

**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 - 2011-2012

- ***Educational***
 - *To increase the use of assessment data (NWEA) to inform differentiated instruction thereby increasing individual student achievement*
 - *To continue our growth as professional learning communities focusing on common formative assessments to demonstrate individual student growth*
 - *Re-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*
 - *Increase opportunities for participation in science and math research at the elementary and middle school levels*

- ***Facilities***
 - *Continue projects that incorporate "green" technologies that over time will decrease our dependency on fossil fuels*

- ***Finance***
 - *To continue the district initiative to actualize a five year plan to maintain a stable tax levy while minimizing loss of program*

DATE: March 1, 2012

LOCATION: Willis Ave. School

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

Board of Education

Christine Napolitano, President
William Hornberger, Vice President
John McGrath, Trustee
Irene Parrino, Trustee
Terence Hale, 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- 7:04pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission- Mr. Waters

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions- Absent: Irene Parrino

F. High School Student Organization Report

Ms. Napolitano introduced Mathias to present the high school report. It was reported that the SO Bake Sale raised \$300. The Senior Class will be hosting another "Kids Night" tomorrow at the high school. The Spring Pep Rally is tomorrow and each class will be wearing a different color and this is also Spirit Week and there have been different activities everyday. Ms. Napolitano thanked Mathias for his report.

The Superintendent stated that tonight as a special presentation, he invited students from the Middle School to come and speak about their experiences with technology. Dr. Nagler introduced the staff that are also at tonight's meeting: Mr. Barth, principal, Mr. Mauer, assistant principal, Ms. Hochhauser, Ms. Wojis, Mr. Interrante, Ms. Salesi, Mr. Gavin and Mr. Licht. Students from 5th, 6th and 7th grade are in attendance.

The 5th grader students presented first. Ms. Wojis and Ms. Rivera reported on E-Spark and how it works with NWEA scores in order to reinforce areas of need. Two students demonstrated some their current work and their APPs. It was reported that I-desk is a lot of fun and Stop motion was one student's favorite App. The teachers stated that they can monitor each students progress through dashboard. The next part of the presentation was by the 7th grade students and their teacher Ms. Salesi and Ms. Maichin. Four students presented and they demonstrated the following: strip design, I-movies and the Khan Academy. All three students were very enthusiastic about their use of technology and stated that they like using the I-PAD. Mr. Mauer stated that teachers work with their students and suggest goals for the week. The teachers monitor the individual progress and set new goals accordingly. He stated that students know when they become proficient in an area. The last student to present demonstrated the Show Me APP. She stated that it helps students learn differently. Mr. Mauer stated that students embed information and pictures. The final part of the presentation was by the 6th grade student and their teacher, Mr. Interrante. He reported that technology is not isolated here and kids can articulate what they are learning. Mr. Interrante stated that the IT department is doing a great job. Ms. Napolitano asked if students are really learning and not just memorizing. Mr. Interrante stated that he feel that the students are learning long term and are able to access it better than anytime in the past. The children think creatively and can create using using these tools. The students presented on their use of netbooks. They presented on Movie Maker, Khan Academy and One note. The students express their enthusiasm for this technology. Mr. Interrante further explained the Khan Academy, which is free to use. Mr. Interrante stated that teachers can monitor the progress of each student and are assigned as the coach for the class. Teachers get daily activity reports for the class.

Ms. Napolitano asked the students present how they would feel if the Netbooks/ IPADs were taken away. The students overwhelmingly expressed they would be upset. The Superintendent asked what the students like the most and they responded: the APPs, different programs, going green (i.e. saving paper) and it is a fun way to learn. Students were split on which they like better Netbooks or IPADs. Dr. Nagler stated that he is very passionate about technology. He stated that we are the only district in the county using E-Spark. Dr. Nagler added that we will be piloting a program in Jackson Avenue- Compass learning. This program helps with differentiating homework for students, creates an individual web page for students and provides teachers with a dashboard to monitor progress. This program is skills based and focuses on the needs of kids. Mr. Hornberger stated that he doesn't feel that all teachers have the same enthusiasm toward this technology. Dr. Nagler stated that this is where the building administrators need to provide professional development. He added that he understands Mr. Hornberger's frustration but we cannot change everyone. Mr. Hornberger stated that he feels teachers must be held accountable. Dr. Nagler added that we are teaching students skills that they will be use through their lives.

G. Old Business

RESOLUTION# 58 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD approves the following renumbering of previously approved resolutions: January 5, 2012 Resolution #49 will now be Resolution #49a and January 19, 2012 Resolution #49 will now be Resolution #49b.

Motion: John McGrath

Second: William Hornberger

Discussion: The Superintendent stated that this resolution is to correct a clerical error in the numbering of the resolutions.

Yes: Terence Hale

John McGrath

William Hornberger

Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

Ms. Napolitano asked the Board if there was any Old Business. Mr. McGrath asked for a status report of the Hampton Street project. The Superintendent stated that the project is going well and the exterior walls are almost complete. He reported that we are on schedule and are looking at a completion date in August.

H. New Business

There was no new business.

I. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 59-BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items I.1.a. through I.4.a.1., as presented.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

There was no discussion.

Yes: Terence Hale
John McGrath
William Hornberger
Christine Napolitano
No: None

Passed: Yes

1. **Instruction**

a. **Appointment(s) Coaches**

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following coaches for 2011-2012 year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Spring Track Assistant	Mitchell H. Kastoff	1	\$4,250.00

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

That the Board of Education approves the following Club/stipend recommendations for 2011-2012 year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Math Olympiads Advisor	Lisa M. Marino	\$898.00
Chess Club	Donald A. Leopardi	\$896.00

2. **Instruction: Contracted**

That the Board of Education approves the agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and CompassLearning, Inc. to provide professional development effective from February 1, 2012- July 31, 2012 at the cost of \$3,500.00.

3. **Instruction: Other**

- a. That the Board of Education amends the start date for Annmarie Palumbo, Color Night Advisor, from February 3, 2012 to January 3, 2012.
- b. That the Board of Education amends the start date for Jerrill Critchley, Color Night Assistant, from February 3, 2012 to January 3, 2012.

4. **Business /Finance**

a. **Budget Appropriation Adjustment**

1. That the Board of Education approves the following budget transfer for \$11,800.00 from budget code 1620445000000 to budget code 5510400000000, to replace three garage doors at the transportation garage.

J. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent stated that there will be three presentations tonight: Budget, School Times and the 2012/2013 Calendar. The Superintendent introduced Mr. Waters to present "2012-2013 Budget- 1st Draft". (The presentation can be found on the website on the Board of Education page). Mr. Waters stated that Mineola is permitted to increase its tax levy by 1.93% or \$1,443,803. Mr. Waters stated that districts now determine their budgets based on the TOTAL estimated revenues they will receive for the budget year. It was reported that the 2012-2013 total estimated revenue is \$83,342,180. Therefore, the Budget cannot exceed this amount unless the District elects to use a portion of the Unrestricted fund balance (i.e. pay for a project). Mr. Waters stated that the current budget is \$84,221,638 and the 2012/13 draft budget is \$83,342,180, which is a decrease of \$879,458 or 1.04%. The major expense categories are salaries and benefits. It was reported that there is a 500,000 increase in salaries and major increases in Mandated contributions to Pension system and Health Insurance. Mr. Waters reported the following Budget Factors: No staff excess (other than retirees) are calculated in budget yet; and all current programs are included in the budget.

Next, the Superintendent reported on the 2012- 2013 School Calendar (the two options were presented on 1/19). Dr. Nagler stated that the calendar will be finalized at the next meeting on 3/15. He reported that there has been an APPR settlement and the State has decided that regents week will end on 6/21. The Superintendent showed the two calendar options and reminded the group that calendar two has no snow day built in. He reported that he feels better about option 1 because it provides the District with a little more wiggle room. Mr. McGrath stated that he is in favor of Option 1. Mr. Hornberger felt that although it is not the perfect option, he is in favor of the first option. Mr. Hale asked about April 2nd, not currently being a day off even though it is the last day of Passover. Dr. Nagler stated that it could be looked at moving 5/24 to 4/2. Mr. Hale also stated that option 1 appears to be the better option at this time.

Finally, the Superintendent stated that he had posted the three options for school times on his blog and he had received 54 comments. Dr. Nagler reported that for Option 1: the main issue raised was the close dismissal time of Meadow Drive and Jackson Avenue. It was reported by the Superintendent that for all scenarios there were child care issues brought up. SCOPE can run a before school program, however they will need 15 children in order to have a program. They can also open a breakfast program. Dr. Nagler stated that the issue raised for Option 2 was the dismissal time conflict with Jackson Avenue and Chaminade. Finally, Dr. Nagler stated that there were the most objections to Option 3 which involved the high school starting later and the younger children having an early start. The Superintendent stated that Mr. Gilberg, Ass't Supervisor of Transportation, prefers Option 2, with the condition that a bus loop is put in at Jackson Avenue. Dr. Nagler stated that he will present diagrams of a bus loop at the next meeting. He stated that a bus loop is needed for the safety of the children not just for time. Mr. Hornberger stated that he did not like option 2 and leaned toward option 1. The Superintendent stated that option 1 would need to be tweaked. He added that according to Mr. Gilberg option 2 makes it easier to get the buses back. Dr. Nagler stated that if option 1 is chosen then transportation would need to clean up the times a little more and we would need to get the SCOPE information out to parents to determine needs. The Superintendent stated that the calendar will be finalized at the next meeting and bell time will be decided at either the next meeting or at the third meeting in March.

The Superintendent showed pictures of the progress on the Hampton Street Project and stated that it is moving along nicely.

The Superintendent stated that at the last meeting it was decided that the Williston Park Village Hall would be used as the voting place instead of Cross Street, however, it cannot be used because the lever machines do not fit. Therefore, the new voting location will be the American Legion, located at 730 Willis Avenue, Williston Park.

The Superintendent stated that during the February break, students from the high school went to Spain and Italy. The trips reportedly went well and he showed off the postcards and souvenirs that he received from the students. The Superintendent stated that the high school is spoosoring a fundraiser on 3/29 and he suggested that the Board meeting be moved to the high school on that night. The Superintendent stated that he is in need of an executive session.

K. Executive Session Time: 9:35 p.m.

At 9:35 pm, a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion: John McGrath

Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale **No:** None
 John McGrath
 William Hornberger
 Christine Napolitano

Passed: Yes

L. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: _____ **No:** _____
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Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Paggi