

MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINEOLA, NY

**Annual BOCES/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.*

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**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*

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**DATE: April 27, 2011**

**LOCATION: Willis Avenue School**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OPEN BUSINESS MEETING**

**6:30 p.m. Board Room**  
**7:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Patricia Burns, Asst. Supt. of Curr., Instr., Assessment  
Donna Martillo, District Clerk

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Reading of Mission**
- D. Moment of Silent Meditation**
- E. Dais & Visitor Introductions**

Also in attendance: John Heidelberger, Legal Counsel; Rabbi Hernson of Solomon Schechter Day School.

**F. High School Student Organization Report**

None

**G. Old Business**

**1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Policy #0115**

**RESOLUTION #73** – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education waives the second formal reading of Policy #0115 (Harassment and Bullying), due to its availability on the information table, and move its adoption.

**Motion:** William Hornberger

**Second:** Christine Napolitano

**Discussion:** Mr. McGrath inquired as to what triggers an investigation in how the Board will be notified on verbal accusations. The Superintendent of Schools responded it will be similar to notification of child abuse.

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

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

**2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Policy #2101**

**RESOLUTION #74** – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education waives the second formal reading of Policy #2101 (School Board Member Authority), due to its availability on the information table, and move its adoption.

**Motion:** Christine Napolitano

**Second:** William Hornberger

**Discussion:** Mr. McGrath inquired as to the purpose and need for this policy. The Superintendent of Schools responded that this policy was the result of a board discussion and at a Board Member's request. Mr. McGrath inquired if any Board Member violated visiting buildings or accessed personnel records. The Superintendent of Schools responded not to his knowledge. Ms. Parrino and Mr. McGrath inquired if there was a policy on executive session, and Mr. McGrath stated it was redundant. Mr. Hornberger commented that the Board had a discussion and from his perspective there was an issue related to the Code of Conduct of Board Members in stating their opinion in published written letters. Mr. Hale commented that his understanding of the policy is Board Members must follow certain guidelines. Mr. Hornberger also stated that last year confidential information was released by Board Members, which also was a factor in adopting this policy.

**Yes:** William Hornberger  
Christine Napolitano  
Terence Hale

**No:** Irene Parrino  
John McGrath

**Passed:** Yes

**H. New Business**

**1. Adoption of BOCES 2011-2012 Annual Operating Budget**

**RESOLUTION #75** - BE IT RESOLVED that the Mineola Board of Education approves the proposed BOCES 2011-2012 Annual Operating Budget in the amount of \$18,947,178.

**Motion:** John McGrath  
**Second:** Christine Napolitano

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

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

**2. Election of BOCES Candidates**

**RESOLUTION #76** - BE IT RESOLVED that the Mineola Board of Education casts one (1) vote for three of the following candidate listed below to fill the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (BOCES) for three (3), three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2011:

Deborah Coates  
Eric Schultz  
Stephen B. Witt

**Motion:** John McGrath  
**Second:** Christine Napolitano

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

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

**3. Adoption of the Budget and Real Property Tax Report Card**

**RESOLUTION #77** – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mineola Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD approves the real property tax report card prepared by the District’s Business Office for the 2011 Annual District Meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of said report card shall be submitted to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval.

**Motion:** John McGrath  
**Second:** Christine Napolitano

**Discussion:** Mr. Waters explained the property tax report card which is required to be filed with the State the day after the budget is adopted by the Board. Mr. Waters further explained that it is a financial document comparing the 2011-2012 with the 2010-2011 property tax report cards. Mr. McGrath inquired if the tax report card will appear on the district’s website. The Superintendent of Schools stated it will be placed on the website.

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

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

## **I. Consensus Agenda**

### **1. Accepting of Minutes**

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of March 3, 2011 (Workshop); March 16, 2011 (Business); and March 24, 2011 (Special Meetings, as presented.

### **2. Instruction**

#### **a. Resignation(s)/Leave of Absence(s)**

1. That the Board of Education grants a request for a leave of absence to Andrea Antonelli, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, followed by an unpaid leave of absence, effective May 13, 2011 to June 30, 2011.

#### **b. Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following addition(s) to the Per Diem Substitute Teacher List at a daily rate of pay, \$90.00:

Karlya Gaherty N-6  
Jaclynne Levenson PreK – Grade 6  
Maria Ciaravino Prek – Grade 6

Maria Litos	Prek – Grade 6
Angela Wasserman	Early Childhood Ed (Birth-2), Students w/Disabilities (Birth-2)
Mary Troy	Early Childhood Ed (Birth-2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Lisa Brown	Early Childhood Ed (Birth-2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Stacey Saraceno	Early Childhood Ed (Birth-2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Jennifer Levitt	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Jenna Arcati	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
Carrie Dambrose	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) Students w/Disabilities (Birth-2)

**2.1. Instruction: Committee on Special Education Actions**

- 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 March 1, 2011 to March 25, 2011 as set forth in Confidential Attachment “A”.

**2.2. Instruction: Contracted Instructional Services**

- a. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola School District and Manhasset Union Free School District to provide Special Educational services to parentally-placed Mineola student(s) for the 2010-2011 school year.

**2.3. Instruction: Student Actions**

a. Field Trip

1. That the Board of Education approves the following out-of-state field trip for the Hampton Street School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Philadelphia, PA on May 18, 2011.

**2.4. Instruction: Other**

**3. Civil Service**

a. Resignation(s)/Leave of Absence(s)

1. That the Board of Education grants a paid Leave of Absence to Laurie Seedorf, Senior Typist Clerk, effective April 11, 2011. Return date is expected for June 1, 2011.
2. That the Board of Education grants a paid Medical Leave of Absence for Melanie Dnyprowsky, effective March 10, 2011. Return date has not been determined.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Robin Roach to the position of part time Teacher Aide at Hampton Street School, effective May 2, 2011. Salary will be \$13.74 on Step 1.

2. That the Board of Education approves 3 Summer Workers to work 3 half days and 3 evenings to assist with Mineola East one week prior to school opening.
3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of all Mineola UFSD 10 Month Bus Drivers as Sub Drivers for the Summer, 2011 in the event they are needed per the Bus Driver contract. They will be paid at a rate of \$23 per hour. This resolution shall be effective as of July 1, 2011.

Josafina DaSilva	Brian Flynn	Gustavo Rodriguez
Lynn Ross	Joan Selvin	Vincent Sanseverino
Lauren Tuomey	Maria David	Gregory Glover
Julia Adames	Marta Saravia	Nancy Jones
Cecil Meikle	Ronald Pierrot	Sandra Moon
Lee Dunninger	Joaquim Farinhas	Teresa Coleman
Maria Coleman	Daniel McNamara	

4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Bus Aides to be used as needed for the summer of 2011, effective July 1, 2011. They will be paid their hourly rate according to the 2007/2009 Teacher Aide contract.

Daisy Aviles	Donna Buckley	Dolores Delape
Kathleen Diskin	Rhonda Kaletsky	Frances Lapoff
Jenny Klein	Michele Krumholz	Michele Sciroppo

5. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Thomas Leek to the position of Cleaner Sub, effective April 28, 2011. Salary will be \$12.25 per hour.

4. **Business/Finance**

a. **Treasurer's Report**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2011 and directed that it be placed on file.

b. **Approval of Invoices and Payroll**

1. That the Board of Education approves the Invoices and Payroll for the period ending March 31, 2011.

Warrant #17	\$1,131,024.97
Warrant #18	\$ 800,122.58
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,931,147.55</b>

**PAYROLL #17 & #18**

General	\$4,137,841.23
Fund F	\$ 107,338.18
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$4,245,179.41</b>

c. Budget Transfer

1. That the Board of Education approves the following budget transfer:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9760.700.00.7399	2630.408.00.2930	\$40,000

d. Budget Appropriation Adjustment

1. That the Board of Education approves an appropriation adjustment to Budget Code A2330.150.07.0000 in the amount of \$13,200.00 for the Driver's Ed Program.

4.1. Business/Finance: Contract Approvals

4.2. Business/Finance: Bids

a. Garbage and Rubbish Removal Bid Extension

1. That the Board of Education approves an extension of the Garbage & Rubbish Removal bid to Winter Bros. for the time period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, in the amount of \$32,990.00.

5. Other

a. Appointment of Election Workers for the Annual Election & Budget Vote May 17, 2011

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals to serve as Registrars and Inspectors at the Annual Election and Budget Vote held **Tuesday, May 17, 2011** at the hourly rate of pay, \$10.00:

CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS

CROSS STREET

Eileen Alexander (5:15 am-10:30 pm)

HAMPTON STREET

Maryann Iaquinto (5:30 am – 10:30 pm)

JACKSON AVENUE

Carolina Macedo (5:30 am – 10:30 pm)

MEADOW DRIVE

Raymond Kwiatek (5:00 am – 10:30 pm)

REGISTRARS

CROSS STREET SCHOOL

Kathleen Finn (5:30 am – 9:30 pm)

Nicole Peralta (5:30 am – 1:30 pm)

Joanne Fitzgerald (1:30 pm – 9:30 pm)

HAMPTON STREET SCHOOL

Marie DeStefano (5:30 am – 9:30 pm)

Cathy Fabiszewski (5:30 am – 1:30 pm)

Martha Makowski (1:30 pm – 9:30 pm)

JACKSON AVENUE SCHOOL

Maryann Siwinski (5:30 am-9:30 pm)

Jacqueline Borstel (5:30 am – 1:30 pm)

Edith Horowitz (1:30 pm-9:30 pm)

MEADOW DRIVE SCHOOL

Debra Donovan (5:30 am-1:30 pm)

Madeline Cegelski (5:30 am-9:30 pm)

Anna Spatola (1:30 pm-9:30 pm)

INSPECTORS

CROSS STREET SCHOOL

Ann Marie Smith (5:15 am – 9:30 pm)

HAMPTON STREET SCHOOL

Marian Kessler (5:30 am - 9:30 pm)

Loretta Piotrowski (5:15 am-1:15 pm)  
Lynn Clifford (1:15 am- 9:30 pm)  
Margaret Mahon (5:15 am-1:15 pm)  
Margaret Roach (1:15 pm-9:30 pm)

Frank Iaquinto (5:30 am – 9:30 pm)  
Helen Callahan (5:30 am-1:30 pm)  
Nicole Peralta (1:30 pm – (9:30 pm)

JACKSON AVENUE SCHOOL

Kristine Vigarò (5:30 am – 9:30 pm)  
Michael Coniglio (5:30 pm – 9:30 pm)  
Marie Encizo (5:30 am – 9:30 pm)  
Nora Coniglio (5:30 am – 9:30 pm)  
Flore Rowe (5:30 am – 1:30 pm)  
Marianne Lovallo (1:30 pm – 9:30 pm)

MEADOW DRIVE SCHOOL

Douglas Cegelski (5:00 am – 9:30 pm)  
Patricia McMahon (5:00 am – 9:30 pm)  
Joanne Wladyka (5:00 am – 9:30 pm)

NOTE: In the event there should be a vacancy created in any of the positions of Inspector of Election or Registrar, the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to appoint a qualified voter of this District to fill such vacancy.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of the following Registrars to serve on Registration Day, Tuesday, **May 3, 2011**, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the authorized rate of pay of \$10 per hour.

CROSS STREET SCHOOL

Eileen Alexander

HAMPTON STREET SCHOOL

Helen Callahan

JACKSON AVENUE SCHOOL

Jacqueline Borstel

MEADOW DRIVE SCHOOL

Anna Spatola

The Superintendent of Schools also recommends the appointment of: Eileen Alexander to open the Registration Books to the public on **Saturday, May 14, 2011** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the same authorized rate of pay.

A one hour workshop will be given on **Monday, May 16, 2011** from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the attending Registrars and Inspectors will be compensated at the hourly rate of \$10.00.

**RESOLUTION #78** – **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education approves Consensus Agenda items I.1.a. through I.5.a.1., as presented.

**Motion:** John McGrath  
**Second:** Christine Napolitano

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

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

Mr. Hale announced that the order of the agenda will be altered. The Board will move the public comments portion after Mr. Eschbacher, of VHB, present his traffic observations of the Cross Street area.

Ms. Napolitano inquired if Mr. McGrath made a statement that appeared in the local newspaper. Mr. McGrath responded that he did not make that statement.

The Superintendent of Schools clarified that Mr. Eschbacher from VHB will not be making a formal report this evening just a preliminary overview to update the Board.

Mr. Eschbacher discussed observations made while at the Cross Street School area and discussed the following: status of where the study stands; observed in and around Cross Street and St. Aidan's area; documenting vehicular movements, parents pedestrians and parking on streets; gathered information on signage and parking regulations; planning additional site visits; need to evaluate the existing conditions and future conditions; develop recommendations to preserve traffic safety and flow for the area; trying not to change existing traffic patterns; present time arrival and dismissal times that do not overlap with St. Aidan's; limited size of parking even after expansion; not enough spaces for student drivers; Solomon Schechter should arrange for off site parking for students; more recommendations will be made later on.

Ms. Napolitano inquired about current arrival and departure schedules. Mr. Eschbacher responded 15 minute period on both a.m. and p.m. that is separate from St. Aidan's. Ms. Napolitano inquired if the current procedures are orderly. Mr. Eschbacher responded parents can be anxious in dropping off and picking up.

Mr. Hale stated he has witnessed cars not slowing down on Willis and attributes order to the crossing guard in keeping things in line.

Mr. Eschbacher stated that it was more complicated for St. Aidan's in dealing with side streets as well as Willis.

Mr. McGrath inquired if Mr. Eschbacher expected to give a final report. Mr. Eschbacher responded, yes, after observations are made and his team meets. He is not rushing the process. Mr. McGrath referred to Mr. Eschbacher's comment about vehicles making U turns. Mr. Eschbacher stated that U turns should not be made when there are children, cars, and buses present and further stated there may be a need for additional signage to discourage making U turns.

Mr. McGrath inquired if Mr. Eschbacher was able to observe the Glen Cove area where Solomon Schechter now resides and how it correlates to the Cross Street area. Mr. Eschbacher responded not yet.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about the changing bell time for each school (Solomon Schechter and St. Aidan's). Mr. Eschbacher stated he will be addressing that in his final recommendation (At least 15 minutes). Mr. Hornberger inquired about dismissal. Mr. Eschbacher suggested dismissing at intervals. Mr. Hornberger inquired about school buses on site at dismissal. Mr. Eschbacher responded the buses would already be there, and student drivers should not leave when the buses leave.

Mr. Hale inquired about the number of student drivers. Mr. Eschbacher stated that 10 spots will not be enough.

Mr. Hornberger suggested an off-site parking location. Mr. Eschbacher responded he will not recommend where, just that something has to be done. Mr. Hornberger expressed the following concerns: bus traffic on Meagher, width of the road, and is there enough room for emergency vehicles. Mr. Eschbacher responded he does not anticipate recommending widening the street. Mr. Eschbacher also stated that he is looking to accommodate all buses in the parking lot and a certain section in front of Cross.

Mr. McGrath inquired about the current parking situation. Mr. Eschbacher responded that by mid-morning most spaces are taken. Mr. McGrath inquired as to who were parking there. Mr. Eschbacher responded a variety of individuals. Mr. Eschbacher stated he is hoping the recommendations reduce the number of street spaces taken.

The Superintendent of Schools discussed field usage and presented a spreadsheet in how the fields are currently used and how they will be used when Cross Street is leased.

Ms. Napolitano inquired as to the availability of the new softball field in the “cow pasture” at the High School. The Superintendent of Schools responded that all fields are used all year round and use of that field will depend on the age of the children.

Mr. Hornberger inquired if temporary lights would be beneficial. The Superintendent of Schools stated there is an issue with those types of lights. They aren’t expensive, but are loud.

Ms. Napolitano inquired if the district charges for permits. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the only time a fee is charged is for indoor activities.

Mr. Hornberger suggested using the Meadow Drive field as an alternate site. The Superintendent of Schools stated that work needs to be done on the diamond and it could be used for age appropriate kids.

#### **J. Public Comments**

President Hale requested to respect other people’s concerns and opinions and calling out comments or remarks will not be tolerated. He also requested that when addressing the Board at the podium to please state your name and address.

Public comments were as follows:

- ❖ A resident suggested netting to be added to Cross Street’s field to stop baseballs from going over the fence.
- ❖ A resident inquired if Solomon Schechter would be running a summer program. The Superintendent of Schools stated that they do not run a summer program.
- ❖ A resident inquired as to Cross Street’s current enrollment. The Superintendent of Schools responded, 211. The resident commented on the number of students and teachers coming from Solomon Schechter Day School to Cross and asked where will the cars park. Rabbi Herrnson discussed Solomon Schechter’s declining enrollment and the number of potential seniors driving to school next year. The Rabbi also explained why their website named Cross in January; they are required to alert their members as stated in their bylaws. The resident commented that Solomon Schechter had a full list of High School and Middle School sport programs. The resident suggested using the field behind the Mineola Village pool as a possible site.
- ❖ A resident commented about losing Cross’ fields and suggested installing permanent lights on the field at Cross. The Superintendent of Schools responded that those lights for Cross are more expensive and is concerned with the impact on the residents of Winthrop and Meagher. The resident suggested a permit system for everyone. The Superintendent of Schools stated it was an interesting suggestion. The resident inquired as to the maximum enrollment number for Solomon Schechter. The Superintendent of Schools responded 300. The resident suggested Solomon Schechter purchase a couple of 20-passenger buses. The Superintendent of Schools

responded that the students' home district incurs the cost of busing and the lease has a definitive number of buses allowed. The resident commented on the communities' concerns: traffic, parking, and safety.

Mr. Hornberger requested to take into consideration how Solomon Schechter would transport their students from one field to another if contemplating a permit system.

President Hale announced the attendance of Senator Martins to the meeting.

- ❖ A resident apologized to the Superintendent for the unfortunate happenings at a Williston Park Village Meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> and stated that speaking at a Board meeting is a privilege. The resident informed everyone as to the history of Willis Avenue, suggested a dry run in front of Cross Street and thanked the Board in hiring a traffic consultant.
- ❖ A resident commented that he does not think operational solutions are realistic and does not believe Solomon Schechter is moving to Cross to reduce student population. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the engineer was not instructed to only look at operational solutions and does not get the impression Solomon Schechter is moving to Cross to increase their enrollment, they want a viable school. The Superintendent of Schools also stated there is a cap for enrollment and buses in the lease agreement. The resident inquired why it took so long for the Board to sanction a traffic study. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the Village of Williston Park asked the district to do a traffic study and the district complied.
- ❖ A resident asked Rabbi Herrnson if he was leaving his position at Solomon Schechter and who would be his replacement. The resident also asked how the Rabbi determined Solomon Schechter's enrollment was declining and the length of time it takes for dismissal. The Rabbi explained the following: yes he was leaving at the end of the year; explained how they know enrollment is declining; discussed procedures when their school day ends. The resident also inquired about Solomon Schechter's sports program and how many buses they had. The Rabbi stated that districts are not liable to provide late buses and Solomon Schechter does not see a lot of traffic at the end of the day. The resident inquired when the Board expected to sign the lease. Mr. Hale responded a few weeks when Mr. Eschbacher presents his report, probably at a business meeting.
- ❖ A resident inquired as to where buses are stored. The Superintendent of Schools responded there is no onsite storage. The resident inquired about working with districts regarding modifying the start and end times. The Superintendent of Schools responded that a pressing issue is if the start time can be moved to accommodate both buildings.
- ❖ A resident inquired if Solomon Schechter was advertising to increase enrollment. Rabbi Herrnson responded that Solomon Schechter does very little advertisement; word of mouth by satisfied parents is their advertisement. The resident commented that when Solomon Schechter moves to Cross it will be opening up logistically. The Rabbi responded that Solomon Schechter has already been in touch with all those feeder opportunities and any additional students will not be the result of advertisement. Also, there is a cap on the number of students and buses. The Rabbi stated further that Solomon Schechter is interested in stabilizing their school.
- ❖ A resident inquired about Special Ed services. The Superintendent of Schools responded that Mineola will be providing a teacher to Solomon Schechter for special services. The resident inquired if there will be a sharing of teachers. The Superintendent of Schools responded, no.

- ❖ A resident commented that she is concerned if there is a problem with the traffic study. Rabbi Herrnson responded that Solomon Schechter could adopt 2 of Mr. Eschbacher's recommendations mentioned this evening. The resident commented about staggering times was doable, but is concerned with the parking for students. The Rabbi responded that the number of students who will drive is a small number. They have already told their constituents that even if the students plan to drive to school they should apply to their district for transportation as well.
- ❖ A resident commented about the traffic similarities on Broad Street to Cross Street and is concerned. She thinks the dry run suggestion was a good idea.
- ❖ A resident commented about the cost of the traffic study (\$15,000) and inquired if the district was required to do it. The Superintendent of Schools responded no. The resident inquired if Williston Park was also conducting a traffic study and asked about the cost. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes, and stated between \$4,500 and \$5,000. The resident inquired as to who was paying for the \$15,000. The Superintendent of Schools responded, the taxpayers. The resident asked the Board to stop wasting taxpayers' money on all these studies. The resident referred to a newspaper article that the community was being accused of anti-Semitism.
- ❖ A resident clarified the reason why a traffic study was discussed prior, due to a number of traffic issues.
- ❖ A resident inquired if there will be a formal presentation on the traffic study. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes. The resident inquired about the buses in the renovated parking lot. The Superintendent of Schools responded that it will be a combination in using the front of the school as well as the parking lot. The resident inquired about a survey regarding the parking lot. The Superintendent of Schools responded a survey was conducted and VHB will use the results.

Mr. Hornberger requested clarification as to the statement made this evening regarding an assumption that the anti-Semitism was being implied by Solomon Schechter. As he read the Williston Times article it did not imply that Solomon Schechter stated there were anti-Semitic sentiments.

Mr. McGrath stated that the anti-Semitism remarks have been coming from the community not Solomon Schechter.

#### **K. Board of Education Reports**

- Comments from Board President
- Board Committee Report
- Superintendent of Schools' Reports & Comments

The Superintendent of Schools requested direction from the Board regarding BOCES and enrollment projections. Mr. Hale inquired as to the cost. The Superintendent of Schools responded, \$7,800.

The Superintendent of Schools announced the slate of candidates besides Mr. Hale and Mr. Hornberger (Veronica Levitan, Gerard Magaldi, and Joseph Manopella) seeking election to the Board. He further stated that Meet the Candidates Night was May 2 at 8:00 p.m. and reminded everyone that the Budget Vote is May 17<sup>th</sup>, where the community will be voting on 2 Propositions (Budget & Increasing Transportation Mileage for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders).

- Superintendent Comments
- Capital Updates
- Table Reports
  - Finance and Operations Report
    - Monthly Financial Report
    - Building & Grounds Report
      - Building Usage
      - Vandalism
      - Work order status
    - Transportation Report
- Special Reports
  - \*Public Questions - Board Committee Reports; Student Organization Report; Superintendent's Report; Table Reports (All Finance & Operation Functions); and Special Report

The Superintendent of Schools stated he was in need of an executive session.

**L. Executive Session**

At 9:10 p.m. 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:** Christine Napolitano  
**Second:** Terence Hale

**Yes:** Irene Parrino  
 Christine Napolitano  
 Terence Hale

**No:** William Hornberger  
 John McGrath

**Passed:** Yes

President Hale stated the Board may return at any time.

At 9:45 p.m. the Board of Education returned to open session.

**M. Adjournment**

At 9:45 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

**Motion:** Irene Parrino  
**Second:** John McGrath

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

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martillo  
District Clerk