

**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 - 2014-2015

Educational

- To continue to align curriculum that assesses specific Common Core standards. These data must track individual student growth in the standards.
- Develop and implement a four-year plan to align High School coursework and partnerships in specific Career and Technical Education (CTE) strands.
- Explore partnerships with local universities to offer certificate programs to our students during his/her senior year.
- Continue to develop and encourage students to engage in college level coursework
- Continue to assess the District's Strategic Objectives and report on progress toward those objectives

Facilities

- Explore the feasibility of green technologies as part of the projects associated with our Capital reserve expenditures

Finance

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

DATE: November 20, 2014

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

OPEN WORK SESSION

7:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Board Room

Board of Education

Arthur Barnett, President
Christine Napolitano, Vice President
Patricia Navarra
Nicole Matzer
Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion

Central Office

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

A. Call to Order - 7:05pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission- Christine Napolitano

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

Absent- Patricia Burns

F. High School Student Organization Report

Tonight's SO report was by Craig VandeStouwe. It was reported that it has been a busy time at the High School. The Varsity Football team is playing in the finals on Saturday, 4:00pm at Hofstra. The fall production of "Fools" will be Friday, 11/21 at 7:30pm and Saturday, 11/22 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm. The Marching Band took second place in Syracuse and the senior members are very proud of the year that they have had. Report cards for the first semester came out last Friday. Craig reported that in the Research program, four students including him, applied for the Intel competition. Craig stated that the application process is a very lengthy and involved process, which happened to coincide with the college application process. This week, there were On the Spot interviews for seniors with St. John's and Hofstra. Many students were accepted and also were awarded money. The Girls Varsity Volleyball team had a good season and made it to the first round of playoffs. The winter sports season has just begun. Craig reported that the SO raised \$3800 in their Thanksgiving fundraiser for local needy families and there will be a collection next week of non-perishable food. Upcoming SO sponsored events include a Christmas Sale for families and the Mustang Olympics. Finally, Craig stated that the Student Organization wanted to commend the Board for all of the awards the District has received for technology. He added that SO would like them to insure that the older students also receive increased technology.

G. BOE Reports

a. Comments from Board Trustees

Christine Napolitano stated that she is looking forward to attending the football game at Hofstra on Saturday and was thankful that she had been able to watch last Saturday's game on MSG Varsity. Ms. Napolitano reported that Dr. Nagler was in Washington DC this week meeting with the President. She thanked Dr. Nagler for all that he does to showcase the District. He was 1 of 100 Superintendents that was invited to attend the event.

Patricia Navarra stated that she was looking forward to attending "Fools" at the High School. She is happy to hear about the On the Spot interviews and congratulated all of the seniors who were accepted. Ms. Navarra will be attending the dinner with the Portuguese Cultural society. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and is grateful to be part of this District and the Board.

Nicole Matzer also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Margaret Ballantyne stated that she feels like the luckiest Board member, being the newest member, with all that is going on right now. She congratulated all of the students who were accepted to the colleges at the On the Spot interviews. Dr. Ballantyne wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

b. Comments from Board President

Artie Barnett wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He said that this is like Homecoming because all of the kids will be home from college and all get together. Mr. Barnett is looking forward to the football game on Saturday and added that "Fools" should be great. Mr. Barnett stated that at the last meeting, the Board passed the Veteran's exemption and the day after it passed, the Governor changed the law to address the problem issues.

c. Comments from Superintendent

The Superintendent reported that at the Middle School the chairs in the auditorium are gone. The whole space is being refurbished and they are on a good pace to have everything ready for the spring show. The Green House project is also underway and is being delivered tomorrow. Dr. Nagler stated that he froze last Saturday night at the Varsity Football game, which was played at Hofstra. He looks forward to the game this Saturday. Dr. Nagler added that this is the first time since 2002, that the boys have made it to the finals. He said that no matter the outcome this Saturday, the Football team has achieved above and beyond all expectations. The Superintendent stated that Newsday recently ran an article on College rates and he added that they used an imperfect method to track students that go away to college. The Clearing House numbers for Mineola were off by 4%. Last Friday night, Dr. Nagler was a Bingo caller at the Jackson Avenue Bingo Night. He is looking forward to attending the High School production of "Fools". He will be attending the Nassau Region PTA Presidents/Principals Dinner on Monday. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Dr. Nagler reported that he was in Washington DC this week. He added that as someone with a degree in History, it was a very big deal for him to enter the White House and attend a press conference. Dr. Nagler stated that this whole experience was both professionally and personally satisfying. Dr. Nagler stated that he was asked to sign the "Future Ready Pledge". Superintendents were only invited to attend and sign, if their District is already doing this and they pledge to help other Districts. Dr. Nagler thanked the Board for allowing him to represent the District in Washington.

The Superintendent invited Jack Waters to give an update on the Refunding Serial bonds. Mr. Waters stated that he was happy to report that Moody gave the District a positive outlook and their AA3 rating. Mr. Waters reported that they got a good price on bonds in the Market yesterday and will save the district \$220,000 in interest over five years.

H. Old Business

There was no old business this evening.

I. New Business

Mr. Barnett stated that he had some new business that he would like to discuss this evening. The Board recently attended the Village Meeting to express their concerns over the new PILOT building and the impact on the taxpayers. According to Mr. Barnett, it did not appear that these concerns were taken very seriously. While the Board does disagree at times, they are all in agreement that there will be adverse effects by introducing these PILOT buildings to the community. While at the meeting, a single community member spoke and based upon their assumptions, called into question the transparency, motive, planning and interest of the School Board. The Board felt that they must address these issues with facts. *This presentation can be found on the District website, on the Board of Education page, under the heading- presentations. Mr. Barnett turned the presentation over to Ms. Matzer to address the issue of transparency and lack of television coverage.

Ms. Matzer provided some history behind the District's decision to start filming the meetings. The meeting videographers were compensated students until the end of the 2013-2014 school year. At that time, the student graduated from the High School. Ms. Matzer explained that at that time, the District was preparing to switch over to a fixed system and online stream over the summer. The rollout was delayed due to vendor and cost issues. These delays were unintentional. Ms. Matzer added that all of the meetings that have been held were open to the public and were covered by the press. The meeting minutes have been expedited. Due to continuing delays, student videographers were brought back beginning 11/6/14. Ms. Matzer provided details of the new system which is expected this month. The new system will stream live and past meetings will be archived. There will be internet access to past and present meetings. This new system will provide access to on-screen presentation and sound issues will be addressed. The meetings will also remain on the Government Access Channel.

Mr. Barnett next presented on the Tax Cap and PILOTs. He explained what the term PILOT stands for: payment in lieu of taxes. Mr. Barnett stated that the 2% Tax Cap is the allowable increase by law. The law allows levy growth for new construction and the formula for that is $\text{Levy} \times \text{Growth} \times 2\% = \text{New Levy}$. PILOTs are not counted as growth. He explained that Growth is the physical quantity increase. Mr. Barnett displayed the following:

10 Buildings + 1 new building + 11 buildings but,
10 buildings + 1 PILOT building = **10** buildings.

Mr. Barnett stated that he would try to explain how this affects Mineola by providing an example. Mr. Barnett created a fictional example using "Smallville School District". He showed that with the PILOT, the District will lose money on the allowable levy this year and more in every year going forward. Therefore, over time the base levy doesn't increase with growth in the community. According to Mr. Barnett, **this was not the intention of the law**. At this time he displayed a graph to illustrate his example. Mr. Barnett next discussed the New Student Impact. Currently, there are approximately 2700 students in the District at the cost of \$25K per student. It is estimated that these new buildings will result in 52 new students; he asked what if the number is higher. These 52 students will result in new spending of \$1,300,000 and there will be \$0.00 in new revenue. A taxed project would have allowed for levy growth. Mr. Barnett stated that the District would have no protection if there are more new students than are projected.

Mr. Barnett next presented "20 years. A Tale of Two Cities" to illustrate how the School District and the Village of Mineola will each be affected by these PILOTs. The School PILOT revenue over 20 years is \$25,000,000 and the School tax would have been \$30,000,000 which results in a school tax loss over 20 years of \$5,000,000 (which is \$250,000 per year). While the Village of Mineola would have a 20 year tax loss of \$800,000 (\$40,000 per year), but the Village of Mineola would receive over 20 years incentive payments of \$16,900,000. This means that while the School tax average loss is equal to \$250,000 annually; the Village of Mineola average annual gain is \$800,000.

Therefore to Re-Cap, Mr. Barnett stated that the problem is the PILOTS which do not allow levy growth, not the new buildings. There are 52 new students that are projected but there is no protection for the district if it is more. This results in \$1,300,000 in new spending cuts (Mr. Barnett stated that the 2014-15 Contingency Budget represented a \$1,100,000 cut in spending. The tax base loss from these PILOTS is permanent. Mr. Barnett stated that the law is flawed and therefore the School District is unprotected. The District needs the ability to grow with the community. Mr. Barnett stated that fixing the law, will fix the problem. He stated that until the law is fixed, he feels that the Board is obligated to oppose PILOTS.

Mr. Barnett stated that another issue that was raised by the community member at the Village Meeting was the planning done by the Board for the District. Ms. Navarra will be presenting a Time Line- How we got here. Ms. Navarra presented a time line of reconfiguration and the new apartments. In 2008, the New Winston Condos were proposed and Mayor Martins projects that this will result in \$3M in new tax revenue. In 2009, the District begins Reconfiguration talks and in March, 2010 the CCC is formed. On October 26, 2010, the community votes on the first reconfiguration option. Then, in December, 2010, the Winston condos are changed to rentals. May 17, 2011, the Reconfiguration plan is affirmed. Then the State introduces the new Tax Cap Law in January 2012. In August 2012, Winston and Churchill get PILOTS and in December 2012, the 250 OCR gets PILOTS. Ms. Navarra concluded with Apartments + PILOTS + Tax Cap = Adverse Impact. If they were not given PILOTS, the buildings would be on tax rolls. Then, the school buildings can expand to meet the new enrollment with the additional tax revenue. It was stated that in late 2012, the PILOT/CAP impact was being realized statewide. Ms. Navarra reported that the Camoin Associates study for NYS-EDC determined that "school districts are materially adversely affected". The damage was already done with PILOTS already approved and now all new PILOTS must be opposed.

Mr. Barnett introduced Dr. Ballantyne to address the relationship between the School Board and the Village Board. Dr. Ballantyne reminded everyone that ultimately this is all about the children; that is the most important thing to remember. Dr. Ballantyne talked about how we all enjoy legends and myths and when working with her students, she requires them to check the facts. She stated that she would like her piece this evening to be the Board's Chronicle of intentions. Dr. Ballantyne stated that there is a palpable chasm between the two Boards; but many community members do not understand the reasons behind it. The School Board has tried on several occasions to reach out on some cost saving issues but has been rejected. In November of 2012, the Village of Mineola was approached regarding sharing the cost/ use of a turf field and the Village declined. The Board of Education proposed a shared fuel depot and also purchasing new voting machines. None of these proposals were considered or accepted by The Village of Mineola. All of these proposals would have resulted in twice the savings for the Village of Mineola taxpayers. On May 7, 2014, Mr. Barnett contacted the Mayor's office and on May 12, 2014 the Mayor returns the call and states that a meeting date will be set. There has been no return call. The Board's attempts to engage the Village of Mineola have failed and the Board expresses their concern regarding the PILOTS via the media. Dr. Ballantyne stated that it is counterproductive for the two boards not to meet and the School Board would like to meet.

For the final piece of the Board's presentation Mr. Barnett has asked Ms. Napolitano, the longest serving Board member to say a few words. It was stated by Ms. Napolitano that this all brings her back to the beginning of planning for reconfiguration, which resulted in a great deal of anger and many rumors. The most important question at that time was why the District would do this, if they did not have some very real concerns. To the Village, she would also ask why the Board would go to such lengths to voice their concerns over the PILOTS unless they had very real concerns about the impact on the taxpayers. The PILOTS were granted after reconfiguration and the Board was not notified by the IDA as required by law. Again Ms. Napolitano emphasized that the PILOTS are the concern, not the buildings. The Village has never attempted to discuss these concerns with the school board. There has never been a single conversation between the two groups regarding the impact that these PILOTS will have on the community. The School Board was met with

mistrust at a recent Village Meeting. Ms. Napolitano stated that it is time to end this poor relationship and accepts the fact that the School Board has some responsibility for the state of the relationship. The two Boards need to work together and put aside their differences. They need to take into account how their decisions will affect the taxpayers. Ms. Napolitano asked the Board to reach out again to the village in order to work together and plan responsibly. She also asks that they ask legislators to address and amend the law. Mr. Barnett and the Board were in agreement that they are willing to reach out again to the Village.

Finally, Dr. Nagler made a statement in which he supported the Board which is made up of five elected volunteers; all of whom devote countless hours to the district. Dr. Nagler listed some of the many accomplishments of the District which includes increased programs for students and 7 capped budgets in a row. The Superintendent acknowledged the relentless research that Mr. Barnett does in order to insure the interests of the community are best served. Dr. Nagler stated that he does not believe that the Village would knowingly hurt the school district. He emphasized again that there is no objection to the new buildings or the number of new children. The issue is the PILOTs and the impact that they have on the School District. Dr. Nagler stated that it is his sixth year as Superintendent and he takes great pride in planning for the District. He is not opposed to PILOTs due to poor planning but because they do not allow for the tax base to grow. Dr. Nagler stated that the acrimony needs to end and the Boards need to work together for the community.

J. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 23- BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.5.b., as presented.

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Nicole Matzer

Discussion: Mr. Barnett stated that there were two walk-on items to be added to the consensus agenda: Items J.1.g.1 (Leave Replacement) and J.1.h.i. (Appointment of Coaches). Mr. Barnett asked the Board for a motion to add these two items to the consensus agenda. Christine Napolitano made the motion and it was second by Patricia Navarra. Mr. Barnett polled the Board and all were in favor of adding the items. The motion passed. Mr. Barnett asked the Board if there were any comments or discussions on the amended Resolution and there were none. Mr. Barnett polled the Board on amended Resolution # 23.

Yes: Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Patricia Navarra
Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett

No: None

Passed: Yes

1. **Instruction**

a. **Resignation(s)**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Nicholas R. DiBenedetto, Permanent Sub at Mineola High School, effective November 5, 2014.

2. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Stefanie Cristina, Permanent Sub at Jackson Avenue, effective November 19, 2014.

b. Leave(s) of Absence/Child Rearing

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Meghan Grieco, for a Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, starting approximately March 15, 2015.

c. Appointments Instruction

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Dana McDonough, to the position of Leave Replacement Teacher for Jessica Hirsh, effective November 17, 2014 to on or before June 30, 2015. Salary: MA, Step 1, \$68,282.

d. Appointment(S) Sub Teacher per diem

The Board of Education accepts the following individual(s) as Per Diem Substitute Teacher(s) for the current school year, at a daily rate of \$100.00 per day; and retirees at a daily rate of \$125.00 per day.:

EMPLOYEE NAME

EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION

1. Anne Mattia Childhood Ed (Grades 1-6)

e. Appointments 45 Day Subs

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Robert Mendes, to the position of 45 Day Substitute Teacher for Lucy Long, effective November 17, 2014 to on or before June 30, 2015. Salary: Days 1-20, \$100.00, Days 21-39 \$110.00, Days 40-45 \$120, Day 46 MA, Step 1, \$68,282 pro-rated.

f. Appointment(S) Perm Sub

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Anne Mattia, to the position of Permanent Substitute Teacher at Mineola Middle School, effective November 10, 2014 to May 31, 2015. Salary: \$100 per day.

g. Appointment(s) Coaches

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following coaches for the current school year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Basketball- Jr Varsity	Nikko D. Callender	1	\$4,941.00

h. 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>
Japanese Animee	Stacey Biondi - Nov-June	.8 of \$1,785.00

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

a. That the Board of Education approves the CSE/CPSE/SCSE recommendations for programs and services for students with IEPs for the time period from 9/1/14- 10/31/14. Please be advised that all of the parents have received the student's IEP and a copy of their DUE process rights.

3. **Instruction: Contracted**

- a. That the Board of Education approves the Nursing Services Agreement between US Medical Staffing, LLC and the Mineola UFSD for the 2014- 2015 school year.
- b. That the Board of Education approves the Residential School Instructional Agreement between SCO Family of Services/ Madonna Heights and the Mineola UFSD for the 2014- 2015 school year.

4. **Civil Service**

a. Resignation(s)

1. That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Linda S. Lananna, part time Teacher Aide, at the Jackson Avenue School, effective November 3, 2014.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Donna Renda, to the position of part time Teacher Aide in the Jackson Avenue cafeteria, effective November 10, 2014. Salary is \$13.74 per hour on Step 1.
2. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Maryellen Vescovi, to the position of part time Teacher Aide at the Hampton Street cafeteria, effective November 17, 2014. Salary is \$13.74 on Step 1.
3. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Amanda Brady, to the position of Nurse Substitute, effective November 21, 2014. Salary is \$125 per day.
4. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jeanette Landivar, to the position of Teacher Aid Substitute, effective November 17, 2014. Salary is \$13.74 per hour.
5. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of William Carr to the position of part time Videographer, effective November 6, 2014. The salary is \$8.00 per hour.
6. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Allison Yarri to the position of part time Videographer, effective November 6, 2014. Salary is \$8.00 per hour.

c. Leave(s) of Absence

1. That the Board of Education grant a request to Joseph Filomena, Maintainer for Building & Grounds, for a paid Medical Leave of Absence, due to surgery, effective November 8, 2014 through December 2, 2014, at which time a follow-up visit is scheduled.
2. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence, due to surgery, to Eileen Turano, Teacher Aide at the High School, effective October 16, 2014 through January 5, 2015, at which time a follow-up visit is scheduled.
3. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Lynn Clifford, part time Teacher Aide at Meadow Drive School, effective November 18, 2014. Leave will be approximately 6 to 8 weeks.

d. Leave(s) of Absence

1. That the Board of Education grant a request to Kenneth Williams, Custodian at Meadow Drive School, for an Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence, due to surgery, effective November 6, 2014 through December 18, 2014, at which time a follow-up visit is scheduled.

e. Civil Service: Other

1. That the Board of Education approve a part time 3.5 hour night Cleaner position for the Willis Avenue School, effective November 24, 2014. Salary would be \$12.25 per hour.

5. **Business /Finance**

a. **Treasurer's Report**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 2014 and directs that it be placed on file.

b. **Approval of Invoices and Payroll**

That the Board of Education accepts the Invoices and Payroll for the period ending October 31, 2014

A/P Warrant # 7	October 8, 2014	\$ 407,783.38
A/P Warrant # 8	October 22, 2014	\$ 1,227,684.84

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 1,635,468.22

PAYROLL # 7 & # 8

General	\$ 4,103,730.24
F Fund	\$ 47,208.78

TOTAL PAYROLL \$4,150,939.02

Walk-On Agenda Items

Consensus Agenda

1. Instruction

g. Leave Replacement

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Dana McDonough to the position of leave replacement for Jessica Hirsh, effective November 17, 2014 to on or before June 30, 2014. Salary: MA Step 1, \$68,282.

h. Appointment(s) Coaches

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following coach for the current school year to replace Philip Testa, appointed 11/6/14 but resigned prior to starting:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
JV Basketball (Boys)	Nikko Callender	1	\$4,941

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 11/20/14 Presentations:

1. Focus on Technology at the High School

The Superintendent stated that tonight's first presentation is the Annual Report by Dave Tellier, External auditor, Nawrocki Smith, LLP. Mr. Tellier stated that he will be giving a brief statement regarding the overall audit. He thanked the Board and stated that they had conducted the general audit as well as the extra-classroom activity fund audit. Mr. Tellier stated that the auditors are here throughout the year, start up in January, back in May and June and the majority of their work takes place during the summer. He added that during that time, they meet with many staff members and everyone is cooperative and very giving of their time. He thanked everyone for their cooperation. Mr. Tellier reported that there are four opinions in the audit and all were clean, with no material weaknesses. The District has a very sound position and a well manicured budget. The District is fiscally sound. Mr. Tellier stated that there are no current year findings or recommendations. He is very happy with the Business Office and their practices. The Board expressed their happiness with Mr. Tellier's presentation and the current state of the District. The Superintendent asked Mr. Tellier the same question that he asks every year, "are we in good shape?"; Mr. Tellier responded yes and the District is getting stronger each year.

Dr. Nagler stated that the second presentation is "Technology in the High School". He explained that instructional technology is not about a device; it's about the hard work and creativity of teachers. It is an easier task to explore the use of technology in the younger grades; it is much more challenging at the high school level. All of the Instructional Leaders are involved in the process now. The Superintendent introduced Ed Escobar and Dr. Whittney Smith to continue tonight's presentation. Ed Escobar, principal, stated that Dr. Nagler and the Board have a vision for the High School which started when the eighth grade moved to the high school. According to Mr. Escobar, the introduction of I pads in the 8th grade last year was rocky. He feels that this year, they have turned the corner. Ed reported that it is interesting to see the 8th grade students using the I pads in their math classes. He turned the presentation over to Whittney Smith. It was reported by Dr. Smith that he truly enjoys the use of technology in instruction. This presentation can be found on the District website, on the Board of Education page, under presentations. He displayed the 4 C's of Education: Communication, Creativity, Collaboration and Critical thinking. The most difficult one of these is Collaboration. There are very few APPs available that allow students to work on the same item at the same time. There are two pieces to using Technology instruction- transformation and enhancement. Transformation is two part: Redefinition- technology allows for the creation of new tasks which were previously inconceivable and Modification- technology allows for significant task redesign. Enhancement is also two parts: Augmentation- technology acts as a direct tool substitute with functional improvements; Substitution- Technology acts as a direct tool substitute with no functional change.

Whittney Smith discussed the APPs used at the High School. Edmodo is a free App. Snapshot trailblazer allows teachers to evaluate students formatively on Common Core Standards. Teachers are given a report of results and assignments are given. This has been field tested with teachers; it is not perfect but it gives teachers the ability to group students. It was reported that this is a good step towards standard based tracking. Adobe voice is another free APP and it is the best App for world languages. Dr. Smith stated that it is like photo story, text can be added and they can speak to it. This APP is simple to use and he has received great feedback on it. The students can research, pick groups and collaborate on projects. E backpack is our solution for workflow. Teachers have the ability to correct and mark up a students work and send it back to them. E backpack is used to get out information to students. Wikispaces is a free website for teachers and is currently being used by Earth Science teachers. It is open to students and is used collaboratively by teachers. Socrative

allows teachers to ask students a question and the students respond. The teacher will receive a spreadsheet which can be used and shared. It has a function that allows teachers to remove the student's name. Google forms is used by the Guidance Department. iTunes U is another free APP. Teachers can publish a course. There are three courses that are up and running as a resource for extra help. The courses include Living Environment, Geometry, and Algebra. There are additional courses being created that can incorporate web links and create video. Book Creator is an APP that allows students and teachers to create books. The students are creating study guides. This is a big shift for students and parents. Show Me/ doceri can be used to explain things. Doceri was introduced this summer for Math teachers. Dr. Smith stated that graphing is very difficult on the I pad.

Dr. Smith stated that one of the next steps in technology is that they have ordered 8 fitbits to be used with my fitness pal. Ms. Perinchief will be piloting this with her 8th grade Health class. There is support and on-going professional development for staff. There is a lot of sharing of ideas and discussions on how to improve. The Superintendent asked Dr. Smith if the High School wants to move away from using the I pad. Dr. Smith responded no, shifting to another device at this point would change everything that has been done. He feels that right now the High School is in a good place. There are certain things that are difficult to manipulate, but the kids are finding solutions. Ms. Napolitano asked how they find Apps. Dr. Smith stated that one way APPs are shared is by pushing out a list to teachers. Students and teachers also help with pushing out APP and suggesting additional ones that they have found and think are useful. Ms. Matzer asked about Book Creator. Dr. Smith explained that they can create a book to tell a story and can add pictures and write text. However, it is not collaborative, which would be ideal. Ms. Navarra loves Book Creator and stated that it speaks to being college ready. It is amazing. Dr. Ballantyne feels that it is a true gift to be able to create a study manual. All 8th and 9th graders are using the APPs. Ms. Matzer stated that from personal experience, she has seen growth and progress. Dr. Nagler stated that he is very pleased with the progress so far and is looking forward to expanding to the upper grades. Mr. Escobar stated that this is a process and it continues to grow. I pads will be used in ELL, Life skills, Music as well as general Education. Dr. Nagler stated that there will be future presentations on this topic. Mr. Barnett stated that he appreciates all of the work taking place at the high school. Mr. Escobar acknowledged Dr. Nagler for representing the District at the White House. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent had no additional comments at this time.

L. Public Comments

Mr. Barnett opened the floor to public comment, but there were none this evening. the Superintendent stated that he was in need of an executive session this evening.

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

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

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Nicole Matzer

Yes: Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Patricia Navarra
Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett

No: None

Passed: Yes

N. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: _____

No: _____

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea M. Paggi