

**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 - 2015-2016**

***Educational***

- Continue to actualize the District's Mission and Strategic Objectives and measure progress toward these goals
  - Continue to develop an electronic portfolio which recognizes the attributes embodied in the mission statement
  - Demonstrate that students are contributing positively to a global society
  - Demonstrate that students are exhibiting strength of character (habits of the mind)
  - Demonstrate that students are pursuing something about which they are passionate
- Continue to expand and develop college and career partnerships to ensure success for our HS graduates.
  - Expand Queensboro certificate program
  - Explore career partnerships with local institutions

***Facilities***

- Develop a comprehensive Building Condition Survey which outlines the health of all of the districts buildings
  - Create a new five-year Capital Plan to address outstanding items in the BCS
    - Leverage both the Capital Reserve and Energy Performance Contracts (EPC)

***Finance***

- Not to exceed the allowable tax levy cap while continuing to maintain and enhance all of our programs and facilities

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**DATE: February 11, 2016**

**LOCATION: Willis Avenue School**

**OPEN WORK SESSION**

**7:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Board Room**

**Board of Education**

Christine Napolitano  
Patricia Navarra  
Nicole Matzer  
Margaret Ballantyne  
Brian Widman

**Central Office**

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools  
Jack Waters, Asst. Supt. for Finance Operations  
Patricia Burns, Asst. Supt. Curr.,Instr.,&Assess.  
Edward Escobar, Asst. Supt. Human Resources  
Andrea Paggi, District Clerk

**A. Call to Order- 7:00 pm**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Reading of Mission- Brian Widman**

**D. Moment of Silent Meditation**

**E. Dais & Visitor Introductions**

Guest: BA Schoen, Area 11 Director, NYSSBA

**F. High School Student Organization Report**

There was no Student Organization report this evening.

The Superintendent introduced a special guest, BA Schoen, who is here this evening to recognize some of our Board Members. Mr. Schoen stated that prior becoming the Area 11 Director, he had been a Board Member since 1986. He explained that NYS School Board Members must complete training within a year of being elected in order to continue to serve in that position. Mr. Schoen added that this requirement is unique for an elected volunteer position. He is here this evening to recognize three of the Board members who have gone above and beyond the requirement. Brian Widman was awarded the "Board Achievement Award"- 75 points; Margaret Ballantyne was awarded the "Board Excellence Award"- 150 points; and Nicole Matzer received "Board Mastery"- 250 points. Ms. Matzer was also given a folder and certificate for this honor. Ms. Napolitano stated that the Board members were unaware that Mr. Schoen would be here this evening. Christine Napolitano added that she is very proud of this Board and the time and effort that they all put in. This entire Board attends many of the activities throughout the District. She thanked the Board for all of their involvement.

**G. BOE Reports**

**a. Comments from Board Trustees**

Brian Widman started by thanking the custodians for all of their hard work in keeping walkways and parking lots cleared after the snow storm on February 5th, allowing for the performances of "Lion King" to go on as scheduled. Mr. Widman attended the FIRST Lego League Qualifying tournament and stated that there was a large turnout. He thanked Mr. Interrante and Ms. Fusco for all of their hard work. Brian Widman attended the presentation of "Ryan's Story" at the Middle School by John Halligan. Mr. Halligan tells the story of his son, Ryan, the bullying he endured and his suicide. Mr. Widman stated that this is a very powerful presentation and he recommends visiting the website "Ryan's Story". Mr. Widman also recommends that this presentation be done at the Middle School on an on-going basis. Brian stated that all he can say about "Lion King" is "Wow" and that it blew his mind. He thanked Mr. DeLuca for his vision of this play and the 200 students involved. Mr. Widman thanked all of the parents and students involved and everything was amazing. He is looking forward to the High School production.

Margaret Ballantyne wanted to acknowledge that in the Mineola American, there were eight different articles on the District. She was happy to see that many topics and students were being recognized. Dr. Ballantyne is very thankful for all of the parent participation that takes place. She stated that the "Lion King" was phenomenal. Dr. Ballantyne attended the PTSA meeting and there was a good turnout. Dr. Ballantyne attended the FIRST Lego League tournament and felt that everyone did a great job. Dr. Ballantyne was happy

to have the opportunity to see two students from the High School, Katie Shi and Emily Skupp present their research at the Jr. Science and Humanities Symposium held at York College. She enjoys seeing young women involved with science. Dr. Ballantyne is looking forward to the break.

Nicole Matzer began by congratulating everyone involved with the "Lion King" including Mr. DeLuca, teachers and students. She added that it was amazing to witness the transformation that took place. The costumes made by the students were amazing. Ms. Matzer thanked the Middle School PTA for bringing "Ryan's Story" back and feels that it should be done at least once every three years for students and parents. It is a heartbreaking story with a very important message. She attended the HS PTSA fundraiser- Paint Night at Angelina's. It was a lot of fun and she thanked the organizers. Ms. Matzer is looking forward to String Night and Jazz Night.

Patricia Navarra described the production of "Lion King" as breathtaking. It was amazing that 200 students were part of the production and loved that it went across the curriculum within the school. Ms. Navarra attended the HS PTSA Paint Night and it was very enjoyable. She thanked Angelina's for giving the PTSA the room for free and thanked all of the parent volunteers.

#### **b. Comments from Board President**

Christine Napolitano stated that the "Lion King" was extraordinary and she thanked everyone involved with the production. She attended the Mustang Stakes; it was a lot of fun and well attended. Ms. Napolitano was blown away by the First Lego League Tournament. The kids were all very excited and Mr. Interrante was very calm. She stated that a letter was sent to the District raving about the parent volunteers at the event. Ms. Napolitano visited the High School and saw all that was going on and all that still need to be done. Ms. Napolitano had the opportunity to attend an event for LIHSA featuring Billy Joel. Ms. Napolitano accompanied two students from the High School. Billy Joel talked and performed for two hours. Students had the opportunity to ask questions. The event was enjoyable and our students represented the District well.

#### **c. Comments from Superintendent**

Dr. Nagler spoke about the FIRST Lego League Qualifying tournament; 36 teams from around the island participated. The organizers raved about the custodians and the volunteers. Cindy Velez did a great job organizing the volunteers. The kids were very excited about participating. There were two teams from Mineola and the team which started out as the underdog ended up moving on in the competition. Dr. Nagler also coached his son's team in the event. The Junior FIRST Lego League Expo will take place at the High School on 2/27 and 8 teams from Jackson Avenue will be participating. On Tuesday, Dr. Nagler was on a conference call with several university representatives. Mineola was recognized by President Obama in his State of the Union address when he discussed the Computer Science for All Initiative. The conference call was for us to share what we do for students: kidOYO and next generation science standards. Today, Dr. Nagler was at the High School to participate in a video along with students and staff about Matt DeLuca. Mr. Owens found that the Tony's have a program in which they recognize teachers for their commitment to the arts. It is required that a video must be submitted. Mr. DeLuca is very committed to the drama program and hopefully he will be recognized for all that he does. Dr. Nagler attended the Mustang Stakes and won a prize- Mineola sportswear. Dr. Nagler reported that the windows have arrived and the work will begin 2/29. The windows will be replaced in one classroom per night starting at Meadow Drive. Once that school is complete, then they will move on to Hampton Street. Mr. Escobar, Mr. Waters, Mr. Romano and Dr. Nagler met with Michael Mark, architect, regarding the Building Condition Survey to start the planning the District course of action. He added that Ecosystem will be starting their work. Dr. Nagler reported that the High School field and ceiling project has been approved as a Level 1 project. The hope is to award the project at the April Business Meeting. The Superintendent has been looking over the personnel that will need to be replaced

including: teachers, Marc Licht and the Hampton Street principal. There will be ads in the NY Times at the beginning of March. There has been a request for Mineola to host a summit for teachers from NY and NJ on Saturday, May 7th- "Ed Tech Teachers". It was explained that they do not normally run these conferences in NY. Dr. Nagler stated that we would host 8 sessions on what we are doing. The Board was in agreement and gave the Superintendent permission to host this event. The State Education Department sent an anonymous survey to parents to rate the District's Special Education program. There were 111 responses and the SED was looking for a target satisfaction rating of 90 and Mineola received a 98.2. Dr. Nagler will forward the results to the Board.

## **H. Old Business**

Ms. Napolitano asked the Board if there was any old business, but they did not have any at this time. Ms. Napolitano stated that she saw that there was a "Meet your child's I pad " at Hampton and Meadow and asked about parent turnout. Patricia Burns stated that parents were invited to come during the day to actually work on the device with their children and there was a session in the evening for those unable to be there during the day. She reported that turnout was good. Dr. Nagler added that the turnout of the devices is being done slowly and they have not gone home yet. The contracts will be going out to parents. He stated it is being done in this manner to set up a comfort level. Dr. Ballantyne feels that it is a good thing for the parents to actually be able to go into the classroom and see how the technology is being used. There was no other old business.

## **I. New Business**

### **Second Reading & Adoption of Board Policy #7513- Administration of Medication**

**RESOLUTION # 51** - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD waives the second formal reading of Board Policy # 7513, Administration of Medication, due to its availability on the information table and moves its adoption.

**Motion:** Margaret Ballantyne

**Second:** Patricia Navarra

**Yes:** Brian Widman                      **No:** None

Margaret Ballantyne

Nicole Matzer

Patricia Navarra

Christine Napolitano

**Passed:** Yes

### **Second Reading & Adoption of Board Policy #7521-Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions**

**RESOLUTION # 52** - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD waives the second formal reading of Board Policy # 7521, Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions, due to its availability on the information table and moves its adoption.

**Motion:** Patricia Navarra

**Second:** Brian Widman

Discussion: Dr. Nagler stated that during public discussion at the last Board Meeting, a parent raised some concerns about her child's allergies and he feels that this policy covers those concerns. There was no additional discussion.

**Yes:** Brian Widman                      **No:** None

Margaret Ballantyne

Nicole Matzer

Patricia Navarra

Christine Napolitano

**Passed:** Yes

### **Second Reading & Adoption of Board Policy #8450- Homebound Instruction**

**RESOLUTION # 53** - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD waives the second formal reading of Board Policy # 8450, Homebound Instruction, due to its availability on the

information table and moves its adoption.

**Motion:** Margaret Ballantyne

**Second:** Nicole Matzer

**Yes:** Brian Widman  
Margaret Ballantyne  
Nicole Matzer  
Patricia Navarra  
Christine Napolitano

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

### **Approval of Substitute Teacher Pay**

**RESOLUTION # 54- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD approve an increase in teacher substitute pay to \$125 per diem, after a teacher works 30 consecutive days beginning February 1, 2016.

**Motion:** Nicole Matzer

**Second:** Margaret Ballantyne

Discussion: Dr. Nagler explained the reasoning behind this resolution. There has been a shortage of substitutes this year. The subs available are looking for higher rates of pay and rates vary amongst the districts. Mineola has not secured the same amount of permanent subs as they have in the past. According to Dr. Nagler, when teachers are out it has become very difficult to cover the slot especially in the elementary schools. The District is trying to find a way to attract people to come to our schools. It was suggested by the Board, that the "30 consecutive days" could be an issue. Both Ms. Navarra and Dr. Ballantyne felt increments of 10 days would be more attainable. It was recommended that this be amended to state: the Board of Education approves an increase in teacher substitute pays as follows: to \$110 per diem after a teacher works ten (10) consecutive days; to \$120 per diem after a teacher works an additional ten (10) days and to \$130 per diem after a teacher works an additional ten (10) days, to be capped at \$130 per diem beginning 2/1/16.

A motion was made by Margaret Ballantyne to amend resolution #54 and was second by Nicole Matzer. The Board was polled and all were in favor of amending the resolution as stated. Motion passed and there was no further discussion. The Board was then polled on amended resolution #54.

**Yes:** Brian Widman  
Margaret Ballantyne  
Nicole Matzer  
Patricia Navarra  
Christine Napolitano

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

**Annual Election and Budget Vote - May 17, 2016**

**RESOLUTION # 55 - BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District approves of the following information regarding the Annual Election and Budget Vote scheduled for May 17, 2016:

- (a) The District's Annual Election will be held on **Tuesday, May 17, 2016**.
- (b) The District Clerk be authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the registration of qualified voters and for the conduct of the District's Annual Election to be held on **Tuesday, May 17, 2016**, including the rental and delivery of voting machines and the publication of the necessary notices of public budget hearing, and of said registration, as required by law, in the **Mineola American and Williston Times**.
- (c) The polls on the date of the Annual Election will be open for the period from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., both inclusive.
- (d) The polls for voting purposes at these locations will be designated as (1) Jackson Avenue School; and (2) Meadow Drive School.
- (e) Each of the Inspectors of Election and Registrars designated by the Board of Education serve for such Annual Election and be compensated in the sum of **\$10.00** per hour for their services.
- (f) The President of the Board of Education will be designated as Chairperson, calling the election to order.
- (g) The form and content of the notice of the Public Budget Hearing and of the registration of voters and the annual election including the dates, times and places thereof as set forth in such notices, all as prepared by the District Clerk and annexed hereto, be approved.
- (h) Dr. Nagler and Mrs. Paggi are designated as Poll Clerks to canvass "affidavit ballots" to meet at the Superintendent's Office on **Wednesday, May 18, 2016**, at 3:00 p.m. for such purpose.
- (i) The Budget Hearing will take place on **Thursday, May 5, 2016** at 7:00 p.m., at the Willis Avenue School, with regard to the special meeting.
- (j) A special evening registration of voters shall take place on **Tuesday, May 3, 2016**, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Willis Avenue School, located at 121 Jackson Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501.

**Motion:** Brian Widman

**Second:** Patricia Navarra

**Yes:** Brian Widman                      **No:** None

Margaret Ballantyne

Nicole Matzer

Patricia Navarra

Christine Napolitano

**Passed:** Yes

## **Approval of the Building Condition Survey**

**RESOLUTION # 56 - BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District hereby accepts the 2015 Building Condition Survey (BCS) completed by Mark Design Studios Architecture, PC and hereby instructs MDS to file the survey with the NYSED.

**Motion:** Margaret Ballantyne

**Second:** Nicole Matzer

**Yes:** Brian Widman  
Margaret Ballantyne  
Nicole Matzer  
Patricia Navarra  
Christine Napolitano

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

### **J. Consensus Agenda**

**RESOLUTION # 57- BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.5.c.1., as presented.

**Motion:** Patricia Navarra

**Second:** Nicole Matzer

Discussion: Dr. Nagler stated that he wanted to bring to everyone's attention item 4.a.2- appointment of William Gilberg to Supervisor of Transportation. He is very happy to promote Mr. Gilberg. Dr. Nagler stated that Bill does his job very well and congratulates him on this promotion.

**Yes:** Brian Widman  
Margaret Ballantyne  
Nicole Matzer  
Patricia Navarra  
Christine Napolitano

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

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

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the January 21, 2016 Business Meeting as presented.

#### 2. **Instruction**

- a. **Resignation(s)**
  1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jessica I. Hirsh, Teacher, effective June 30, 2016.

b. Leave(s) of Absence/Child Rearing

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Nancy Rojas, for a Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, starting approximately April 5, 2016.
2. That the Board of Education grants a request to Morgan Mercaldi, for a Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, starting approximately March 9, 2016.
3. That the Board of Education grants a request to Danielle Carretta, for a Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, starting approximately May 24, 2016.

c. Appointments Instruction

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Erica Perez-Flowers, to the position of part time hourly paid Speech Teacher, paid at an hourly rate of \$55.32, effective October 28, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

d. Appointments 45 Day Subs

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kevin Shue, to the position of 45 Day Substitute Teacher for Kristin Frazer , effective 02/08/2016 to on or before June 30, 2016; Salary: Days 1-20, \$100.00, Days 21-39 \$110.00, Days 40-45 \$120, Day 46 MA, Step1, \$68,282.

e. Appointment(S) Perm Sub

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Samantha Stavish, to the position of Permanent Substitute Teacher at a daily rate of \$100.00, effective February 22, 2016 to May 31, 2016.

f. Appointment(s) Coaches

That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following coaches for the current school year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Boys Varsity Baseball	Helmut Bohringer	3	\$8,374
Varsity Baseball Asst	Robert Trenkle	2	\$4,889
Baseball- JV	Christopher M. Schacca	3	\$5,799
7th grade Baseball	Jason Sauter	3	\$5,460
8th grade Baseball	Michael A. Tavernite	3	\$5,460
Lacrosse- Varsity Boys	Glenn M. Cocoman	3	\$8,366
Lacrosse- Varsity Asst Boys	Matthew Antoniou	3	\$5,691
Boys JV Lacrosse Asst	Thomas J. Oswald	3	\$5,364
7/8 Grade Boys Lacrosse	Mark Miller	3	\$5,442
7/8 Grade Boys Lacrosse Asst	Joseph P. Cerulli	3	\$4,788
Track-Spring Boys Varsity	John E. Fretz	3	\$7,848
Track-Spring Girls Varsity	Thomas J. Leninger	3	\$7,848
Spring Track-Assistant	Kevin A. Murphy	3	\$5,337
Softball- Varsity	Anthony Tramonte	3	\$8,366
Varsity Softball Asst	Caitlin T. Orlando	3	\$5,688
JV Softball	Hilary Hunter	3	\$5,799
7th Grade Softball	Peter C. Linderman	3	\$5,075
8th Grade Softball	Vanessa Casper	3	\$5,075
Girls Varsity Lacrosse	Frank J. Massaro	3	\$8,366
Girls Varsity Lacrosse Asst	Daniel Guido	3	\$5,691

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Girls JV Lacrosse	Samantha Stavish	1	\$4,605
7th Grade Girls Lacrosse	Katherine P. Bennett	3	\$5,442
8th Grade Girls Lacrosse	Elizabeth R. Reilly	3	\$5,442
Athletic Trainer	Kevin M. LaPlatney		\$38.43 per hour
Lacrosse-Junior Varsity	Jamie McAndrew	1	\$4,605.00

g. Appointment(s) Club/Stipends

That the Board of Education approves the following Club/stipend recommendations for the current school year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Robotics	Vincent J. Interrante	\$909.00 (amend stipend from 10/1/15)
Robotics	Melissa Fusco	\$909.00 (amend stipend from 10/1/15)

3. **Instruction: Contracted**

a. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Linda Annapolen, consultant to perform Instructional Coaching with teachers in Foundations and Professional Development workshops for the 2015- 2016 school year.

b. That the Board of Education approves the Special Education Services contracts for Parentally-Placed Students between the Mineola UFSD and the NYC Department of Education for the 2014-2015 school year.

c. That the Board of Education approves the Special Education Services contracts for Parentally-Placed Students between the Mineola UFSD and the Roslyn UFSD for the 2014- 2015 school year.

4. **Civil Service**

a. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Sheri Ragolia, to the position of .5 Nurse to replace Ursula Stahl, effective January 25, 2016. Salary is \$22,765 on Step 1.

2. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of William Gilberg, Assistant Supervisor of Transportation, to Supervisor of Transportation, effective February 1, 2016. Salary is \$110,000, pro-rated.

3. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Renee Aufiero, to the position of 11 month Typist Clerk in Buildings & Grounds, to replace Elaine Cook, effective March 1, 2016. Salary will be \$39,323 on Step 2; probation is 26 weeks.

4. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Christopher Howard, to the position of Bus Driver/ Mechanic, to replace Matthew Bielawa who retired, effective February 16, 2016. Salary will be \$48,511 on Step 4; probation 26 weeks.

5. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Olga Santoli, part time Bus Aide, to the position of full time Bus Attendant to replace Daisy Aviles who retired, effective February 1, 2016. Salary is \$23,278 on Step 2; probation is 26 weeks.

6. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Janine Miller, to the position of part time, One to One Teacher Aide at the Middle School, effective February 22, 2016. Salary will be \$13.95 per hour.

7. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Anney Johnson, to the position of Substitute Nurse, effective February 1, 2016. Salary is \$125 per day.

8. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jolly Itty, to the position of Substitute Nurse, effective February 22, 2016. Salary is \$125 per day.

9. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Robin Stephens-Roach, to the positions of Clerical and Teacher Aide Substitute, effective February 22, 2016. Salary of the Teacher Aide Sub is \$13.95 per hour and Clerical is \$15.00 per hour.

b. Leave(s) of Absence

1. That the Board of Education grant a request to Esmirna Pena, part time Greeter at Hampton Street School, for a Leave of Absence, due to a family emergency, effective February 1, 2016 through April 22, 2016.

c. Leave(s) of Absence

1. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Linda Spagnola, 12 month Senior Stenographer in the Superintendent's Office, effective January 22, 2016, due to surgery. Return date is approximately 6 weeks.

5. **Business /Finance**

a. **Treasurer's Report**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's report for the period ending December 31, 2015 and directs that it be placed on file.

b. **Approval of Invoices and Payroll**

That the Board of Education accepts the Invoices and Payroll for the period ending January 31, 2016

A/P Warrant # 13	January 13, 2016	\$ 1,302,351.26
A/P Warrant # 14	January 27, 2016	\$ 1,251,190.85
January Wire Transfers		\$ 337,376.17

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 2,890,918.28**

**PAYROLL # 13 & # 14**

General	\$ 4,053,758.66
F Fund	\$ 47,535.38

**TOTAL PAYROLL \$4,101,294.04**

c. **Budget Appropriation Adjustment**

1. That the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds, in the amount of \$45,000 from Budget code: 5510-502-00-7999 to Budget code: 5540-401-10-9299 to cover the cost of two additional out of district bus routes per PPS agreement.

## **K. Superintendent's Report**

### Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 2/11/16

#### Presentations:

##### 1. Tax Cap Calculation

Tonight, Dr. Nagler presented the "Explanation of the Tax Levy Cap". \*This presentation can be found on the District website, on the Board of Education page, under the heading presentations. Dr. Nagler stated that the 2% Cap is not a true term and for the 2016-17 school year, it is actually .12%. He also added that the tax base growth factor also does not truly reflect Mineola. The Superintendent presented some information that is effecting the calculations this year. He referred to the "LIPA Saga" which is resulting in the question: what levy do we use? The County changed levies in September. The result of this change required a shift in the adjusted based proportion- Class 1 increased 2%. The tax levy voted upon in May 2015 was 80,124,481 but the levy after LIPA PILOT was 78,853,503. The PILOT was 1,270,978. Dr. Nagler presented Part 1 of the formula used to determine the levy cap. One major problem is that for the PILOTs, the district is not getting the amounts that we were told, we are getting less. He explained that means that we are getting less revenue than we budgeted. Also, for the LIPA PILOT, there is no schedule and we have no idea what it will be. Dr. Nagler presented the Capital Expense Exemptions 2015-2016 which total \$2,254,440. Dr. Nagler displayed the completed Part 1 of the formula, which equals an adjusted prior year tax levy of 78,414,063. Next, he displayed the formula for determining the tax levy. The estimated Capital Expense Exemption for 2016- 2017 is a decrease of \$74,440 from 2015/16. After completing the calculations, the new levy is \$78,843,160 and the old levy was \$78,853,503; therefore the increase in levy is (10,343) or -0.01%.

What does a negative levy cap mean? The Superintendent stated that it is still very important for the budget to pass. If it fails, we go into a "contingency budget" of 0%. He explained that although that would be an increase, the district would lose all equipment. Dr. Nagler emphasized that we would not lose program. Dr. Nagler discussed the "roll over" budget, both pension systems and debt went down. He cautioned that we should no look for TRS and ERS to go down again. As far as Revenue: the 2015-2016 State Aid was not included in last year's budget, because it was contingent on the approved APPR. The District did receive the money and booked it. The Governor's proposed State Aid for 2016- 2017 is \$267,854. Dr. Nagler feels that the District will be okay. Ms. Napolitano is troubled by the best way to explain to the community the importance of passing the budget. Dr. Nagler stated that he does not believe that the Governor and State Senators and the assembly realized that this could happen when they originally put the tax cap in place. He added that the District will be fine next year, but it will be interesting to see how this will play out in the coming years. Dr. Nagler explained that this presentation just establishes the levy; there will be many more upcoming budget conversations.

#### Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent had no additional comments this evening but stated that he was in need of an Executive Session.

## **L. Public Comments**

Ms. Napolitano opened the floor to public comments; however there were none this evening.

**M. Executive Session Time: 8:25 p.m.**

At 8:25 pm, a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into Executive Session to discuss Teacher Negotiations.

**Motion:** Nicole Matzer  
**Second:** Margaret Ballantyne

**Yes:** Brian Widman  
Margaret Ballantyne  
Nicole Matzer  
Patricia Navarra  
Christine Napolitano

**No:** None

**Passed:** Yes

**N. Adjournment Time: \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**No:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Passed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea M. Paggi