

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.

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: Thursday, January 25, 2024 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

Michael Nagler, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools - **ABSENT**
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 - Cheryl Lampasona

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introduction - Michael Nagler, Jack Waters - Absent

F. Student Organization Report - Donjeta Becerra

G. BOE Reports

1. Comments from Board Trustees - Stacey DeCillis, Cheryl Lampasona, Bran Widman, Patrick Talty
2. Comments from Board President - Dr. Margaret Ballantyne
3. Comments from Superintendent - Ms. Fishman, Deputy Superintendent on behalf of Dr. Nagler.

H. Old Business - None

I. New Business

RESOLUTION #34 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District approves the 2024-2025 school calendar.

Motion: Patrick Talty

Second: Brian Widman

Yes:

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

No:

Passed: Yes

RESOLUTION #35 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District waives the first formal reading of the following Board Policy due to its availability on the information table and the website.

Policy #6190 - Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement

Motion: Cheryl Lampasona

Second: Stacey DeCillis

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

Patrick Talty

Brian Widman

Cheryl Lampasona

Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: Yes

J. CONSENSUS AGENDA

RESOLUTION #36 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a.1. through J.3.c.1. , as presented.

Discussion: Ms. Fishman stated the following item on the consensus agenda needs to be amended:

Consensus Agenda Item J.2.i.3.: That the Board of Education approves the paid Medical Leave of Absence to Kristina M. Lozada, effective January 24, 2024, using accrued sick days.

A motion was made to amend the consensus agenda.

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

The Board was polled and all were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: Brian Widman

Second: Cheryl Lampasona

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

Patrick Talty

Brian Widman

Cheryl Lampasona

Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: Yes

1. **Instruction**

a. **Resignations**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Emily Garren, Permanent Substitute, effective January 19, 2024.

b. **Retirements**

1. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Jennifer A. Weisberg, Special Education Teacher at Jackson Avenue, effective June 30, 2024.
2. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Kathleen Crawley, Music Teacher at Meadow Drive and Hampton Street, effective June 30, 2024.
3. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Bonnie S. Greene-Tellerman, Business Teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2024.
4. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Teresa M Perrotta, Elementary Teacher at Jackson Ave, effective June 30, 2024.
5. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Ilyse J. Milberg, English Teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2024.
6. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Susan B. Kennedy, Science Teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2024.
7. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Cynthia L. Lombardi, English Teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2024.
8. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Cheryl Minsky, Special Education Teacher at Hampton Street, effective June 30, 2024.
9. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Glenn M. Cocoman, Social Studies Teacher at the High School, effective June 30, 2024.
10. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Maureen P. Bodson, Elementary Teacher at Jackson Ave, effective June 30, 2024.

c. **Leave of Absence - Personal Unpaid**

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Lauren A. Goldfarb, for an unpaid Leave of Absence, due to personal reasons, for the remainder of the 2023/2024 school year.
2. That the Board of Education grants a request to Masiel Gomez, for an unpaid Leave of Absence under FMLA, due to personal reasons, starting January 24, 2024 - February 16, 2024.

d. **Leave of Absence - Medical**

1. That the Board of Education approves a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Danielle M. Carretta, teacher at the Middle School, effective January 10, 2024 for approximately 6 weeks.
2. That the Board of Education approves a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Christina Verdi, effective January 11, 2024 for approximately 6 weeks.
3. That the Board of Education approves a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Kristina M. Lozada, effective January 24, 2024, using accrued sick days.

e. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Alexandra Cohen, to the position of Bilingual Reading Teacher for Meadow Drive and Hampton Street, effective February 1, 2024 MA+60 Step 8 with a salary of \$109,945.
2. That the Board of Education approves to ammend the probationary period of Tracey A. Hanes, Probationary ELA Teacher, from October 24, 2022 to March 23, 2026, to October 24, 2022 to October 23, 2026.
3. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Emely Maldonado, to the position of Probationary Elementary Teacher, effective January 26, 2024 with a salary on BA step 1 \$65,374 and a Probationary Period from January 26, 2024 - August 31, 2027 (Reduced probationary period reflects Jarema credit for regular substitute service from September 1, 2023 to January 25, 2024).

f. **Permanent Sub Appointments**

That the Board of Education approves the following individual(s) as Permanent Substitute Teacher(s) for the current school year, between October 1st and May 31st, at a daily rate of \$150.

	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1.	Nicole Peralta	English 7-12	01/26/2024
2.	Lauren Dooley	ELA 7-12	01/29/2024

g. **Per Diem Sub Appointments**

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 \$150.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1.	Nicole Peralta	English 7-12	06/01/2024
2.	Olivia Blum	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)	01/26/2024

h. **Instruction: Committee on Special Education**

1. That the Board of Education approves the CSE and CPSE meetings for December 1 through December 31, 2023.

i. **Instruction: Contracted**

1. That the Board of Education approves to accept the 2023-2024 Receipt of Federal Part-B Flow-Through Allocation Contracts for the following vendors:
ACDS, Inc.
Mid Island Therapy Associates, LLC d/b/a All About Kids
Brookville Center for Children's Services
Developmental Disabilities Institute
The Hagedorn Little Village School
Interdisciplinary Center for child Development
Kidz Therapy Services
Summit School
Variety Child Learning Center
Tiegerman School
2. That the Board of Education approves to accept the Service Agreement between United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County/The Children's Learning Center and Mineola UFSD during the 2023-2024 School Year.

j. **Instruction: Student Actions**

1. That the Board of Education approves the following overnight field trip:

First Robotics Competition - Hudson Valley Regional, Suffern, NY - Wednesday, March 6, 2024 to Saturday, March 9, 2024

2. **CIVIL SERVICE**

a. **Appointment(s)**

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicholas Scoca, to the position of Provisional Custodian at the High School, retroactive to January 15, 2024 with a salary on Step 4 of \$48,823.00.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ileen Cruz Munoz, to the position of Part Time Greeter at Hampton Street, retroactive to January 3, 2024 with a salary on Step 1 of \$16.00/hr.
3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nathalie Watts, to the position of Part Time Lunch Aide at the Middle School, retroactive to January 5, 2024 with a salary on Step 1 of \$16.00/hr.
4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of James W. Cashin, to the position of Cleaner, retroactive to January 22, 2024 with a salary on Step 1 of \$46,690.00.

b. **Retirement(s)**

1. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Marie Sallie, Teacher Aide at Jackson Ave, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 26, 2024.
2. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Geraldine Larson, Teacher Aide at Meadow Drive, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 26, 2024.
3. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Lorraine Napolitano, Teacher Aide at Meadow Drive, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 26, 2024.

c. **Leave of Absence - Unpaid Medical**

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Aspasia Marangoudakis, Teacher Aide at Meadow Drive, for an unpaid Leave of Absence (up to 12 weeks under FMLA), due to personal reasons, effective February 1, 2024.

3. **BUSINESS / FINANCE**

a. **Treasurer's Report**

1. That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending December 31, 2023.
2. That the Board of Education approves the Extra Class Financials Statement as of December 31, 2023.

b. **Internal Claims Audit Report**

1. That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Audit Reports for December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

c. **Business/Finance - Contract Approvals**

1. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Postscript Creative, LLS, 12655 W. Jefferson Blvd., 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90066 for the 2023-2024 school year.

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports

Presentations:

1. Digital Eco Systems and AI - Whittney Smith, Nicole Culella

Superintendent Comments

L. Public Comments - Mr. Nicholas O'Connor, Albertson, NY

M. Executive Session **Time: 8:23 p.m.**

Motion: Cheryl Lampasona

Second: Patrick Talty

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

Patrick Talty

Brian Widman

Cheryl Lampasona

Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: Yes

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

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes:

No:

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Velez
District Clerk