

**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 - 2012-2013

Educational

- To use technology and NWEA assessment data to provide differentiated homework thereby increasing individual student achievement.
- To implement the Common Core Curriculum with an emphasis on assuring a correlation between the grade level unit assessments and State exam.
- Create grade 7-12 ELA curriculum in line with Common Core shifts in ELA/Literacy
- Continue to encourage HS students to challenge AP and/ or College level coursework with the goal of every student gaining this experience before they graduate
- Continue to engage the community in the District's Strategic Plan with a specific focus on the quality indicators that define Mineola's expectations of academic excellence.
- Assess the long term viability and explore expansion of the elementary world language program. Assess current program through parental input and student data.
- Implement, monitor and assess the effectiveness of the Pre-K -7 science program

Facilities

- Continue projects that incorporate 'green' technologies that over time will decrease our dependency on fossil fuels
- Begin to fund our Capital Reserve with the goal of achieving new windows and doors on all 4 elementary buildings

Finance

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

DATE: December 6, 2012

LOCATION: Willis Ave. School

OPEN WORK SESSION

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

Board of Education

William Hornberger, President
Terence Hale, Vice President
Irene Parrino, Trustee
Arthur Barnett, Trustee
Christine Napolitano, Trustee

Central Office

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

A. Call to Order- 7:00pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission- Patricia Burns

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

Absent: William Hornberger

Guest Speakers: Edward Escobar, High School Principal

Dr. Whittney Smith- Assistant Principal of Guidance

F. High School Student Organization Report

Tonight's Student Organization report was by Conor Dunleavy. He stated that tomorrow at the high school, the winter pep rally will take place. The Thanksgiving food drive organized by the SO was very successful and 17 local families received complete Thanksgiving dinners. Finally, Conor stated that on behalf of the Student Organization, he wanted to thank Dr. Nagler and the Board for coming to visit the cafeteria as promised at the last Board meeting. Dr. Nagler thanked Conor for his report.

G. Old Business

Mr. Hale asked the Board if there was any old business. Ms. Napolitano stated that yesterday, 12/5, she visited the cafeteria with Mr. Barnett, Ms. Parrino, and Dr. Nagler. They were present for period 6, 7 and 8 lunch. Ms. Napolitano stated that overall she was impressed with the food services and felt that students have many choices. She did note that there is a bottleneck problem at the salad bar. Ms. Napolitano stated that they spoke with Beth, in the cafeteria about it and Ms. Napolitano stated that she truly seemed to take the comments to heart. Ms. Napolitano stated that the lunch cost of \$1.75 seemed to be more than reasonable. She stated that the following suggestions were given to Beth: have pre-made salads available for students in a hurry and survey students as to what salads they would like to have premade. Mr. Barnett stated that he was impressed with Beth and what he saw in the cafeteria. Mr. Barnett stated that the students that he spoke to on line stated that they want things made how they want them and are willing to wait. Mr. Barnett stated that 7th period lunch is crowded but not out of hand. Mr. Barnett stated that he learned that portion size is mandated by the Department of Health and is out of the District's hands. Mr. Barnett stated that the students did tell him that they would like the panini maker back. Ms. Parrino stated that she admires that the students are advocating for themselves. She also stated that she was told by Beth that portions are mandated by the state and cannot be changed. Ms. Parrino stated that she did feel that the cafeteria could use another staff person. The Superintendent stated that he felt that the cafeteria is run very efficiently. He stated that all students that he spoke to stated that they are willing to wait to get things made how they want. The Superintendent stated that students who are in a rush go to the shortest lines. Dr. Nagler stated that no one at the high school knew that he and the Board were coming for a visit. He stated that at the last meeting during the SO report it was brought up that items run out for the 8th period lunch. Beth was made aware of this report and stated that the food is available but it must be prepared. It was also mentioned that students may get extra fruit and vegetables. Finally, Ms Napolitano added that she was a fan of the frozen yogurt and stated that it was very good.

Ms. Parrino stated she had a few items to discuss regarding Compass Learning. Ms. Parrino asked Ms. Burns if she had any information about the Parent University that took place to address Odyssey- Compass Learning, specifically any issues raised. Ms. Burns stated that she did not have information at this time. Ms. Parrino stated that the following issues with Compass learning have been brought to her attention by parents. Parents have reported that the program freezes when their children are working. The Superintendent stated that there is a pop-up window that parents were unaware of that would correct the problem. Parents

have now been made aware of what to do in case the program freezes. Another concern is whether or not the work is appropriate for each child. Dr. Nagler stated that teachers now have the ability to change the work and he recommended that parents contact the teacher if there is an issue. The Superintendent stated there have been similar concerns with E-Spark. He stated that we are trying very hard to raise the rigor of work. Compass is a new program and there are a large volume of students using it. Ms. Parrino stated that some parents felt that the compass work is not correlated to the child's school work. The Superintendent stated that it is designed not to be the same. He added that compass is not the answer to everything and it should not be the only homework that the child has each night.

The Superintendent gave an update on the Jackson Avenue Loop. He stated that job started today and he expressed his disappointment that it took so long for the job to begin. The Superintendent stated that the job will take place in two phases: concrete and a binder coat will be put down now and a finish coat will be laid in the Spring. The entire project should take about 3-4 weeks and they will try not to take away too many spots while working.

The Superintendent also gave an update on the audio system. He stated that another company has come in and looked at the space and they are putting together a proposal. The Board will be given the information when it is available.

H. New Business

RESOLUTION #31 -BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$3,500.00 to the Life Skills program from the Thomas & Jeanne Elmezzi Foundation to stock the school store which will be run by the Life Skills students.

Motion: Arthur Barnett

Second: Christine Napolitano

Discussion: The Superintendent stated that we are very thankful to the Thomas & Jeanne Elmezzi Foundation for this generous donation. This is the third year that they have donated to the Life Skills program and this year it will be put towards stocking the store.

Yes: Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett
Irene Parrino
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

H. New Business (continued)

RESOLUTION #32-BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement with the Parents of Student # 13611 and the Mineola UFSD is hereby approved and the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute the said agreement.

Motion: Arthur Barnett
Second: Irene Parrino

Discussion: The Superintendent stated that this agreement was discussed previously in executive session.

Yes: Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett
Irene Parrino
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

I. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 33-BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items I.1.a. through I.6.a., as presented.

Motion: Christine Napolitano
Second: Arthur Barnett

Discussion: Mr. Barnett stated that item 3.c.1 needed to be amended to reflect the effective date from November 27, 2012- May 31, 2013. A motion was made by Arthur Barnett to amend item 3.c.1 and was second by Christine Napolitano. All Board members were in favor and motion passed. There was no additional discussion. A vote was taken to approve the amended Resolution #33.

Yes: Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett
Irene Parrino
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

1. Accepting of Minutes

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of October 18, 2012 Business Meeting as presented.

2. **Instruction**

a. **Appointments Instruction**

1. The Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent to increase the appointment of Laura Doherty from a .2 Art Teacher to a .25 Art Teacher and a .7 Permanent Sub to a .75 Permanent Sub, effective November 1, 2012 with a salary of .25 of MA, Step 1, \$67,604 equaling \$16,901 and \$75 per day as a Permanent Sub.

b. **Appointments 45 Day Subs**

1. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Lauren Goodman, to the position of 45 Day Substitute Teacher for Kim Morrissey, at Jackson Avenue, effective October 19, 2012 to on or before June 30, 2013; salary: Days 1-20, \$100, Days 21-39 \$110, Days 40-45 \$120, Day 46 \$58,123 pro-rated.

2. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicole Destefano, to the position of 45 Day Substitute Teacher for Carole Perciballi, at Mineola Middle School, effective September 24, 2012 to on or before June 30, 2013; salary: Days 1-20, \$100, Days 21-39 \$110, Days 40-45 \$120, Day 46 BA, Step 1, \$58,123 pro-rated.

3. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Thomas Oswald, to the position of 45 Day Substitute Teacher for Theresa Duignan, effective November 5, 2012 to on or before June 30, 2013; salary: Days 1-20, \$100, Days 21-39 \$110, Days 40-45 \$120, Day 46 \$58,123 pro-rated.

c. **Appointment(S) Perm Sub**

1. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicholas A. Tonini, to the position of Permanent Substitute Teacher, at Mineola High School, at a daily rate of \$100.* Effective November 27, 2012 - May 31, 2013.

2. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Thomas M. McGuire, to the position of Permanent Substitute Teacher, at Mineola High School, effective November 27, 2012 to May 31, 2013. Salary: \$100 per day

d. **Appointment(s) Club/Stipends**

That the Board of Education approves the following Club/stipend recommendations for 2012-2013 year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
A Capella Advisor	Megan M. Messina	\$2,131.00
Art Club Advisor	Kathleen M. Loughlin	\$975.00
Art Honor Society	Gina-Marie Buongiovanni	\$975.00
Athletes Helping Athletes	Maryellen Perinchief	\$1,420.00
Brainstormers (.5)	Bette Sloane	.5 of \$1,420.00
Brainstormers (.5)	Robert M. Goodwin	.5 of \$1,420.00
Cheerleader Advisor - Fall	Laura Kligman	\$3,350.00
Cheerleader Advisor Winter	Laura Kligman	\$4,260.00
Class Advisor - Freshman	Jennifer Honerkamp	\$1,019.00
Class Advisor - Sophomore	Suzanne Sabatini	\$1,693.00
Class Advisor - Sophomore	Bette Sloane	\$1,693.00
Class Advisor - Junior	Donald A. Leopardi	\$2,367.00
Class Advisor - Junior	Nancy A. Regan	\$2,367.00
Class Advisor - Senior	Kimberly M. Stopanio	\$2,840.00
Class Advisor - Senior	Laura L. Grassie	\$2,840.00
Creative Writing Club	Andrew T. Smith	\$975.00

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Dynamics/Vocal Jazz Choir	Megan M. Messina	\$1,420.00
Environmental Club	Susan B. Kennedy	\$1,786.00
Italian Club Advisor	Giuseppa Iaboni	\$975.00
Gay Straight Alliance	Laura L. Grassie	\$1,785.00
Increase the Peace (.5)	Michael Furey	.5 of \$2,130.00
Increase the Peace (.5)	Cynthia L. Lombardi	.5 of \$2,130.00
Japanese Anime Advisor	Lucy A. Long	\$1,785.00
Jazz Ensemble 1	Donald R. Carreras Jr	\$1,420.00
Jazz Ensemble 2	Donald R. Carreras Jr	\$1,420.00
KwianisClub(Key Club)(.5)	Surabhi John	.5 of \$2,367.00
KwianisClub(Key Club)(.5)	Mary Raguseo	.5 of \$2,367.00
Latin Club	Gigi L. Foge	\$975.00
Literary Society Club	Mark Bomser	\$1,358.00
Math Olympiads-8th Grade	Lisa M. Marino	\$975.00
Mathletes Advisor	Suzanne Sabatini	\$1,420.00
Mentoring Latinas	Marie Watson	\$1,420.00
Mock Trial Advisor	Soraya Zahn Rogers	\$975.00
National Honor Society	Eileen Burke	\$1,547.00
Pep Band Advisor	Donald R. Carreras Jr	\$989.00
Question Mark Editor	Andrew T. Smith	\$3,940.00
Red Cross Advisor	Tara M. McDonnell	\$975.00
Science Club Advisor	Ellen McGlade-McCulloh	\$1,786.00
Signet Advisor-Business	Denise E. Zunno	\$3,640.00
Signet Advisor-Editorial	Paul A. Sommer	\$5,000.00
String Ensemble Advisor	Tracey M. Campbell	\$1,420.00
Student Organization	Francine Sclafani	\$4,388.00
Student Service Center(.5)	Eileen Burke	.5 of \$5,000.00
Student Service Center(.5)	Nancy A. Regan	.5 of \$5,000.00
Students Against Drunk Driving Advisor	Maryellen Perinchief	\$1,786.00
Television Production Club Advisor/Audio- Visual Production Club	Joseph Owens	\$2,840.00
Drama Director-Fall Production	Matthew Deluca	\$2,840.00
Drama Assistant Director	Bette Sloane	\$2,130.00
Drama Technical Director	Joseph Owens	\$1,420.00
Drama Stage Construction	Vincent Tunkel	\$2,130.00
Thespian Club	Matthew Deluca	\$975.00

3. **Instruction: Student Actions**

- a. That the Board of Education approves the Selective Classification request for the following student:

- Anthony Macchietto, 8th grade student, to compete on the Varsity Bowling Team for the 2012-2013 school year.

4. **Civil Service**

a. **Resignation(s)**

1. That the Board of Education accept the resignation of Kathleen H. Schumacher, part time Teacher Aide at Hampton Street School, effective November 16, 2012.

b. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jaclyn Lusardi, to the position of part time Videographer for the monthly Board of Education meetings, effective November 15, 2012. Salary will be \$8.00 per hour.

c. **Leave(s) of Absence**

1. That the Board of Education grant a request to Patricia Licari, part time Bus Attendant, for an unpaid Leave of Absence, due to family illness, effective November 20, 2012. Return date is undetermined at this time.
2. That the Board of Education grant a request to Kathleen Conway, part time Teacher Aide at Meadow Drive School, a Leave of Absence, due to personal family reasons, effective December 4, 2012. Return date is mid-January, 2013.

5. **Business /Finance**

a. **Budget Appropriation Adjustment**

1. That the Board of Education approves the acceptance of revenue in the amount of \$3,500 generated from a donation by the Thomas and Jeanne Elmezzi Foundation and makes the appropriation adjustment to the following budget code: 2250 500 07 2622.

6. **Other**

- a. That the Board of Education approve of a \$2,000 stipend for Kim Baker for the position of Training Instructor for Transportation for the school year 2012/2013.

Walk-On Agenda

RESOLUTION # 34- Whereas, the Board of Education adopted Resolution #29 on November 15, 2012 awarding Contract "G" for General Construction - General Construction, Site, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Electrical and Fire Alarm Work, for the Meadow Drive Project (SED control #28-04-10-03-0-001-011) bid opened October 24, 2012, to J-Cole Construction Co., Inc. (a/k/a J. Cole Construction, Inc.), for a total contract price of \$881,500.00 plus Alternate Nos. G2 through G6, \$57,500.00 for a total of \$939,000.00; and

Whereas, the said J-Cole Construction Co., Inc. subsequently rescinded their bid; and

Whereas, the second low bidder in connection with the said bid solicitation, Web Construction Corp., has offered to perform the said contract for the same amount as originally bid by J-Cole Construction Co., Inc.; now therefore be it

Resolved, that award of Contract "G" for General Construction - General Construction, Site, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Electrical and Fire Alarm Work, for the Meadow Drive Project (SED control #28-04-10-03-0-001-011) to J-Cole Construction Co., Inc. (a/k/a J. Cole Construction, Inc.), be and the same is hereby rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, that Contract "G" for General Construction - General Construction, Site, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Electrical and Fire Alarm Work, for the Meadow Drive Project (SED control #28-04-10-03-0-001-011) bid opened October 24, 2012, be and the same is hereby awarded to Web Construction Corp., as the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, for a total contract price of \$881,500.00 plus Alternate Nos. G2 through G6, \$57,500.00 for a total of \$939,000.00.

Motion: Arthur Barnett

Second: Christine Napolitano

Discussion: Mr. Hale asked the Superintendent to explain this item. The Superintendent stated that at the meeting on November 15th the Board voted to award the bid to J. Cole Construction and on the day that they were scheduled to break ground, the contractor rescinded the bid. The Superintendent stated that the District was protected by a bid bond. The Superintendent stated that they went to the second bidder who matched the price. Unfortunately, the project will start later than expected. Mr. Barnett stated that he feels the District should not use J. Cole in the future. Ms. Parrino asked if legal counsel was involved in all that occurred. The Superintendent stated that counsel was involved at all phases and stated that all that has transpired is acceptable. There was no further discussion.

Yes: Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett
Irene Parrino
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

J. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 12/6/12

Presentations:

1. Guest Presentation: Dr. Whitney Smith, Assistant Principal of Guidance and Ed Escobar, Principal
2. AGP Program
3. Election Polling Places

Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent introduced Whitney Smith, Assistant Principal of Guidance, and Ed Escobar, High School Principal, who would do the first presentation this evening on the High School Guidance Department. (The presentation can be found on the website on the Board of Education page). Mr. Smith stated that this evening he would be talking about the plans for the future as well as the issues for each grade level at the high school. Mr. Escobar stated that he would like to thank the guidance counselors who are in attendance this evening. He stated that Mr. Smith has been at the high school for two years now and he helped ease the transition of moving the 8th graders into the high school. Mr. Escobar stated that there are two main challenges for the guidance department: first, they must help students navigate adolescence, both academically and socially. Second, counselors must help students take the right courses in order to get into the right colleges. Mr. Escobar stated that he feels the high school guidance department is second to none. Mr. Smith stated that planning for college is very challenging and it actually starts from when the children are young. A Parent University is scheduled for 3/19, for elementary school parents regarding saving for college. At the Middle School, the role of the guidance department includes: facilitating parent-teacher meetings; individual and group counseling; and instructional support team chairs. The Guidance Department is also responsible for the Character Education Program (DASA), scheduling, Career Day, and Transition/Articulation meetings. Mr. Smith stated that at the high school, the 8th grade has a dedicated counselor to just focus on that grade. The Counselor is responsible for the following: classroom visits, individual and group counseling, orientation program for students and parents; planning for at-risk students; scheduling, and introducing the first piece of Naviance. For the 9th grade, the counselors are responsible for the following: classroom visits; Freshman Parent Night; team meetings and annual academic planning meeting. For the 10th grade, counselors are responsible for the following: Sophomore groups; Sophomore Parent Night; college day trips and annual academic planning meetings. For the 11th grade: Junior groups (Naviance- college and scholarship searches/ resume builder); Junior Parent night; PSAT; college day trip; college road trip and annual academic planning meetings. For the 12th grade, the counselors are responsible for the following: senior timeline; Naviance (college searches, about me, national scholarship search); kick off to college day; college trip and "On the Spot" Admission days. Mr. Smith discussed some of the Department highlights including: college mini fairs; Alumni Day; Athletic Recruiting night; participation in all CSE/504 meetings; group/individual counseling; SAT preparation; addition of NEFCU representative at financial aid night; career fair; and anti-bullying program (DASA). Mr. Smith stated that the department has expanded the At-Risk senior meetings. The goal is to identify early and put a plan together; there is then a 6 week follow-up meeting. This is followed by a second round of meetings. Mr. Smith stated that this year, approximately 30 students attended the National Hispanic College Fair at Molloy. This was arranged by guidance and the students were transported to the fair. Mr. Smith stated that he was very excited about the "Naviance Succeed & Family Connection". The Guidance department launched Naviance; every student will be able to do college searches, scholarship searches, on-line recommendation requests, and do their resume and brag sheet. Naviance is in sync with the Common Application. Teachers can do online recommendations and parents will have "Family Connection Accounts". Naviance also has an alumni tracker capability. Finally, Mr. Smith stated that this past year the Guidance department offered a "Virtual Summer School" Pilot. This was a partnership with Nassau BOCES and peak. It was a self pay program, which was half the cost of traditional summer school. Mr. Smith provided the following statistics as a result of this program: an

additional 16 students passed courses needed for graduation and an additional 22 regents exams were passed. Mineola participated in a focus group with the New York Comprehensive Center.

Mr. Smith asked the Board if there were any questions/comments. Mr. Barnett stated that he would like to see the juniors getting started on the Naviance program to give them a head start with the college process. Mr. Smith stated that this will be happening at the high school. Mr. Escobar added that Alumni Day has been changed and students are being spoken to about what needs to be done starting in junior year. Mr. Smith stated that the plan with Naviance is to start introducing it to students in 8th grade and to gradually build on it each year. The Superintendent stated that the Naviance program has been around for ten years and Mr. Smith has taken on the role to really utilize this program. He added that it meets students where they are at and overtime it will give us a great deal of valuable information. Ms. Napolitano stated that she likes the idea of starting the college conversations with parents of elementary students. She also thinks it is great that the middle school students get a college visit. Ms. Napolitano suggested that for Alumni Day, older alumni be invited to speak to student because they can offer another perspective to students. Finally, she stated that she is very glad that Career Day is being re-introduced and suggested that we alternate between careers in STEM and Humanities. Mr. Smith stated that he wants to start looking at careers earlier and they can do group work with students. Ms. Napolitano asked what is being done for students who are not heading to college. Mr. Smith stated that Naviance also offers information for those students such as certificate programs and the high school has other events set up such as Military Day. The Superintendent thanked Mr. Escobar, Mr. Smith and the guidance counselors for coming this evening. He stated that the guidance department plays a vital role at the high school.

Mr. Hale opened the floor for public comment, specific to the guidance presentation. One resident/parent made a comment at this time. There were no other comments.

The Superintendent stated that the next presentation this evening is "School Election Polling Places" (the presentation can be found on the district website). The Superintendent stated that currently, we have 4 polling places: Jackson, Meadow, Hampton, and this year we used the American Legion in place of Cross Street. He is recommending that we change the number of sites from 4 to 2. The cost associated with the election includes: hiring personnel, machine rental and transportation, and ballots. The cost is high and it can go higher if a revote becomes necessary. The Superintendent stated that moving forward the following must be considered: as the districts are forced to use the new voting machines, cost will rise. The Machines are costly and will need to be stored and the ballots are expensive. This year, we were able to utilize the American Legion; availability in the future may be an issue as well as the fact that there is no Wi-Fi at the site. Another issue is personnel, there have been issues with getting workers and the hourly rate may need to be increased. Also, as the switch is made to the new machines all employees would need to be trained. The following is recommended; reduce polling places from 4 to 2 (Meadow and Jackson). BOLD Systems will re-organize voting books and mail new location cards to all registered voters. The Superintendent stated that voting would be organized by zip code. Mr. Barnett recommends 1 central polling place. The Superintendent stated that one location could be problematic due to parking and if a school is used, we would need the gym all day. Mr. Barnett suggested that the Superintendent contact the mayor of Mineola and explore the possibility of using the Village Hall and splitting the cost of purchasing the new voting machines. Mr. Hale opened the floor to the public to comment on the polling place presentation and there were no comments.

The final presentation this evening is the "Academically Gifted Program" (the presentation can be found on the district website on the BOE page). The Superintendent stated that it is estimated that 3-4% of the population are truly gifted; the term gifted is over used and over prescribed. We administer the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) to all 3rd grade students. The exam has three test batteries: verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal. Each battery receives a separate score and one weighted composite score is also calculated. The Superintendent stated that he feels we should provide services for gifted students just as we do for special

education students. Dr. Nagler displayed some sample questions for the group in order to show how quickly students must think and work. Next, he displayed a Bell Curve to show how scores are broken down in to stanines. The Superintendent explained the current admission criteria. He stated that most districts establish admission based on a composite score of 130 or higher. In Mineola, we will consider individual battery scores in addition to the composite, which can result in a large range of abilities in AGP. Dr. Nagler stated that we have to move away from labels that are incorrect. This year, the curriculum has changed at the Middle School: 5th grade- Math, 6th grade- Social Studies, and 7th grade STEM. At Jackson, there are a number of electives and this is an enrichment program. The Superintendent is looking to the Board for direction in goals for the program going forward. He stated that current students would continue in the program. He would like to see to following going forward: provide academically gifted students access to his/her academic peers across Long Island by exploring a partnership with a college. Also, focus on Science as the subject of content delivery and utilize a backward design for science research. The Superintendent would like to see a three pronged program incorporating the current, a partnership and enrichment. He added that for grades 1-4 enrichment, it could be difficult to determine the criteria and we would need to be very definite. Dr. Nagler feels that we are ready to move forward and focus more on the program. Mr. Hale opened the floor to public comment regarding the AGP presentation. One resident/ parent expressed her one concern and made a comment. There were no additional comments.

Superintendent Comments:

The Superintendent stated that he had a few additional comments. He attended the high school production of Anne Frank and stated that the kids did a great job. He added that it always amazes him how a new student will always surface in these productions. Dr. Nagler gave kudos to Mr. DeLuca and all of the students involved.

The Superintendent stated that he was proud to announce that the District has been awarded a Management Efficiency Grant from the Governor in the amount of \$213,139 per year. He stated that we were awarded the grant for our consolidation of the schools and staff. There were 38 Districts that applied and only 16 districts were awarded the grant. The money cannot be used for capitol projects or salary and he is currently assessing how to use the money.

The Superintendent stated that the High School Climate survey was launched today and was sent to parents, students and staff. It will allow individuals to give their anonymous views of the high school. The plan is to then send on for the middle school followed by the elementary schools; this will be a four year process.

The Superintendent stated that he is in need of an executive session.

K. Executive Session Time: 9:30 p.m.

At 9:30pm, a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into executive session to discuss negotiations.

Motion: Christine Napolitano

Second: Arthur Barnett

Yes: Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett
Irene Parrino
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

L. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: _____

No: _____

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea M. Paggi