dr. Ballantyne**
  - 3. Comments from Superintendent - **Dr. Nagler**
- H. Old Business - **None**
- I. New Business

**RESOLUTION #23 - BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Marlon Louison as District Sub-Committee Chairperson, School Psychologist & 504 Chairperson for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: **Cheryl Lampasona**  
Second: **Brian Widman**

<b>Yes:</b>	<b>No:</b>
Dr. Margaret Ballantyne	_____
Patrick Talty	_____
Brian Widman	_____
Cheryl Lampasona	_____
Stacey DeCillis	_____

**Passed: Yes**

**J. CONSENSUS AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION #24 - BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a.1. through J.4.c.1 , as presented.

Motion: **Patrick Talty**  
Second: **Stacey DeCillis**

**Yes:**

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne  
Patrick Talty  
Brian Widman  
Cheryl Lampasona  
Stacey DeCillis

**No:**

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**Passed: Yes**

1. **Accepting of Minutes**
  - a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the October 19, 2023 Business Meeting as presented.
2. **Instruction**
  - a. **Resignations**
    1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Alexa Raffo, Permanent Substitute at the Middle School, effective November 2, 2023.
  - b. **Leave of Absence - Medical**
    1. That the Board of Education approves a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Ilyse J. Milberg, Teacher at the High School, effective December 5, 2023 for approximately 6 weeks.
  - c. **Appointments**
    1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Marlon Louison, to the position of School Psychologist for the High School, retroactive to November 1, 2023 with a salary Doctorate Step 1 of \$88,886 and a Probationary Period from November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2027.
  - d. **Coaches - Appointments**

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Spring Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:

	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Employee Name</u></b>	<b><u>Step</u></b>	<b><u>Stipend</u></b>
1.	8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Bruce M. Vatske	1	\$4,640.00
2.	Winter Track and Field Head Coach	Michael L. Campione	1	\$6,851.00
3.	7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach	Donald A. Leopardi	1	\$4,269.00

	<u>Position</u>	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
4.	Winter Track and Field Assistant Coach	Christian Guevara	1	\$4,658.00
5.	JV Boys Basketball Head Coach	Paul Keil	1	\$5,360.00
6.	JV Girls Basketball Head Coach	Valerie Cirisano	1	\$5360.00

e. **Appointment(s) - Clubs/Stipends**

That the Board of Education approves the following Clubs/Stipends for 2023-2024 school year:

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
1.	8th Grade Class Advisor	Demetra Kouspos	\$1,069.00

f. **Instruction: Student Actions**

1. That the Board of Education approves the Athletic Advanced Placement Process request for the following students:  
- Steven Kelly Kostulias - Wrestling

3. **CIVIL SERVICE**

a. **Resignation(s)**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Nancy Wong Lunch Aide at Jackson, effective November 13, 2023.

b. **Appointment(s)**

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Sandra Touze, to the position of Full Time Bus Attendant, retroactive to November 1, 2023 with a salary on Step 1 of \$24,057.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michaela Markey, to the position of Substitute Teacher Aide, retroactive to October 23, 2023 with a salary of \$16.00/hr.
3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Pamela Rodriguez, to the position of Substitute Cleaner, retroactive to October 25, 2023 with a salary of \$16.00/hr.
4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Amarfi Batista, to the position of Substitute Cleaner, retroactive to October 24, 2023 with a salary of \$16.00/hr.
5. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Angel Colon, to the position of Bus Driver, 6hour 10 month, retroactive to November 1, 2023 with a salary on Step 1 of \$32,480.00.
6. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Cynthia Mays, to the position of 12 Month Bus Driver, effective November 6, 2023 with a salary on Step 1 of \$51,993.00.
7. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jean Sainteme, to the position of 12 Month Bus Driver, effective November 6, 2023 with a salary on Step 1 of \$51,993.00.

8. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nancy Wong, to the position of Substitute Teacher Aide for the District, effective November 14, 2023 with a salary of \$16.00/hr.
4. **BUSINESS / FINANCE**
  - a. **Treasurer's Report**
    1. That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending September 30, 2023.
    2. That the Board of Education approves the Extra Class Financial Statement as of September 30, 2023.
  - b. **Budget Appropriation Adjustment**
    1. Transfer \$75,000 from 9010800008096 to 2280400000000 to pay Nassau County EMS Academy for providing EMT training up to MAX 20 students.
  - c. **Business/Finance - Contract Approvals**
    1. That the Board of Education approves the Professional Development Agreement between K&M Literacy, LLC and Mineola UFSD for he 2023-2024 School Year.

**K. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent of Schools' Reports

**Presentations:**

- 1. External Auditor - Chris Angotta
- 2. Personalized Access to Virtual Experiences at Synergy - Nicole Culella

Superintendent Comments

**L. Executive Session      Time: \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes:	No:
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Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

**M. Adjournment Time: 8:43 p.m.**

Motion: **Cheryl Lampasona**  
Second: **Stacey DeCillis**

Yes:	No:
Dr. Margaret Ballantyne	_____
Patrick Talty	_____
Brian Widman	_____
Cheryl Lampasona	_____
Stacey DeCillis	_____

**Passed: Yes**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy A. Velez  
District Clerk