

**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 – 2008-2009

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

DATE: January 8, 2009

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
OPEN WORK SESSION**

**6:30 p.m. 2nd FLOOR BOARD ROOM
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
Lori Dolan, Asst. District Clerk

A. Call to Order

At 6:25 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Siwinski.

B. Executive Session

At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing 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: Laraine Salvatore
Second: William Hornberger

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

No: None

Passed: Yes

At 7:15 p.m. the Workshop portion of this meeting of the Board of Education resumed.

- C. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. **Reading of Mission**
- E. **Moment of Silent Meditation**
- F. **Dais & Visitor Introductions**
- G. **Old Business**

Mr. Hornberger inquired as to the status of requested information on December 4, 2008 concerning an analysis of club participation, and the Superintendent responded that this was in progress. Mr. Hornberger inquired as to the status for hiring a replacement for the Director of Transportation, and Dr. Nagler responded that he had begun the Civil Service canvass procedure, had received 2 replies from the list, and had requested additional names from the next Civil Service exam in February. Mr. Hornberger asked when the Board would be receiving their PTA meeting attendance schedule. Mr. Hornberger inquired as to the possibility of reaching out to the Union heads to discuss their flexibility with regard to givebacks. The Superintendent of Schools stated that, at this time, it would not be very inviting, and would be contingent on maintaining the current workforce.

H. New Business

At 7:25 p.m. Janice Patterson arrived at this meeting of the Board of Education.

1. Tenure Administrative Appointment

RESOLUTION #40 – **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to grant Lawrence Butti, School District Administrator, effective February 1, 2009, tenure.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore
Second: John McGrath

Mr. McGrath stated that he had reviewed Mr. Butti's tenure portfolio and that it was very impressive, and the Superintendent of Schools agreed, adding that Mr. Butti has an excellent understanding of ELA standards. Mr. Escobar and Mr. Barth spoke in support

of Mr. Butti's tenure recommendation. Mr. Butti stated that he is proud to be part of the Mineola community and thanked the students, staff and colleagues.

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

No: None

Passed: Yes

I. Superintendent's Reports

- Superintendent's Comments
 - ❖ A Middle School Teacher's Workshop was conducted regarding the asbestos abatement project; a physician was brought in to answer questions. The abatement project will be complete January 18, 19 or 20.
 - ❖ This weekend are the All County Music Concerts
 - ❖ ELA Assessments next week.
 - ❖ By next Board meeting, the State of the District Report and Cost Reduction Plan would be complete.
 - ❖ Mustang Stakes 1/31/09

The Superintendent of Schools introduced Mrs. Goffman, who would be presenting an overview of the ESL program.

- English as a Second Language Program Report

Mrs. Goffman introduced the ESL Program committee, comprised of Mrs. Goffman, Mr. Puccio, Ms. Beach, Ms. Molloy and Ms. Watson. Mr. Puccio then introduced the two student presenters, Vissila Vieira and Christian Delgado, both high school seniors who had been in the program for three years. Ms. Vieira stated that she came from Brazil 3 years ago as a high school freshman and that it took 2 ½ years for her to learn and understand English. She added that she was looking forward to college, and that the ESL program had given her confidence to speak in class. Mr. Delgado stated that the ESL program has helped him in reading, writing and listening, and that he is no longer shy and has the confidence to raise his hand in class. He added that he will be attending Nassau Community College in the fall, majoring in Hotel Management. Mrs. Salvatore asked the students if this program had helped to keep them in school, and made them more appreciative of high school, and the students responded yes. Ms. Salvatore asked the students if they participated in any after school activities, and both students again replied yes. The Superintendent thanked the students, adding that their speech and articulation during their presentation was excellent. The ESL Program Committee then continued their presentation of the ESL Program outlining program requirements, New York State regulations, funding, staffing and types of programs available. Language proficiency data per school was also presented. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Superintendent thanked the committee and the students.

J. Executive Session

At 9:10 p.m. a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing 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: William Hornberger

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

No: None

Passed: Yes

K. Adjournment

At 9:20 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Terence Hale

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

No: None

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dolan
Assistant District Clerk