

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 – 2010-2011

- ***Educational***
 - *To further expand the district initiative of differentiated instruction specifically focusing on individual student achievement.*
 - *To continue our growth as professional learning communities focusing on common formative assessments to demonstrate individual student growth*
 - *To continue to provide the resources to attain a Intel finalist within the next three years*
- ***Facilities***
 - *To investigate and embrace 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*

DATE: November 4, 2010

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

OPEN WORK SESSION

7:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Staff Lounge

Board of Education

Terence Hale, President
Christine Napolitano, Vice President
John McGrath
William Hornberger
Irene Parrino

Central Office

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools
Jack Waters, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations
Janice Patterson, Asst. Supt. for Pupil Pers. Services
Patricia Burns, Asst. Supt. of Curr., Instr., Assessment
Donna Martillo, District Clerk

A. Call to Order

At 7:03 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Hale.

President Hale suspended the order of the agenda in order to allow the Mineola High School Thespian Troupe to perform excerpts from the production *Laramie Project*.

A motion was made to go out of order of the agenda.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Christine Napolitano

Yes: Irene Parrino
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale
No: None

Passed: Yes

Mr. Hornberger was not in attendance and would be arriving later.

- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Reading of Mission – Jack Waters**
- D. Moment of Silent Meditation**
- E. Dais & Visitor Introductions**

Also in attendance: Ed Escobar, Principal of Mineola High School; Larry Puccio, Asst. Principal of the High School; Pete Freeman, Supervisor of Fine & Performing Arts.

F. High School Play Presentation

Introduction of Mr. DeLuca and students who performed snippets from the Fall Production *Laramie Project*. Mr. Matt DeLuca, Director of the production introduced 6 of the 33 cast members (Neha Narvekar, Siobhan Adams, Gabrielle Ward, Vickie DiBella, Meghan Starkes, and Lesley Donelan) and described the storyline behind the play (A chronicle of the life of the town Laramie in a year after the murder of Matthew Shepard, who was kidnapped, beaten and left to die tied to a fence, because he was gay). The play will be presented November 19th at 7:00 p.m. and 20th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Superintendent of Schools thanked Mr. DeLuca and looks forward to attending the Friday night performance.

At 7:21 p.m. Mr. Hornberger joined the meeting.

G. Consensus Agenda

1. Tenure Appointment
 - a. That the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint Vincenzina Dziorny, Special Education Teacher at Mineola High School effective November 19, 2010.
2. Amendment of Registrars & Inspectors for the 10/26/10 Bond Vote
 - a. That the Board of Education amends the list of Registrars and Inspectors for the October 26, 2010 Bond Vote as follows:

- Increase Anna Spatola’s work hours from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. instead of a 1:00 p.m. start, at the same hourly rate when originally appointed;
- Accept the withdrawal of Patricia Styrjewski, Registrar, at the Jackson Avenue School;
- Reassignment of Marianne Siwinski to the Registrar position, 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the same hourly rate when originally appointed;
- Appointment of Marie Encizo as Inspector at Jackson Avenue School from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the hourly rate of \$10.00. Ms. Encizo will also be compensated at the hourly rate to attend the October 25, 2010 workshop.

3. Resignation/Leave of Absence

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Amy Kuchynskas, Hourly Special Education Teacher, effective November 5, 2010.
- b. That the Board of Education grants a request to Stacey Rosenblatt, for an extension to her unpaid leave of absence, for child-rearing purposes, effective December 8, 2010 to January 31, 2011.
- c. That the Board of Education grants a request to Christine Gayson, for a leave of absence, using sick days, for child-rearing purposes, starting approximately November 9, 2010.

4. Appointments

- a. That the Board of Education approves the following Hampton Street School Clubs and Stipends for the 2010-2011 school year:

Club	Advisor	Stipend
Safety Patrol	Peter Carlson	\$562.00
K-Kids	William DiGennaro	\$381.50
K-Kids	Maria Emersonn	\$381.50
Morning News Crew*	Kathy Crawley	\$261.00
Morning News Crew*	Mark Bennett	\$261.00
Math Olympiads	Janice Killelea	\$598.00

*Split stipend

- b. That the Board of Education approves the following Middle School clubs and Stipends for the 2010-2011 school year:

CLUB	ADVISOR	STIPEND
Book Club	A. Palumbo/I. Milberg	\$898.00
Book Store	A. Palumbo	898.00
Builders Club/Community	S. Klein / I. Milberg	1092.00
Chess Club	M. Mildon	1092.00
Color Night	M. Perinchief	2850.00

Color Night Assistant	J. Critchley	1938.00
Environmental Club	L. Spanhake	988.00
6th Grade Math Club	L. Spanhake	898.00
Math Olympiads – 7/8 gr.	K. Werfelman	898.00
Mock Trial	S. Zahn-Rogers	1364.00
National Junior Honor Society	S. Klein	1364.00
Newspaper	D. Smith	2746.00
P.A.W.S	S. Klein	988.00
Peace Club	D. Smith/ N. Bolettieri	898.00
Photography Club	A. Antonelli	1332.00
Science Club	M. Mildon	927.00
Student Government	L. Villalta	3055.00
Yearbook	A. Palumbo/A. Antonelli	2530.00

- c. That the Board of Education approves the following Meadow Drive School Clubs and Stipends for the 2010-2011 school year:

Margie Buttgerreit	Student Council	.5 of \$1,010 = \$505.00
Leslie Van Bell	Student Council	.5 of \$1,010 = \$505.00
Brad Carrell	Math Olympiads	.5 of \$ 598 = \$299.00
Mary Kenny	Math Olympiads	.5 of \$ 598 = \$299.00

- d. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Permanent Substitute Teachers, effective October 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011; salary, \$100.00 per day:

Willis	Manuelina Ambrosio
Willis	Kristen Ryan (2days)
High School	Thomas Oswald
Middle School	Thomas Leninger

- e. That the Board of Education approves the following Cross Street School Clubs and Stipends for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>NAME OF CLUB</u>	<u>ADVISOR(S)</u>	<u>CLUB STIPEND</u>
Newspaper	Tom Nucci / Barbara Paganini	\$522.00
Student Council	Karen Carraro	\$1,010.00
Safety Patrol	Tom Nucci	\$562.00
Math Olympiads	Jeanine Gallina	\$598.00

- f. That the Board of Education approves the following Jackson Avenue School Clubs and Stipends for the 2010-2011 school year:

Math Olympiads	Nicole Bartone	\$ 598.00
Student Council	Dee Wojis/Amanda Bernard	\$1,010.00 Split
School Bookstore	Courtney Zaleski/Morgan Mercaldi	\$ 597.00 Split
Yearbook	Matthew DeLuca	\$ 522.00
School Newspaper/ History Club	Sid Burgreen	\$ 522.00

- g. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following additional coaches for the Winter Interscholastic Season for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>SPORT & LEVEL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Girls Winter Track	Tom Leninger	2	\$6,919.00
Boys Winter Track	Zachary Sabatino	1	\$6,251.00
Winter Track Assistant	Thomas Wilkens	1	\$4,250.00
8 th Grade Girls Basketball	Al Weidlein	3	\$5,347.00

- h. That the Board of Education approves the following Mineola High School Clubs and Stipends for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>2010/2011 Stipend</u>
Answer Wise/Brainstormers	Paul Pereira	\$449.50
Answer Wise/Brainstormers	Valerie Liese	\$449.50
Cheerleaders	Hyunah Park	\$7,042.00
Class Advisor – Freshmen	Donald Leopardi	\$1,019.00
Class Advisor – Sophomores	Kim Stopanio	\$1,693.00
Class Advisor – Sophomores	Laura Grassie	\$1,693.00
Class Advisor – Juniors	Eleni Theodorakis	\$2,367.00
Class Advisor – Juniors	Jennifer Honerkamp	\$2,367.00
Class Advisor – Seniors	Francine Sclafani	\$2,367.00
Class Advisor – Seniors	Karen Cordani	\$2,367.00
Environmental Club	Susan Kennedy	\$1,786.00
Future Teachers of America	Eileen Burke	\$893.00
Future Teachers of America	Nancy Regan	\$893.00
Gay/Straight Alliance	Laura Grassie	\$1,786.00
Increase the Peace	Cynthia Lombardi	\$814.00
Increase the Peace	Michael Furey	\$814.00
Italian Club(replaces Portuguese)	Giuseppa Iaboni	\$899.00
Japanese Anime	Lucy Long	\$1,786.00
Key Club	Stacey	
Key Club	Andrzejweski	\$1,183.50
Key Club	Maureen Connolly	\$1,183.50
Latin Club	Gigi Foge	\$899.00
Literary Society	Mark Bomser	\$1,358.00
Mathletes	Suzanne Sabatini	\$899.00
Mock Trials	Ken Coy	\$899.00
National Honor Society	Maureen Connolly	\$1,547.00
Photography Club	Gina Buongiovanni	\$1,332.00
Question Mark (split stipend)	Kieran Molloy	\$1,970.00
Question Mark (split stipend)	Francine Sclafani	\$1,970.00
Red Cross Club	Tara McDonnell	\$899.00
SADD	Eileen Burke	\$893.00
SADD	Nancy Regan	\$893.00
Science Club	Harry McLaughlin	\$1,786.00
Student Athletes Helping Athletes	Denise Zunno	\$1,157.00
Student Organization	Valerie Liese	\$4,388.00
TV Production Club	Joseph Owens	\$2,367.00
Yearbook – Business	Denise Zunno	\$3,640.00
Yearbook – Editor	Paul Sommer	\$4,825.00

5. Civil Service

a. Resignation/Leave of Absence(s)

1. That the Board of Education approves the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, for Janet Ross, Bus Attendant, with regret, effective October 20, 2010.
2. That the Board of Education approves the paid Medical Leave of Absence for Terence Doyle, Maintainer, effective October 27, 2010 for approximately 6 weeks. Return will be at his doctor's discretion.
3. That the Board of Education approves the unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Monica Morrone, part time Teacher Aide, effective October 18, 2010, return will be at doctor's discretion.

a. Appointment(s)

1. That the Board of Education approves the re-appointment of Lisa Lappin who was excessed as a part time Teacher Aide on June 30, 2010. Ms Lappin will be appointed to the position of Greeter, effective November 1, 2010; salary will be Step 2, \$10.25 per hour (2008-2009 Teacher Aide Salary Schedule).

6. Contract

- a. That the Board of Education approves of an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Claire Wiener, Consultant, to work with Grades 1-5 Teachers; Assessment Training, Everyday Mathematics. To be paid with Title I 2010-2011 money. Total cost, \$900.00.
- b. That the Board of Education approves of an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and Henry Mazer, Consultant to work with full time Teacher Aides, The Three R's (Roles, Responsibilities & Rewards) Workshop. To be paid with Title I 2010-2011 money. Total cost, \$300.00.
- c. That the Board of Education approves a License Agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and SCOPE Education Services for the SAT/PSAT Preparatory Program for the 2010-2011 school year. The School District will provide classroom space for the operation of the Program at no expense to SCOPE.

RESOLUTION #34 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District approves Consensus Agenda items H.1.a. through H.6.c. as presented.

Motion: Christine Napolitano
Second: William Hornberger

Discussion: The Superintendent of Schools discussed the tenure process and asked Ms. Patterson, Mr. Escobar, and Mr. Puccio to come up and speak about tenure candidate Ms. Dziorny.

Ms. Patterson stated that Ms. Dziorny is an exceptional Special Education Teacher. Ms. Dziorny began as a substitute teacher and now teaches High School students. The district is all the better because of her and congratulated Ms. Dziorny on receiving tenure.

Mr. Puccio stated that he knows Ms. Dziorny many years and she is always there to help students and he thanked her.

Mr. Escobar explained that Ms. Dziorny knows what everyone of her 6 or 7 students are working on at the same time and makes sure they are all on task. She is the type of person one can count on to help, i.e. Marching Band. He is proud and happy in her receiving tenure.

They presented Ms. Dziorny with a bouquet of flowers.

The Superintendent of Schools explained the tenure process and finds Ms. Dziorny to be on target all the time. He further stated that in providing services to students who have the greatest amount to achieve, you need teachers like Ms. Dziorny, who care the most.

Ms. Dziorny thanked the Board and shook their hands.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Christine Napolitano

Yes: Irene Parrino
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

H. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent of Schools introduced Sharon Macken and Patricia Burns to present the annual report and quality indicators from last year. The Superintendent of Schools stated that they hope to streamline this process more in getting the report delivered over the Summer instead of the Fall. He further explained that part of this evening's presentation will be discussing the following: State assessments in changing cut scores, what it means to Mineola, and what Mineola is doing differently this year in tracking student progress.

Ms. Macken, Chief Information Officer, presented the annual report of the district and discussed the following: ELA and Math results; New York State changing cut scores to new proficiency standards; explained what the results meant after the State changed the cut scores; State tests are unreliable to furnish information, the district needs to focus on something more measurable for students; briefly explained how NWEA can assist the district in assessing student progress. The Superintendent of Schools explained that the Race to the Top grant money will require new assessments which the State will implement in the next 3 years.

Ms. Napolitano inquired about level 4, that cut scores went down in all grades but one. Ms. Macken responded that they appear that way; the difference is that level 4 was not adjusted and level 2 and 3 were.

Mr. McGrath inquired about the discrepancy between Math and English. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the district may be better in Math. Ms. Macken stated that the district's Math program contributes to its success and explained there was no study if the Math tests were easier, it was just rumored. Mr. McGrath commented; that because the questions became competitive was not a true measure of student achievement, but instead, testing to the test. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the State should have changed the exam.

Mr. McGrath inquired of Ms. Macken what she meant by the State tests were unreliable. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the district is not learning anything from the results, and unreliable in how hard children and teachers were working. The district needs a better way to know if individual students are growing in their academics. The Superintendent of Schools stated that he hopes the State's end product is as robust as the NWEA is going to be.

Mr. McGrath inquired how NWEA is in alignment with national core standards of New York State. The Superintendent of Schools responded that they have aligned with New York standards as the common core. Once identified what those pieces are NWEA will match.

Ms. Napolitano inquired how NWEA assesses writing skills. The Superintendent of Schools responded it does not, which is why the district started writers' workshop.

Ms. Macken stated that the key for NWEA is triangulation to get the best assessment for students. She explained what she meant by unreliable.

Mr. Hornberger commented that he agrees with Mr. McGrath that the disparity between cut scores in ELA and Math is glaring. Mr. Hornberger expressed that he hopes NWEA will help the district do better in English, and raise the bar in all areas.

Mr. McGrath commented that these scores are not reliable to make judgments. It may be the Math Department did a better job. Mr. McGrath stated he supports moving to NWEA because he does not have confidence in State tests.

A resident inquired about level 4 dropping off, if it was district-wide, and was it due to a weakness in the program. The Superintendent of Schools responded that it depends on

how many questions were asked on the topic. A gap analysis may indicate the district is weak in a particular area, or they only asked 2 questions. NWEA's minimum is 9 questions in a specific area. The Superintendent of Schools stated that NWEA helps teachers in areas where students are deficient and State exams are not doing it.

A resident inquired as to grades participating in NWEA. Ms. Macken responded K-5, 9 and 10. Mr. McGrath inquired when all grades would participate. The Superintendent of Schools responded the district intends to start the 8th grade in the Spring so they can go to the High School with a number.

I. New Business

The Superintendent of Schools discussed the following regarding a second Bond Vote, February 8, 2011: Two (2) propositions Part A and Part B and explained that residents will be voting on Part A (Addition of 8 classrooms, an all-purpose room, and bus loop to the Jackson Avenue School at a cost of \$4.4 million) as well as Part B (Addition of 4 classrooms onto the Hampton Street School to be used instead of the Willis Avenue School in the North/South configuration at a cost of \$1.7 million). Part B is contingent upon Part A passing by voters. If Part A is defeated by voters and Part B is passed, the school that would be designated as the South school would be Willis and Hampton would close. If the Bond is defeated the district would go to the default plan (Jackson 3-4; Willis PreK-2 (South School); Middle School 5-7; High School 8-12).

Mr. McGrath requested clarification that if Part A fails no money would be forthcoming from Part B and if a resident is against spending any money and wants to have their voice heard they will cast a vote for Part B and not for Part A.

Ms. Napolitano inquired as to communication to the public. The Superintendent of Schools responded the district will have an Outreach publication, visit all PTAs, and implement the same procedures as the last process, but there will be no stickers on the children this time.

Mr. Hale requested clarification that if Part A passes that 5th (Elementary) and 8th (Middle School) grades will remain where they currently are, and Central Office will remain at Willis with Pre-K. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he can't tell how students will transition if they don't use Willis. Mr. Hale clarified that there would not be a roof top playground at Willis. The Superintendent of Schools explained the following: parking at Willis would have to be taken away for green space; Willis would be used until Hampton's additions were completed; Meadow would be Pre-K-2 (North School); Cross would close, September 2011 and either Hampton or Willis in September 2012; and 25 million dollars would be saved over 10 years. Ms. Napolitano inquired if revenue was included in the 25 million. Mr. Hornberger responded that the transition plan for this option does not include revenue. The Superintendent of Schools stated that he would try to limit the number of transitions to one.

Mr. Hornberger commented that the Finance Committee only looked at Part A. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the staffing piece remains the same.

Ms. Napolitano inquired that if the Bond were to fail would there be an immediate Board Meeting. The Superintendent of Schools responded he is assuming the default remains the same and they would move forward with the default plan.

Mr. McGrath commented that if the residents turned down a \$6.7 million Bond what makes administration think they would vote for a \$6.1 million Bond. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he hears from parents that they don't want 5th and 8th grades to go to the Middle and High Schools and it gives them the opportunity for those who don't like Willis to voice their opinion. The Superintendent of Schools also discussed: if a building is not changed the district will repeat the same cycle of 34 years; and 3 of the buildings are too small.

Ms. Napolitano commented that if a building is not closed in September 2011 the taxpayers are looking at a 7% tax levy increase. Mr. McGrath inquired if it was a budget-to-budget increase. The Superintendent of Schools responded tax levy.

This discussion was now opened up to the public:

- ❖ A resident inquired if Willis was closed could it be rented to BOCES. The Superintendent of Schools responded that BOCES is not interested and explained that only a not-for-profit 503(c) entity could lease Willis. Mr. McGrath inquired as to the amount left on the Bond regarding Willis. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the district just re-funded for 20 years. Ms. Parrino inquired if there were any exceptions. The Superintendent of Schools responded if the Bonds are refunded they are tax exempt and it would not be cost effective.
- ❖ A resident commented that there were more parents against Willis than the 5th and 8th grades moving to the Middle and High Schools and felt there were more votes for the lower Bond (Part B - Hampton \$1.7 million) than Part A (Jackson \$4.4 million). The Superintendent of Schools explained that the difference is the district does not have to spend the \$1.7 million because Willis can be used. The Superintendent of Schools stated that he has no evidence that the community is against Willis, but they are against 5th and 8th grades moving to the Middle and High Schools. Ms. Napolitano stated that if the community is strongly against Willis then they will vote for the Bond. The resident stated that he feels people will vote for Part B instead of Part A and suggested putting proposition Part B first. The Superintendent of Schools responded that it will not change the configuration of the district. The resident further stated that the community feels Hampton is more attractive. The Superintendent of Schools stated that the project will save the least amount of money and the revenue from Willis would be minimal.
- ❖ A resident commented that he had a problem in how the model was presented and felt the parents were getting more information than he. Ms. Napolitano inquired if he received the publication *Outreach*. The resident responded he received some paperwork and felt parents of students received more. The resident commented that this was a dollar and cents issue and suggested having the two propositions separated. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the law states school districts are only allowed to put up 2 Bonds in one year, and the district already had 1 bond vote, this was a way to combine 2 propositions into 1 vote. The resident felt putting this Bond up was a waste of time and inquired why community feedback was ignored. The Superintendent of Schools disagreed with the resident's comments.

- ❖ A resident thanked the Board for giving 27% of the community the option to vote on another Bond and felt it was unfair to have the community vote on something else.
- ❖ A resident inquired if Mr. Hornberger’s proposal for a full cluster was discussed. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he was not recommending that option and Mr. Hale responded yes it was discussed. The resident inquired if an overwhelming number of voters vote positively for Part B, if it would be put up again. The Superintendent of Schools responded that either one could be done. Ms. Napolitano explained that the Board set up 3 different plans to allow the public to weigh in. Ms. Napolitano is not in favor of changing the Board’s decision and believes there is an opportunity with the default option. The resident expressed that she fears this Bond would not save enough money and stated that people should vote for Part B and recommended putting it up again next year.
- ❖ A resident inquired if a variance was needed for Hampton. The Superintendent of Schools responded no. Mr. McGrath inquired if a variance was needed for Jackson. The Superintendent of Schools responded school districts must apply to the State Education for variances.
- ❖ A resident inquired about sending a survey to the community. The Superintendent of Schools stated that it was discussed and it was decided that there was no value in conducting one.
- ❖ A resident inquired about the default plan and why geographically rezoning was not an option. The Superintendent of Schools explained the default plan as follows: Pre-K-2 would be housed at Meadow Drive and Willis Avenue; 3rd and 4th grades would go to Jackson Avenue; 5th, 6th, and 7th would be at the Middle School; and 8th through 12th grades would be at the High School. The Bond option plan (Both Part A and Part B) if passed would be: Pre-K-2 housed at Meadow and Hampton; 3rd to 5th at Jackson; 6th to 8th at the Middle School; and 9th to 12th at the High School. A resident commented that this plan is not what the Triple C had in mind.
- ❖ A resident inquired as to the savings in closing only Cross Street, moving 5th to the Middle School, and 8th grade to the High School. The resident stated she was not getting a straight answer as to where the kids would be going. The Superintendent of Schools responded that every scenario is on the website for every building.

Mr. Hale thanked everyone for their comments and questions.

1. **SEQRA – Jackson Avenue School - TABLED**

RESOLUTION #31 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District adopts the following Jackson Avenue SEQRA Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District desires to embark upon a capital improvement project at the Jackson Avenue School for a new multi-purpose room addition and a eight classroom addition to the existing facility and new bus loop and visitor parking;

WHEREAS, said capital improvement project at Jackson Avenue School, is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Mineola School Union Free District has determined that the proposed action is listed as an unlisted action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, the Mineola Union Free School District has conducted an uncoordinated review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Mineola Union Free School District proposes to undertake the action itself and has, therefore, assumed lead agency status; and

WHEREAS, the Mineola Union Free School District has conducted a review of the information contained in the short Environmental Assessment Form(EAF) prepared for the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the potential adverse impacts and the magnitude and importance of the potential impacts have been considered by the Mineola Union Free School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the new multi-purpose room/classroom additions project, bus loop and visitor parking located at the Jackson Avenue School, 300 Jackson Avenue, Mineola NY will not result in any large or important adverse impacts, and therefore will not have a significant impact on the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed projects from the New York State Education Department.

Motion: William Hornberger

Second: Christine Napolitano

Discussion: Mr. McGrath discussed concerns with this resolution. He referred to Attachment A in the backup of the Board's Agenda regarding a discrepancy in Jackson Avenue's square footage of the proposed multi-purpose room addition in two separate areas of the backup. Mr. McGrath also questioned the classification of the project being a Type I, whereby the Board would be the lead agency as it related to Section 617.4 of State law (Work next to a public park). Mr. McGrath apologized for not bringing this to Administration's attention prior to this evening, but he did not notice it before. Mr. McGrath stated he is prepared to abstain until the next meeting. Mr. Hale inquired if he was making a motion to table. Mr. McGrath responded he has not made a motion to table.

Mr. Hale requested an explanation of a Type I SEQRA. The Superintendent of Schools responded as follows: the district hired an Architectural firm to determine what type of project this is; the paperwork is consistent with 3,000 square feet; no negative impact if anyone challenges, because this is the same exact SEQRA previously passed by the Board which was not challenged. Mr. McGrath does not think there is a challenge, but questions the discrepancy of square footage in Attachment A as well as the determination of what type of action is required.

Ms. Napolitano inquired of the Superintendent of Schools if this would have an impact on the February 8, 2011 Bond vote date. The Superintendent of Schools responded no.

A motion was made to table resolutions 31, 32, and 33 until the next meeting (November 18, 2010).

Motion: John McGrath

Second: Irene Parrino

Discussion: Mr. Hale requested that H2M address the Board to respond to their questions.

Mr. Hornberger asked if these were all the questions and concerns Mr. McGrath had. Ms. Parrino inquired if the Board should make their own recommendation regarding the letter. Mr. McGrath stated he will rely on the Architect's opinion. Ms. Parrino inquired if the Board would be doing a survey or study. Mr. McGrath stated he thinks the Architect's opinion will fulfill that analysis. Mr. Hale also asked the Superintendent of Schools if tabling would delay the February 8th vote. The Superintendent of Schools responded no.

Yes: Irene Parrino
John McGrath
Terence Hale

No: William Hornberger
Christine Napolitano

Passed: Yes

2. **SEORA – Hampton Street School - Resolution #32 - TABLED**

3. **Special District Meeting - Bond Vote – Resolution #33 - TABLED**

Superintendent's Announcements:

The Superintendent of Schools made the following announcements: Annual computer sale at Willis this Saturday at 9:00 a.m.; encouraged all to attend the Fall Production at the High School (*Laramie Project*) on the 19th and 20th of November; Boys Soccer Team lost in the 1st round of playoffs; Girls Volleyball Team advanced, will play 2nd match at Herricks Saturday at 6:30 p.m.; Boys Football team made the playoffs and their game is against Seaford, Saturday 3:00 p.m.; Cultural Arts Program for district on November 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the High School (*Harlem Wizards*). The Superintendent of Schools stated he was in need of an executive session.

J. Executive Session

At 9:11 p.m. a motion was made for the Board 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: Christine Napolitano

Yes: Irene Parrino
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

President Hale stated that the Board may return at any time.

At 10:32 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

K. Adjournment

At 10:32 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Irene Parrino

Yes: Irene Parrino
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Christine Napolitano
Terence Hale

No: None

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martillo
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