

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

DATE: June 16, 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- Nicole Matzer**
- D. Moment of Silent Meditation**

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

Absent- Patricia Navarra and Patricia Burns

F. High School Student Organization Report

Tonight's Student Organization report was by Felicia Vella. She reported that it has been very busy at the high school. The students are taking regents exams and AP exams took place in May. The 7th graders from the Middle School visited the High School. Felicia reported that some college professors came to the High School to meet with seniors as preparation for their first semester in college. Felicia talked about the many recent events at the High School including: Battle of Grades, the Art Show, STEAM Night, Senior Awards Breakfast, National Honor Society Inductions, Varsity Award, Music Awards and Tri-M Inductions, High School Concert, NYSSMA , Senior Boat Trip and the Prom. Felicia also stated that the High School graduation will take place on 6/25 at the Tilles Center. Felicia stated that this will be her last meeting as the Student Organization representative. She has had this opportunity for two years and truly enjoyed this experience. Felicia thanked the Board for this opportunity and all that she has learned from this experience. Christine Napolitano expressed to Felicia how much her presence at the Board Meetings has meant and what joy she has brought to the meetings. Ms. Napolitano wished Felicia good luck and asked her to keep in touch. Dr. Nagler also commented that Felicia is a spectacular young woman who has both entertained and informed the Board of all that is going on at the High School. He stated that he is very proud of Felicia and how she has represented the District.

The Superintendent invited Mr. Escobar to make a special presentation this evening. Ed Escobar stated that recently several young men were made Eagle Scouts. There were three of these individuals whose projects focused on the beautification of the District and they are Christopher Mueller, Anthony Sarno and Andrew Desiderio. These three were invited to tonight's meeting however, due to scheduling conflicts only one was able to be here. Mr. Escobar stated that Andrew Desiderio's project was a beautification of Hampton Street and Meadow Drive. Mr. Escobar stated that Andrew represents the District mission, is goal oriented and a truly good individual. Nicole Matzer congratulated Andrew and added that he is the Senior Patrol Leader for the troop. Dr. Nagler added that in his Ted Talk, he refers to a student named Andrew and this is the student that he was talking about. Dr. Nagler stated that the District is very proud of Andrew's accomplishment.

G. BOE Reports

a. Comments from Board Trustees

Brian Widman wished the seniors good luck.

Margaret Ballantyne thanked everyone for a great year and acknowledged all of the parent volunteers, teachers and most of all our students.

Nicole Matzer wished the seniors good luck and thanked everyone for a great year.

b. Comments from Board President

Christine Napolitano took this opportunity to thank Diane Anderson who served as interim principal at Hampton Street School. She is a kind and good hearted person, who really stepped up and did a great job.

c. Comments from Superintendent

Dr. Nagler also thanked Diane Anderson for stepping into this role and reflected on first meeting her when he was the High School principal. Dr. Nagler attended the Varsity Award Dinner on Monday and he acknowledged the two athletes that went to States this year. The Superintendent stated that he had spoken with Joe Owens regarding the status of the Summer Music Program and there are currently 180 students registered. This program's attendance is growing steadily each year. Dr. Nagler gave a facilities update: High School track and field project is underway; the Middle School bus loop is in the final design phase; the Fab Lab project will begin June 27; Hampton Street windows are almost complete and will be followed by the installation of the doors; and the doors at Meadow will be installed. Dr. Nagler thanked Jack Waters, Dan Romano and Ed Escobar for staying on top of all of these projects. Christine Napolitano requested that Dr. Nagler inform people of his TedX talk. Dr. Nagler stated that he recently did a TedX talk and the link can be found on the district website. He stated that his topic was "Why Education should be more like pizza". Dr. Nagler stated that he would appreciate feedback on what people think about it.

H. Old Business

The Board had no old business this evening.

I. New Business

Policy- Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policies

RESOLUTION # 89 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD waives the second formal reading of the following Revised Board Policies due to their availability on the information table and moves their adoption:

Policy # 7521- Students With Life-Threatening Health conditions

Policy # 8260- Title I Parent Involvement

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Nicole Matzer

Yes: Brian Widman **No:** None

Margaret Ballantyne

Nicole Matzer

Christine Napolitano

Passed: Yes

Regulations- Second Reading and Adoption of Board Regulations

RESOLUTION # 90 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD waives the second formal reading of the following Board Regulations due to their availability on the information table and moves their adoption:

Regulation # 3280R- Public Use of School Facilities Regulation

Regulation # 5411R- Procurement Guidelines

Regulation # 7521R- Opioid Overdose Prevention Regulation

Motion: Brian Widman

Second: Margaret Ballantyne

Yes: Brian Widman **No:** None

Margaret Ballantyne

Nicole Matzer

Christine Napolitano

Passed: Yes

Employee Agreement

RESOLUTION # 91 - BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District hereby authorizes and approves a Side Letter Agreement concerning Employee # 914, made known to the Board in executive session, between the Board, the Employee, and the Mineola Teachers' Association,

dated June 8, 2016

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Nicole Matzer

Yes: Brian Widman
Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

J. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 92 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.9.b., as presented.

Motion: Nicole Matzer

Second: Margaret Ballantyne

Discussion: Dr. Nagler stated that he was very excited about all of the appointments this evening, especially the promotions. He stated that when you promote within, you lose very little time and an organization can go from good to great much quicker. Dr. Nagler stated that it is very important to get all the right people on the "bus" and for all of them to know what direction we are going. He added that all of these individuals understand the mission and the direction we are headed. Matthew Gaven will be moving to Central Office to be the Director of Technology. Andrew Casale will become the Middle School principal and Dr. Nagler stated he has not stopped working since he got here. Dr. Nagler referred to Mr. Casale and Margarita Maravel as the Dynamic Duo. She will become the Hampton Street Principal. Dominick Tolipano will become the Assistant Principal at Jackson Avenue and Ms. Gonzalez' right hand man. Heather Dvorak will become the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at the High School. Dr. Nagler is proud of all that each of these individuals will bring to their new roles. Christine Napolitano stated that she has heard Dr. Nagler's goal over the years to bring on new leaders. She is very excited about the great things to come. She thanked each of these individuals, wished them good luck and expressed that the Board is here to support them. Dr. Ballantyne stated that it is exciting to see all of these individuals taking on bigger roles and congratulated all. Nicole Matzer expressed her congratulations and wished them good luck. There were no additional comments or discussions and the Board voted on the resolution.

Yes: Brian Widman
Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

1. **Accepting of Minutes**

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Business Meeting and June 2, 2016 Workshop Meeting as presented.

2. **Instruction**

a. Resignation(s)

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Andrew J. Casale, Middle School Instructional Leader, effective June 30, 2016.
2. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Matthew C. Gaven, Middle School Principal, effective June 30, 2016.
3. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Margarita Maravel, Middle School Instructional Leader, effective June 30, 2016.
4. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Dominick J. Tolipano, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2016.
5. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Carmen T. Vazquez, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2016.
6. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Rachel M. Montanez, Color Guard Director, effective June 9, 2016.
7. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Heather Dvorak, Dean of Discipline, effective June 30, 2016.

b. Leave(s) of Absence/Personal

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Nicole Bartone, for an unpaid Leave of Absence, due to personal reasons, effective August 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

c. Leave(s) of Absence/Child Rearing

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Karen Bendel, for a Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, starting approximately November 17, 2016.

d. Appointments Instruction

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Andrew Casale, to the probationary position of Middle School Principal, effective July 1, 2016. Salary: AMSA MS Principal, Step 1, \$164,345. Probationary Period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Margarita Maravel, to the probationary position of Elementary Principal at Hampton Street, effective July 1, 2016. Salary: AMSA Elementary Principal, Step 1, \$155,573. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Dominick Tolipano, to the probationary position of Assistant Principal at Jackson Avenue, effective July 1, 2016. Salary: AMSA SPVR, Step 1, \$143,381. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kuri DiFede, to the probationary position of Computer Science Teacher in the tenure area of technical subjects, effective August 31, 2016. Salary: MA, Step 4, \$77,147. Probationary Period: August 31, 2016 to August 30, 2020.

5. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of James Durso, to the probationary position of Physical Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2016. Salary: MA, Step 1, \$68,282. Probationary Period: August 31, 2016 to August 30, 2020.
6. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Elizabeth Gerner, to the probationary position of Math/Special Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2016. Salary: MA, Step 1, \$68,282. Probationary Period: August 31, 2016 to August 30, 2020.
7. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jamie McAndrew, to the probationary position of Social Studies/Special Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2016. Salary: MA, Step 1, \$68,282. Probationary Period: August 31, 2016 to August 30, 2020.
8. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michael Oliveri, to the probationary position of ELA/ Special Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2016. Salary: MA, Step 1, \$68,282. Probationary Period: August 31, 2016 to August 30, 2020.
9. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Damaris Ramirez, to the position of Probationary Elementary Teacher, effective August 31, 2016. Salary: MA+30, Step 6, \$88,157. Probationary Period: August 31, 2016 to August 30, 2020.
10. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Matthew Gaven, to the position of Probationary Director of Technology, effective July 1, 2016 with a salary of \$176,329. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
11. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicholas Tonini, to the position of Probationary Physical Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2016. Salary: BA, Step 1, \$58,706. Probationary Period: August 31, 2016 to August 30, 2020.
12. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Daniel Reardon, to the position of Probationary Dean of Discipline, effective July 1, 2016 with a salary of \$120,000. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
13. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Irina Renner, to the position of Probationary ELA/ENL/Special Teacher, effective August 31, 2016. Salary: MA+30, Step 1, \$72,828. Probationary Period: August 31, 2016 to August 30, 2020.
14. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Andrew Woolsey, to the position of Probationary Technology Education Teacher, effective August 31, 2016. Salary: MA, Step 3, \$74,186. Probationary Period: August 31, 2016 to August 30, 2020.
15. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Carmen Vazquez, to the position of Instructional Leader, effective July 1, 2016. Salary: AMSA MSIL, Step 1, \$129,842. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
16. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Catherine Simek, to the position of Instructional Leader, effective July 1, 2016. Salary: AMSA MSIL, Step 1, \$129,842. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
17. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Sara Ortiz, to the position of Instructional Leader, effective July 1, 2016. Salary: AMSA MSIL, Step 1, \$129,842. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.

18. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Leigh Shaw, to the position of Instructional Leader, effective July 1, 2016. Salary: AMSA MSIL, Step 1, \$129,842. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
19. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicole Culella, to the position of Instructional Leader, effective July 1, 2016. Salary: AMSA MSIL, Step 1, \$129,842. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.
20. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Heather Dvorak, to the position of Assistant Principal at Mineola High School, effective July 1, 2016. Salary: AMSA HSAP, Step 1, \$147,936. Probationary Period: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020.

3. **Instruction: Committee on Special Education**

- 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 3/1/16- 5/31/16. Please be advised that all of the parents have received the student's IEP and a copy of their DUE process rights.

4. **Instruction: Contracted**

- a. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Fred Robert Bocchino, Heart of Change, consultant to work with Principals and Key Leaders (teachers) for the 2016-2017 school year.

- b. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Cristian R. Solorza, consultant to work with Principals and teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.

- c. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Miller Educational Consulting Services, Inc. to work with Principals and teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.

- d. That the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Gina Castaldo, consultant, to work with Principals and teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.

5. **Instruction: Student Actions**

- a. That the Board of Education approves the following Out of State and /or Overnight field trips:
 - Marching Band at Band Camp: Monday, August 15, 2016 - Saturday, August 20, 2016- Camp Kinder Ring, Hopewell Junction, NY, at no cost to the district.
 - Guidance Department Field Trip to NYS Colleges, September 21-22, 2016

6. **Civil Service**

a. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approve the amendment of the appointment of Joany Laurent, to the position of 5 hour Bus Driver from June 1, 2016 to June 15, 2016.
2. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Caryn Hope Smith, to the position of .5 Registered Nurse, for the 2016/2017 school year, effective September 1, 2016. Salary is \$22,765 on Step 1.

3. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Sheri Ragolia, to the position of .5 Registered Nurse for the 2016/2017 school year, effective September 1, 2016. Salary is \$22,735 on Step 1.
4. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Erin Meehan, to the position of Seasonal Worker at the High School, effective July 1, 2016. Salary is \$8.00 per hour.

b. Leave(s) of Absence

1. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence, due to family illness, to Frances Lapoff, Bus Attendant, effective June 2, 2016 through June 24, 2016.
2. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence, due to family illness, to Joaquim Farinhas, 10 month Bus Driver, effective May 23, 2016 through June 13, 2016.
3. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Gonzalo Giron, Cleaner, effective May 31, 2016 through June 27, 2016.

c. Resignation(s)

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Vivian Depascale, Bus Driver, effective July 29, 2016.

d. Appointment(S) Summer Special Ed Teachers-In-Training

That the Board of Education approves the following Teachers-In-Training for the Summer Special Education Program:

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
1.	Seasonal Worker	Andrea Agurto	\$8.50	07/05/2016
2.	Seasonal Worker	Angela Tsakiris	\$8.50	07/05/2016

e. Civil Service: Other

1. That the Board of Education approve the following Seasonal Workers for the Instructional Wrestling Camp at the High School, effective July 11, 2016 through July 15, 2016. Salary will be \$8.00 per hour:
 -Edwin Acevedo
 -Michael Cueter

f. Appointment(S) Summer Cleaners(s)

That the Board of Education approves the following individuals as Summer Cleaners:

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
1.	Seasonal Worker	Kyle Dunleavy	\$8.50	06/07/2016
2.	Seasonal Worker	Thomas Farrell	\$8.50	06/07/2016
3.	Seasonal Worker	Dominic Paggi	\$8.50	06/07/2016
4.	Seasonal Worker	Anthony Coraci	\$8.50	07/05/2016
5.	Seasonal Worker	James Gerstner	\$8.50	07/05/2016
6.	Seasonal Worker	Edien Hincapie	\$8.50	07/05/2016
7.	Seasonal Worker	Matthew Kosowski	\$8.50	07/05/2016
8.	Seasonal Worker	Robert Lang	\$8.50	07/05/2016
9.	Seasonal Worker	Richard Lucchesi	\$8.50	07/05/2016
10.	Seasonal Worker	Peter McCormack	\$8.50	07/05/2016
11.	Seasonal Worker	Daniel Pepe	\$8.50	07/05/2016
12.	Seasonal Worker	Matthew Tavernite	\$8.50	07/05/2016
13.	Seasonal Worker	Christopher Theriot	\$8.50	07/05/2016
14.	Seasonal Worker	William Walton	\$8.50	07/05/2016

	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
15.	Seasonal Worker	Giovanni Dupuy	\$8.50	07/05/2016
16.	Seasonal Worker	Ryan DePalma	\$8.50	07/05/2016
17.	Seasonal Worker	Steven DePalma	\$8.50	07/05/2016
18.	Seasonal Worker	Michael Volpe	\$8.00	07/18/2016
19.	Seasonal Worker	Christopher Volpe	\$8.00	07/18/2016
20.	Seasonal Worker	John Keyes	\$8.00	07/05/2016
21.	Seasonal Worker	Christopher Keyes	\$8.00	07/05/2016
22.	Seasonal Worker	Nicholas Kern	\$8.00	07/05/2016
23.	Seasonal Worker	Malcolm Hylton	\$8.00	07/05/2016
24.	Seasonal Worker	Paul Hincapie	\$8.00	07/05/2016
25.	Seasonal Worker	James Ryan	\$8.00	07/05/2016
26.	Seasonal Worker	Julia Bregy	\$8.00	07/05/2016

7. **Business /Finance**

a. **Treasurer's Report**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's report for the period ending April 30, 2016 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 May 31, 2016

A/P Warrant # 21	May 11, 2016	\$ 1,639,613.01
A/P Warrant # 22	May 24, 2016	\$ 1,651,935.37

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 3,291,548.38

PAYROLL # 21 & # 22

General	\$ 4,142,055.00
F Fund	\$ 51,724.42

TOTAL PAYROLL \$4,193,779.42

8. **Business/Finance: Contract Approvals**

a. That the Board of Education approves a Consultant Agreement for Directing Technology Services between the Mineola UFSD and Marc Licht, from July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

9. **Business/Finance: Disposal of District Property**

That the Board of Education approves the disposal of the following district property, according to Policy #5250, declaring them obsolete:

- a. Colortran Video lighting "scoop"
- b. E-Z FX Jib Video Tripod

Walk-on Agenda :

Lease Extension- Solomon Schechter

RESOLUTION # 93- WHEREAS, the Solomon Schechter Day School of Nassau County timely indicated pursuant to the terms of its current lease agreement with the District that it wishes to exercise its option to renew the lease of the Cross Street School from the District for a period of five (5) additional years, to be in effect from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the Cross Street School is not needed for school district purposes and will not be needed for school district purposes for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the Board has further determined that said extension of the lease of the Cross Street School is in the best interests of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the said lease extension appear to be generally favorable to the District; and

WHEREAS the terms of said lease extension provide for a rental payment which the Board hereby determines is not less than the fair market rental value of the premises, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District approves the extension of the existing lease with Solomon Schechter Day School of Nassau County for a period of five years, as set forth in the lease agreement and in accordance with Section 403-a of the Education Law subject to any requisite approval of the Commissioner of Education.

Motion: Nicole Matzer

Second: Margaret Ballantyne

Discussion: The Superintendent explained that Solomon Schechter is about to enter the sixth year and is required to renew the lease every five years. Christine Napolitano commented that they have been very good tenants and neighbors as well.

Yes: Brian Widman
Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

Award Bid

RESOLUTION # 94 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District approves the awarding of the bid for Techno CNC Routers and CNC Plasma Cutters, bid opened June 16, 2016, to Allegheny Educational Systems, Inc.

Motion: Brian Widman

Second: Nicole Matzer

Discussion: Dr. Nagler stated this bid is for the Fab Lab equipment and is the last big piece in order to complete the lab.

Yes: Brian Widman
Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 6/16/16

Presentations:

1. Kid OYO Presentation
2. Senior Projects

The Superintendent introduced tonight's first presentation on Kid OYO and welcomed Melora Loffreto and Devon. Melora thanked the District for bringing coding into the schools. She stated that she and Devon first met Dr. Nagler at one of their free and open events. They met together to determine what he wanted in a coding program for Mineola. Based upon their meetings, they developed and continue to change based upon what is needed. They started with the maze code, which allows students to learn through a progressive approach. Students use more skills as they move along. Melora reported that the students really jumped right into this maze coding and enjoy creating their own mazes. There are 24 levels and the program works easily on the I pad. Students had access on all days throughout the year. Next year, a solar system model will be added. The goals of Kid OYO are to give the student real world experience and real tools. Melora displayed an example of the courses/ challenges/ solutions and badges. Dr. Nagler required that badges be tied to this program. Melora is very pleased how this partnership is going and stated that 2 students even petitioned them to become mentors to other students. Melora and Devon were so impressed with the work of two students that they have given them a scholarship to the two week program that they will be running at Stonybrook. In addition to meeting with Dr. Nagler, Melora also meets with teachers to determine what they would like to deliver to their students and Melora does the coding for the teachers based upon these discussions. Melora and Dr. Nagler discussed that she and Devon would like to bring a weekend Kid OYO program to Mineola and bring in their mentors to run it. This would be the first time that they would be running a program of this kind in K-12 Schools, as they usually run them in colleges. Dr. Nagler asked the Board if they give their approval for Kid OYO to run a weekend program in Mineola. The Board feels that this is a good idea and gave their approval. Christine Napolitano asked how Melora and Devon would respond to a parent asking why students should learn coding. Devon stated that coding involves logic and problem solving which are skills that are carried over into all different areas. Coding is a language and as with all languages, the younger the child, the easier it is to learn. Dr. Nagler stated that coding is constructive time on the computer and he related his own son's experience with coding. He stated that this is a fabulous company run by a husband and wife team. They listen to requests and change accordingly. He thanked them for coming to Mineola. Devon stated that he has developed many special relationships and thanked everyone for the opportunity to work here. Christine Napolitano stated that she would like to have a "Coding Evening" with Melora and Devon presenting the Kid OYO program. Parents need to understand what is taking place and kids can show off their work. Dr. Nagler, Melora and Devon agreed that this would be a great idea. Margaret Ballantyne thanked Melora and Devon.

Tonight's second presentation was "High School Senior Projects". Dr. Smith thanked the Board for the invitation to tonight's meeting and introduced Gary Desiree, Amy Trojanowski and Kyle Kern. It was explained that the Senior Project is a graduation requirement for all students. Many of these projects are related to college and career readiness. Mr. Desiree feels that these projects are very important because they make students think about what they would like to do in the future and where they are going. The students are also improving their presentation skills and get feedback from an audience. All seniors take the class and are given three choices for the project: A. 7-10 page paper and 10 hours field experience; B. 12- 15 page paper with no field work and C. Internship- 25 hours or Creative Endeavor (ex. mural) or service project. All choices require the students to make a presentation. Tonight, there are two examples of 2016 Senior Projects. The first presentation was taped and played for the board and the second presentation would be made by Kyle Kern. The first senior project presentation was an International project. The student, Aline, fundraised for the

project here and purchased items for the children in Paraguay, in order to get the most with her funds. Dr. Smith noted that Aline ended up in the hospital when she first started her project in Paraguay. But she continued as soon as she was released. The second senior project was by Kyle Kern and he chose choice A-10 hour internship and a paper. Kyle's project focused on Civil Engineering and Green Technology. He completed his internship with H2M and had 2 mentors. He completed two 5 hour days. Dr. Smith noted that Kyle put a great deal of work into his power point and presentation. Mr. Desiree concluded the presentation by explaining that the Senior Projects are the culmination of Career Exploration at the High School. Students develop many skills with these projects including: interpersonal skills, presentation skills and on-the-job experience. The Board acknowledged that the two senior projects presented tonight were very impressive and both students did a very good job.

Dr. Nagler inquired which option is the most popular with students. Dr. Smith stated that most students choose "a" or "c". The staff at the High School assists the students with finding the internships. Margaret Ballantyne commented that the presentation skills that the students learn are very helpful for them to have for college. Christine Napolitano commented that there is much talk about standardize test scores in education, but these experiences and projects are very important opportunities for students to have. Dr. Nagler asked Kyle if he feels the Senior Project should be part of the students curriculum. Kyle felt that the senior project is important because it helps students make choices and choose their path for the future.

Superintendent Comments

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

L. Public Comments

Christine Napolitano opened the floor to public comments, however there were none this evening.

M. Executive Session Time: 8:45 p.m.

At 8:45 pm, a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

Motion: Margaret Ballantyne

Second: Nicole Matzer

Yes: Brian Widman
Margaret Ballantyne
Nicole Matzer
Christine Napolitano

No: None

Passed: Yes

N. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: _____

No: _____

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea M. Paggi