

MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINEOLA, NY

Business Meeting MINUTES

The Mission of the Mineola Union Free School District is to inspire each student to be a life-long learner, pursue excellence, exhibit strength of character and contribute positively to a global society.

Board Goals – 2008-2009

To be determined

DATE: September 18, 2008

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
OPEN BUSINESS MEETING**

**6:00 p.m. – Interview Consultants
7:00 p.m. 1st FLOOR CAFETERIA**

Board of Education

Stephen Siwinski, President
Laraine Salvatore, Vice President
John McGrath
William Hornberger
Terence Hale

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michael Nagler, Deputy Superintendent
Sherri Goffman, Asst. Supt. of Curr. & Inst.
John Waters, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Oper.
Janice Patterson, Director of Pupil Services
Donna Martillo, District Clerk

A. Call to Order

At 6:10 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Siwinski.

At 6:11 p.m. a motion was made for the Board to go into executive session for the purpose of interviewing consulting firms in order to conduct a Superintendent Search.

Moved: John McGrath

Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
John McGrath
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

At 6:16 p.m. Ms. Salvatore and Mr. Hornberger joined the meeting.

At 7:00 p.m. the Board returned to open session and immediately recessed the meeting in order to go into the Business Meeting.

At 7:05 p.m. the meeting resumed.

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

After introduction of the dais, also in attendance were: Jack Feldman, Esq.; Kevin McMorrow, Esq.; and Ed Escobar, High School Principal.

F. Old Business

Ms. Salvatore inquired if the Sexual Harassment signs were posted. The Superintendent of Schools responded yes, all principals and secretaries were directed to post the signs in all schools, as well as Building & Grounds, and Transportation.

Mr. Salvatore inquired why the last Board meeting was not televised. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the last part of the meeting ran out; only 75% of the meeting was covered.

Mr. McGrath inquired if the posted Sexual Harassment policy is what the Board would be approving tonight. The Superintendent of Schools responded no, that the policy was previously approved. Mr. McGrath inquired if anyone had a copy this evening for him to review. Mr. Goffman stated it was on the website. Mr. McGrath asked if the policy detailed how a person would file if they had a problem. Ms. Goffman stated no. The Board must approve the regulation in order for it to be enforced.

G. New Business

1. High School Student Organization Report

Ms. Corey Chan, High School Student Organization representative reported on the following: High School election of Student Organization reps; first general meeting, October 2nd; and they are in the process of organizing their first fundraiser.

2. 2nd Reading Regulation – Sexual Harassment #0110-R

RESOLUTION #26 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education waives the 2nd formal reading of the Sexual Harassment Regulation, #0110-R, due to its availability on the information table for review, and approves its adoption.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: Terence Hale

Discussion: Ms. Salvatore requested the following change to the Sexual Harassment Regulation: page 7, top of the page in the sentence “If a complaint received by

the...” at the end of the sentence if states “...Superintendent” to add “or Board ”, after the word Superintendent. President Siwinski inquired of legal counsel for his input. Mr. Feldman responded that it wasn’t a bad idea for a second individual to be named, as well as both male and female to be represented. He further explained that the Board is not readily available and suggested saying “or Board Designee”. The Superintendent of Schools informed the Board that this regulation is attached to the policy. Mr. Feldman stated that the purpose of reviewing what the Superintendent has submitted as a proposed regulation, is to firm it up. President Siwinski stated that the Board only has to agree to modify the regulation. It does not need a separate motion.

Mr. Feldman reported that the training sessions for this regulation have already been scheduled (3 or 4 sessions). He stated it wasn’t necessary that a representative from his office conduct the annual update. Mr. McGrath suggested making a video recording of the session, so it can be viewed by new hires. Mr. Feldman volunteered Ms. Frazier for the recording.

Ms. Salvatore referred to page 9 of the regulation under Training, paragraph 2 to include the words “live or recorded”.

President Siwinski and the Board discussed that each year employees will review the Sexual Harassment Policy and sign off on it. Ms. Goffman requested clarification as to where Board Designee would be included. Mr. McGrath suggested in the “reporting section” not in the “investigation section”. Ms. Goffman asked if they want it repeated throughout. Mr. McGrath responded no in lieu of or in addition to Superintendent. Ms. Goffman responded that the Superintendent does not receive the report until it is first looked at by the building principal. Mr. McGrath and the Board gave an okay.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

3. Resignation of Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION #27 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accepts the resignation, with regret, of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2009.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: William Hornberger

A motion was made to amend Resolution #27 to include the words, “with regret”.

Motion: Stephen Siwinski

Second: John McGrath

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

The Board of Education now voted on Resolution #27, with amendment, to accept the resignation, with regret, of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2009.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

4. Take from the Table – Resolution #23 – Board Goals

RESOLUTION #28 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education Take from the Table Resolution #23, Board Goals.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: Terence Hale

Discussion: A discussion began, but a point of order was made by Mr. McGrath that the Board needed to resolve Resolution #28 first.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

RESOLUTION #23 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the 2008-2009 Board Goals as set forth more fully in Attachment “A”:

- Educational Expectations and Improvement
- School Quality
- Operations
- Fiscal Management/Stability

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: William Hornberger

Discussion: Ms. Salvatore requested changing the language, under Fiscal Management/Stability in Board Goals, bullet #1, to *implement a cost containment* of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars by November 1st of this year in preparation of the 2009-2010 budget. Mr. Hornberger interjected, quantifying the total expense side reduction looking at $\frac{3}{4}$ million dollars put into either one or multiple scenarios from the Superintendent. President Siwinski asked the Superintendent if it was possible. The Superintendent of schools responded sure. He asked if this was independent of the roles of the Finance & Budget Committees. President Siwinski responded yes.

Mr. Hornberger requested clarification as to Educational Expectations in bullet #1, section 1 of Board Goals, "...improve ELA and ESL Special Ed students". What were the measurable goals the Board was looking for, i.e. improvement of 1 or 10 students? The Superintendent of Schools responded that the goals would be embedded in the School Improvement Plans which each building has submitted. Once they are reviewed they will determine what they want to improve. Mr. Hornberger asked if it would cover all improvement areas. The Superintendent of Schools responded it includes everything regarding student achievement.

Mr. Hornberger inquired about School Quality, #2, last bullet, articulate value of tax dollar relative to student learning and development. What is the goal? President Siwinski did not recollect. Mr. McGrath moved to table the Board Goals. The Superintendent of Schools responded that this was a result of a discussion at the Board Retreat that there is a value in terms of Mineola's education delivery system regarding programs offered to students in terms of value on investment of tax dollars put into the school system. Benefits students receive.

Mr. Hornberger suggested maintaining the fund balance maximum and maintaining the capital reserve while cutting \$750,000. President Siwinski stated that he did not agree with a fund balance of 4%. We are asking the Superintendent to look for expense side reductions and it does not include the fund balance. The Superintendent of Schools inquired about cutting \$750,000 on the overall budget, or reducing expenses by \$750,000. President Siwinski inquired if it could be done by November 1st. The Superintendent of Schools inquired as to why that number. Ms. Salvatore explained that he stated he could come up with \$750,000 when she presented her cost containment plan. The Superintendent of Schools responded that he did not say that. He said he and his staff would look at options to reduce spending and didn't say he could get to that number. The Superintendent requested if that was the number. President Siwinski responded it was. Mr. McGrath withdrew his motion.

Yes: Terence Hale
William Hornberger

No: None

John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
Stephen Siwinski

Passed: Yes

H. Consensus Agenda

1. Accepting of Minutes

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the August 6, 2008 (Workshop); August 14, 2008, along with attachment “B” (Business) meetings as presented.

2. Instruction

a. Resignations/Leave of Absence

- 1. None

b. Appointments

- 1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Courtney Zaleski, to the position of Elementary Teacher, effective September 9, 2008; probationary period, September 9, 2008 to September 8, 2011; salary, BA, Step 1, \$54,259.00 pro-rated.
- 2. That the Board of Education approves the addition of Daniela Loverde to the Per Diem Substitute Teacher list for Social Studies 7-12, at a rate of \$90.00 per day.
- 3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michael Aguilo as Boys 7th Grade Soccer Coach for the Fall Interscholastic season for the 2008-2009 school year, replacing Matt Moscola, due to his resignation, at a stipend of , Step 1, \$3,637.00.

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 July 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008 as set forth in Confidential Attachment “C”.

2.2. Instruction: Contracted Instructional Services

- a. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola Union Free School District and the Syosset Central School District for a student parentally placed in a private school outside of the Mineola School District to receive special education services from Syosset Central School District where the private school is located, for the 2007-2008 school year.

Cost to the Mineola School District derived from Education Law Section 3602-c, and related provisions of the Education Law and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education; and that these statutes and regulations may define the maximum costs that may be charged hereunder.

2.3. Instruction: Student Actions

2.4. Instruction: Other

- a. That the Board of Education approves the draft of the Special Education District Plan for the 2008-2009 school year as set forth in Attachment "D".

3. Civil Service

a. Resignations/Leave of Absence

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Nancy Paldino, part time Teacher Aide, effective August 31, 2008.
2. That the Board of Education approves the medical leave of absence for Richard Haenel, Maintainer, effective August 19, 2008 through October 19, 2008 due to surgery. The doctor will make the determination as to the exact date of return.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Patricia Licari to the position of part time Bus Aide for Transportation, effective September 18, 2008; salary, Step 1, \$10.75 per hour.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the Lisa Wasnofski, Registered Nurse, to be added to the School Nurse Substitute List, effective September 1, 2008, at a daily rate of \$90.00 per day.

c. Salary Adjustment

1. That the Board of Education approves the transfer and salary adjustment of Michael Kino, Jr., Cleaner, transferring to Hampton Street School. Michael currently receives a 6% night Differential in addition to his salary, for a total of \$43,797.00. His salary will be reduced to \$41,318.00 when he transfers since he will not be working evenings, effective September 16, 2008.
2. That the Board of Education approves an increase in hourly salary for Substitute Cleaners, effective September 1, 2008 to be increased from \$10.08 per hour to \$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 July 31, 2008 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 August 31, 2008.

Warrant #3	\$ 488,266.43
3 rd Final Payable 2007/2008	\$ 77,291.07
Warrant #4	\$ 880,641.91
4 th Final Payable 2007/2008	\$ 56,288.21
Credits to Expense	\$ 73,218.35 Cr.
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,429,269.27

PAYROLL #3 & #4

General	\$1,997,025.75
Fund F	\$ 172,939.22
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$2,169,964.97

4.1. Business/Finance: Contract Approvals

- a. That the Board of Education approves the award of extension of bid, initially opened June 4, 2004, for School Food Service Management services to Aramark for the 2008-2009 school year at an increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 4% as stated May 2008.
- b. That the Board of Education approves the 2008-2009 Preliminary AS-7 Contract with Nassau BOCES in the initial estimated expense of \$3,162,036.34 in providing services throughout the school year.

4.2. Business/Finance: Bids

4.3. Business/Finance: Change Order

- a. That the Board of Education approves Change Order GC-01 with Rockmore Contracting Corp. for an increase to their contract of \$29,948.00.

5. Other

RESOLUTION #29 – **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education approves Consensus Agenda items H.1. through H.4.3.a. as presented.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: William Hornberger

Discussion: Ms. Salvatore inquired as to why the Board was approving a Syosset contract for 2007-08. Ms. Patterson responded that these were students parentally placed, Syosset was the provider of services, and a contract wasn't sent until now. President Siwinski inquired as to what happens if Mineola does not pay. Mr. Feldman responded that if Mineola does not pay there is a procedure with State Education Department regarding disputes which will probably go to the Commissioner or the court system.

Mr. Siwinski referenced H.3.c.2. and inquired why the Board was increasing the substitute Cleaner wage. Dr. Nagler responded that the district was having difficulty in getting qualified candidates at the \$10.08 hourly wage. In surveying neighboring districts the range of hourly wage was from \$8.00 to \$17.34. The district is trying to alleviate paying overtime at a much higher hourly rate than paying a substitute. He further stated that overtime last year cost the district \$100,000.00.

Ms. Salvatore inquired if Aramark would be going out for contract. Mr. Waters responded that this year's increase is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Ms. Salvatore inquired about item H.4.3.a. (Change Order); why Rockmore Contracting Corp.'s contract increased? Mr. Waters explained that this work (asbestos encapsulation) was not part of the original bid specifications. He further stated that Rockmore performed other work and did not bill the district. The work was necessary in order to clean the tunnels. Mr. Siwinski inquired which tunnel it was. Mr. Waters responded toward the gymnasium. Ms. Salvatore inquired if other companies included this cost in their bids. Mr. Waters responded this work was not included in the original spec of work.

Yes:	Terence Hale William Hornberger John McGrath Laraine Salvatore Stephen Siwinski	No:	None
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Passed: Yes

I. Public Comments

- ❖ A resident read a statement regarding FOIL documents she obtained through the district. President Siwinski requested the district's counsel review the document. Mr. Feldman stated that no teacher's name appeared. The resident discussed, without mentioning the teacher's name, information contained in the personnel file for the time period 1996 through to June 2006. The resident complained that parents should have been notified that a teacher did not have proper certification. The Superintendent of Schools responded by correcting the resident that he was not in the district until 2001 and that Dr. Nagler was the one who picked it up. He further stated that nothing was done wrong. The State Education Department told the district to wait for their verification. Dr. Nagler stated that the State instituted a computer

program in order to check teachers' certification status, cross referencing using social security numbers. Dr. Nagler further stated that teachers are given 5 years in order to obtain their masters degree. Today, all check points are in place and given to the Board for every appointment. Dr. Nagler's predecessor did not check with the State to verify certification. But he also stated that the computer system was not in place at that time. The Superintendent of Schools stated that the district sought legal counsel every step of the way and the individual was removed. The resident complained that parents were not informed. The Superintendent of Schools responded that prior to Dr. Nagler ascertaining the individual's status the district assumed he had certification. The Superintendent of Schools took exception with the resident's comments that she misinformed the community because he was not Superintendent in 1998 and Dr. Nagler was not in his position. The Superintendent of Schools addressed the 2003 incident stating that he worked closely with legal counsel and the claim was unfounded. When the resident began to address specifics of the claim, the Superintendent of Schools cautioned her to be careful in what she stated. Mr. Feldman instructed the resident to make a point. The resident complained as to how the matter was handled. The Superintendent of Schools stated that the district handled is appropriately with legal counsel. Mr. Feldman informed the resident as to the timeline and explained to the resident what the district had done and how the situation was resolved.

- ❖ A resident spoke in defense of the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent stating that the incidents in 1996 and 1998 happened prior to them working in the district.
- ❖ A resident inquired if currently there were any uncertified teachers working in the district excluding incidental teachers. Dr. Nagler responded no. The resident inquired as to the length of time needed in order to discover an uncertified teacher. President Siwinski interjected with a question if there was a process in place to check on this. Dr. Nagler responded yes. Dr. Nagler further discussed checking the status of employees by cross referencing with the State. The resident complained about exposing children to potential problems.
- ❖ A resident inquired if Atronix was paid for security system work. Dr. Nagler stated there were outstanding bills. Ms. Salvatore inquired if the glare problem was resolved. Dr. Nagler responded yes, lights were added and in order to get better resolution and better-quality cameras are needed.
- ❖ A resident inquired about the un-appropriated fund balance. Mr. Waters responded that the district is finishing up with the financial statements and will be meeting with the auditing firm and requested dates to meet so the financials can be filed by October 15th.
- ❖ A resident inquired about payroll. Mr. Waters responded that the district had a full payroll last week.
- ❖ A resident inquired about the status of Grade Configuration. President Siwinski stated that the Superintendent will address that in his report. The resident also inquired about the teacher's parking lot at Willis and graduation at the Tilles Center. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the HS PTA and student body were to confer with Mr. Escobar looking at the pros and cons of Tilles and HS Auditorium. The resident also inquired about a breakfast with local realtors. Ms. Goffman responded that this year nothing has been done, but the Communications Committee will be meeting and it will be discussed. The resident complained that Mineola is not getting recognition in Newsday in comparison to Herricks.
- ❖ Ms. Salvatore inquired as to when retro pay would go out. Mr. Waters responded that all retro pay for all bargaining units has been paid.

- ❖ Mr. Escobar spoke about the Superintendent's resignation. He stated he had the pleasure of working with him, and began working in Mineola at the same time (Summer of 2001). Mr. Escobar considers the Superintendent a colleague and mentor. The Superintendent came into the district with a vision and was the educational leader of the district. Mr. Escobar mentioned areas that were part of the Superintendent's vision: Capital improvements; reaching out to students; bringing in Charlotte Danielson; supports students and interscholastic teams by attending games and functions. Many good things have come about in the past 8 years. Mr. Escobar expressed concern regarding the openness in the evaluation of the Superintendent, as not beneficial to the school community, students, faculty and parents. He further stated that disagreement is fine, but attacks take it to another level.
- ❖ A resident praised the job the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent have accomplished and is horrified at accusations being thrown in order to see if they stick. She feels Board Members lack perspective. The resident felt in past years the district was in disarray and feels we are on track. The resident wants a Board that can work better together.
- ❖ A resident inquired as to who the Title IX Coordinator was for the Sexual Harassment Regulation. The Superintendent of Schools responded Ms. Goffman.
- ❖ A resident inquired if services would be the same if \$750,000 was cut. President Siwinski responded some services. Ms. Salvatore responded that nothing that would be affected directly. The resident inquired if tenure makes you untouchable. The Superintendent of Schools responded it just makes it harder. The resident inquired as to how tenure could be taken away. The Superintendent of Schools responded that competency is looked at and documented over a period of time. A 3020a is a process in order to remove a teacher and it may take a year or more. Mr. Feldman interjected that an incident case would be quicker than a competency case, which could take a school year. Ms. Salvatore inquired if anyone could bring a charge. Mr. Feldman responded you can file charges with the District Clerk and if the Board finds probable cause will begin the process. The resident inquired if any teacher has ever been removed. The Superintendent of Schools stated that since he has been here no one has been removed on a 3020a. Individuals have been let go after 1 and 2 years. The resident inquired if individuals are checked each year until they receive tenure. Dr. Nagler responded that if someone has not received permanent certification they are checked every year. Ms. Goffman interjected that each teacher is double checked every year through the BEDS Report, and State. The resident inquired if the Superintendent was completely briefed on all the staff upon entering the district. The Superintendent of Schools discussed topics presented during his recruitment period: Instructional Curriculum (6 buildings doing it 6 separate ways) continuity needed in reading and math and unify school district Pre-K to 12; improve teacher supervision and evaluation by developing professional development plan and raise expectations of students; address capital projects and develop a preventative maintenance program; advance college choices for students; establish provisions to address disabilities act; and change employee culture.
- ❖ The resident inquired if he reviewed personnel records. The Superintendent responded no, but he read every evaluation. He stated evaluations were not expanded upon at the time, i.e. Mrs. Jones is a lovely person. The Superintendent of Schools explained that financial reports prior to his arrival were always considered excellent. However, many practices, at that time, were not as appropriate as they should have been. In the course of 3 years the Superintendent reduced spending close to 9 million dollars. The resident inquired as to who was paying for the Superintendent's defense.

- The Superintendent of Schools responded that he has hired private counsel and is paying for it himself. The resident inquired that if and when the Superintendent is vindicated, will he pursue recouping his legal fees. The Superintendent of Schools responded that in some cases the law protects the plaintiff from counter suits.
- ❖ A resident brought attention to the Transportation Report that there was a misspelling at the bottom of the page.

J. Board of Education Reports

- Comments from Board President

President Siwinski informed the audience of the following meetings: Communications Committee Meeting, Monday; District Council, Tuesday; and a Special Board of Education Meeting, Thursday.

- Board Committee Report

Mr. Hornberger reported that the Budget Advisory Committee would be looking to have goals approved. The Superintendent of Schools stated that a second announcement will appear in the local newspapers advertising the Financial Planning Committee, and establishing those goals would be helpful. Ms. Salvatore inquired if individuals, who are interested in serving, should contact Mr. Waters. Mr. Waters stated that next week's advertisement will ask those interested to submit a letter or resume to the district. President Siwinski suggested alerting the PTAs as well.

- Superintendent of Schools' Reports & Comments

The Superintendent of Schools reported on the following: asked the Board to convene the Audit Committee on October 2nd to meet with the External Independent Auditor; excellent opening of school; visited 30 different classrooms from Pre-K to 12 and the students are working on task; Capital projects taken place over the summer (Meadow Drive Library and computer installation, thanking Dr. Nagler for his design); positive condition of schools; thanking Ms. Goffman and Principals for a terrific job in getting the summer programs off the ground; Mineola hosted his first Northwest Quadrant Meeting for the year at Willis (12 Superintendents from various district met and toured the early childhood center and he received 2 requests to bring staff from their districts to view the program); visited the High School, Academy Program, and expressed pleasure in the look of the building with flowers and new windows and he thanked Ms. Napolitano; appearance of the Middle School with its new windows; invited Ms. Fleming, Middle School Math Teacher, to a Board meeting to demonstrate white boards; open house feedback was excellent and announced HS open house next Thursday; receipt of a letter expressing pride in the look of the buildings; and met with Michele Hochhauser and discussed Middle School reading program and the evidence to support its improvement.

The Superintendent of Schools announced upcoming events: Business Meeting and a brief student presentation on the pledge of allegiance; Board

Workshop Meeting, October 2; Homecoming, 9/27/08; presentation of reports at 10/2/08 Workshop by Mr. Amitrano (Physical Education Plan and Leadership Election Program at Mineola High School).

The Superintendent of Schools also briefly described a meeting with the Pastor of the Korean Church regarding the parking lot lease agreement. He stated the Pastor understood the district's concerns and would consult with his legal counsel. Mr. McGrath inquired as to what the district requested of the Korean Church. The Superintendent of Schools responded if they would release the district from the lease.

The Superintendent of Schools further reported that Dr. Fowler met with Dr. Nagler to establish cost efficiency scenarios for the grade configuration study. The Board needs to present dates to schedule a time to meet. Ms. Salvatore inquired if the dates were for focus groups or a hearing. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the focus groups would be in the format of a hearing.

The Superintendent of Schools reported meeting with the Mayor on two separate occasions to discuss the Jackson Avenue parking issue (possible resolution after meeting with Jackson's Principal), Ms. Lao inquired if she could be included in the discussions; and a request brought by Hampton parents for the installation of a stop sign at the corner of Colonial and Spring Streets (Request was granted by the Village).

- Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent of Schools requested that Ms. Salvatore supply him with the examples she referred to at the last meeting regarding his evaluation.

The Superintendent of Schools commented that he thinks the district will have its best year ever and was delighted to be Mineola's Superintendent. He thanked the parents and students that have enriched his life.

- Capital Updates

Ms. Salvatore inquired about the progress of the HVAC system work at the Middle School. Mr. Waters responded that it wasn't completed yet, he is hoping for mid-October.

- Table Reports

- Finance and Operations Report

Mr. Waters presented an analysis of the fund balance; and reported on the status of capital projects.

- 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

President Siwinski inquired where the Board would meet for the Homecoming Parade. Mr. Escobar responded at Jackson Avenue at 4:00 p.m. Mineola will be playing East Rockaway.

- ❖ A resident requested clarification regarding the focus group meeting that it would be a Board meeting. The Superintendent of Schools explained that Dr. Fowler requested the Board of Education be present.

K. Adjournment

At 9:13 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore

Second: Terence Hale

Yes: Terence Hale
 William Hornberger
 John McGrath
 Laraine Salvatore
 Stephen Siwinski

No: None

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martillo
 District Clerk