

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 for 2024 - 2025

Educational

- Continue to expand our professional understanding of the Science of Reading and Scarborough's Rope as it applies to learners in upper elementary, middle and high school
- Prepare teachers for the shifts in the Math Expressions curriculum and platforms (K-6)
- Expand learning opportunities for students emphasizing self - direction (managing one's own time and resources to pursue individual interests) and career readiness
- Develop and pilot the new concept of competency based education that allows learners to choose assignments and level of rigor entitled "Build your own grade"
- Expand the elementary health curriculum to include engaging video content on topics of health, nutrition, and social-emotional well being

Facilities

- Create a new 5 year Capital improvement plan that addresses outstanding items in the Building Condition Survey (BCS) as well as address future bus electrification plans for the Mineola fleet

Finance

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

DATE: Thursday, October 10, 2024 / Synergy Building - 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne, President
Cheryl Lampasona, Vice President
Brian Widman
Patrick Talty
Stacey DeCillis

Central Office

Michael Nagler, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Catherine Fishman, Deputy Superintendent
Will Herman, Asst. Superintendent for Business & Operations
Cindy Velez, District Clerk

A. Call to Order - 7:02 pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission - Patrick Talty

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions - All Present

F. Student Recognitions - Badge Book Cover Art Winners-Leigh Shaw/Jennie Fahey; Middle School Student Council-Steve Benner/Racquel Stephenson; National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students, National Merit Scholarship Semi Finalist-Rory Parnell

G. BOE Reports

1. Comments from Board Trustees - Stacey DeCillis, Patrick Talty, Brian Widman, Cheryl Lampasona

2. Comments from Board President - Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

3. Comments from Superintendent - Michael Nagler

H. Old Business

None

I. New Business

RESOLUTION #26 - Financial Statement & External Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District hereby accepts the Certified Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2024 completed by Nawrocki Smith LLP and acknowledges that such reports will be filed with the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

Motion: Cheryl Lampasona

Second: Patrick Talty

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

Cheryl Lampasona

Brian Widman

Patrick Talty

Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: **Yes**

J. CONSENSUS AGENDA

RESOLUTION #27 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.4.B.4. , as presented.

Motion: Stacey DeCillis

Second: Brian Widman

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

Cheryl Lampasona - **ABSTAINED**

Brian Widman

Patrick Talty

Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: **Yes**

1. **Accepting of Minutes**
 - a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the September 19, 2024 Business Meeting as presented.
2. **Instruction**
 - a. **Resignations**
 1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Seniha Purisic, School Psychologist, effective October 29, 2024.
 - b. **Retirements**
 1. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Kathy A. Watson, Reading Teacher Teacher, January 31, 2025.
 - c. **Leave of Absence - Child-Rearing**
 1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Samantha Henton, for a Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, starting January 28, 2025.
 - d. **Appointments**
 1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Rensy Daniel, to the position of Leave Replacement Teacher for Kerry Ann D'Angelo, retroactive to September 30, 2024 to on or about December 20, 2024 with a salary of MA Step 1 \$76,823.
 2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Georgette Mendes, to the position of Driver's Education Teacher, part time-paid hourly, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 with a salary of \$60.92 per hour. Driver's Education is a self-funded program.

3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Peter Antonicelli, to the position of Driver's Education Teacher, part time-paid hourly, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 with a salary of \$60.92 per hour. Driver's Education is a self-funded program.
4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nicholas Punzone, to the position of Driver's Education Teacher, part time-paid hourly, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 with a salary of \$60.92 per hour. Driver's Education is a self-funded program.

e. **Permanent Sub Appointments**

That the Board of Education approves the following individual(s) as Permanent Substitute Teacher(s) for the current school year, between October 1st and May 31st, at a daily rate of \$150.

	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1.	Victoria M. Vatakis	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)	10/01/2024
2.	Rensy Daniel	Math	01/06/2025

f. **Per Diem Sub Appointments**

That the Board of Education approves the following individual(s) as Per Diem Substitute Teacher(s) for the current school year, at a daily rate of \$150.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1.	Victoria M. Vatakis	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)	09/01/2024
2.	Rensy Daniel	Math	06/01/2025
3.	Gillian Lowden	Physical Ed	10/11/2024

g. **Appointment(s) - Clubs/Stipends**

That the Board of Education approves the following Clubs/Stipends for 2024-2025 school year:

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
1.	A Capella Choir	Megan M. Messina	\$2,369.00
2.	Art Honor Society	Gina-Marie Buongiovanni	\$1,084.00
3.	Class Advisor-Eighth Grade	Tara Donahue	\$1,084.00
4.	Class Advisor-Freshman	Demetra Kouspos	\$1,084.00
5.	Art Club	Janine Lapertosa	1/2 of \$1,084.00
6.	HS Art Club	Jennifer R. Varvaro	1/2 of \$1,084.00
7.	Cheerleader Advisor-Winter	Tatianna M. Ossa	1/2 of \$4,739.00
8.	Cheerleader Advisor-Winter	Julia C. Montgomery	1/2 of \$4,739.00
9.	Class Advisor-Sophomore	KaylaMarie Bimonte	\$1,579.00
10.	Class Advisor-Sophomore	Julia V. Dawber	\$1,579.00
11.	Class Advisor-Junior	Peter L. Capanelli	\$2,369.00
12.	Class Advisor-Junior	Kristen M. Nicolai	\$2,369.00
13.	Class Advisor-Senior	Nicole Lebowitz	\$3,158.00
14.	Class Advisor-Senior	Emily G. Gendels	\$3,158.00
15.	Coding Club	Victoria N. Berkowitz	\$1,579.00
16.	Creative Writing Club	Victoria N. Berkowitz	\$1,084.00

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
17.	Asian American Culture Alliance	Victoria N. Berkowitz	\$1,084.00
18.	Athletes Helping Athletes	Gregory A. Mayo	1/2 of \$1,579.00
19.	Athletes Helping Athletes	Karin B. Cundari	1/2 of \$1,579.00
20.	Dynamics/Vocal Jazz Choir	Megan M. Messina	\$1,579.00
21.	Environmental Club	Caitlin R. Anetrella	\$1,579.00
22.	ESports	Jeffrey D. Appelbaum	\$1,084.00
23.	World Language Club	Elsa M. Coelho	1/2 of \$1,084.00
24.	World Language Club	Jonathan Piccirillo	1/2 of \$1,084.00
25.	Portuguese Club	Paulo A. Pereira	\$1,084.00
26.	I am That Girl	Megan M. Messina	\$1,084.00
27.	FTC	Kuri B. DiFede	\$3,158.00
28.	FTC	Andrew J. Woolsey	\$3,158.00
29.	FRC	Andrew J. Woolsey	\$5,562.00
30.	FRC	Kuri B. DiFede	\$5,562.00
31.	Gay Straight Alliance Advisor	Laura L. Grassie	\$1,084.00
32.	Dignity Club	Rebecca Stegner	\$2,369.00
33.	Jazz Ensemble 1 (Big Band)	Zachary R. St. John	\$1,579.00
34.	Jazz Ensemble	Marc B. Ratner	\$1,579.00
35.	Key Club	Carissa R. Giuliano	1/2 of \$2,369.00
36.	Key Club	Maria C. Navarra	1/2 of \$2,369.00
37.	Latin Club	Jessica K. Anderson	\$1,084.00
38.	Literary Society Club Advisor	Katelyn E. Bucchio	\$1,084.00
39.	Math Olympiads-8th Grade	Michelle R. Dalcolmo	\$1,084.00
40.	Mathletes Advisor	Michelle R. Dalcolmo	\$1,579.00
41.	Mock Trial	Kenneth G. Coy	\$1,084.00
42.	National Computer Science Honor Society	Kuri B. DiFede	\$1,084.00
43.	National Honor Society Advisor	Paulo A. Pereira	1/2 of \$1,579.00
44.	National Honor Society Advisor	Scott B. Donnellan	1/2 of \$1,579.00
45.	National Science Honor Society	Jessica Carlson	\$1,579.00
46.	Pep Band Advisor	Christopher J. Toomey	\$1,084.00
47.	Political Action Club	Darren N. Luskoff	\$1,084.00
48.	Student Newspaper	Jeffrey D. Appelbaum	\$3,158.00
49.	Science Bowl	Maria C. Navarra	\$1,084.00
50.	Science Club	Maria C. Navarra	\$1,084.00
51.	Yearbook - Business	Rory E. Block	\$1,579.00
52.	String Ensemble Advisor	Tracey M. Campbell	\$1,579.00
53.	Student Organization Advisor	Melissa G. Eurich	\$2,369.00
54.	Student Service Center	Krista ODonnell	1/2 of \$5,562.00
55.	Student Service Center	Claudia Rudnet	1/2 of \$5,562.00

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56.	Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD)	Eleni Theodorakis	\$1,084.00
57.	TedEd Club	Julia C. Montgomery	\$1,579.00
58.	HOSA (Heath Occupations Students of America)	Jessica Carlson	\$0.00
59.	Best Buddies	KaylaMarie Bimonte	\$0.00
60.	Best Buddies	Lindsey Duggan	\$0.00
61.	Mu Alpha Theta (National Math Honor Society)	Laura L. Grassie	\$0.00
62.	Drama Director-Fall	Matthew Deluca	\$3,158.00
63.	Thespian Club	Matthew Deluca	\$1,085.00
64.	10/11/12 Musical Director	Matthew Deluca	\$5,562.00
65.	Drama Assist Director	Tom Rocco	\$2,369.00
66.	8/9 Musical Assistant Director	Tom Rocco	\$2,369.00
67.	10/11/12 Musical Assistant Director	Tom Rocco	\$3,158.00
68.	Drama Technical Director	Melissa Fusco	\$1,579.00
69.	10/11/12 Musical Technical Dir	Melissa Fusco	\$2,369.00
70.	Drama Stage Construction	Paul A. Sommer	\$2,369.00
71.	10-12 Musical Stage Construction	Paul A. Sommer	\$3,158.00
72.	8/9 Musical Stage Construction	Paul A. Sommer	1/2 o \$1,975.00
73.	8/9 Musical Stage Construction	Andrew J. Woolsey	1/2 of \$1,975.00
74.	8/9 Musical Director	Aislinn Oliveri	\$3,726.00
75.	8/9 Musical Choreographer	Aislinn Oliveri	\$1,579.00
76.	10/11/12 Musical Choreographer	Aislinn Oliveri	\$1,579.00
77.	8/9 Musical Technical Director	Benjamin Hegarty	\$1,579.00
78.	10/11/12 Musical Pit Orchestra	Marc B. Ratner	\$3,158.00
79.	Tri-M Music Honor Society	Marc B. Ratner	\$1,084.00
80.	10/11/12 Musical Vocal Coach	Barbara Brand Silverman	\$3,726.00
81.	Yearbook - Editor	Paul A. Sommer	\$5,562.00
82.	TV Production Club	Melissa Fusco	\$3,158.00
83.	Animal Rights - PAWS	Annmarie J. Palumbo	\$1,001.00
84.	Book Club	Annmarie J. Palumbo	\$1,001.00
85.	Dreamers Club	Jenny Bravo	1/2 of \$1,084.00
86.	Dreamers Club	Tatianna M. Ossa	1/2 of \$1,084.00
87.	Deca Club	Michael J. McShane	\$1,579.00
88.	Community Action	Annmarie J. Palumbo	1/2 of \$1,001.00

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89.	National Junior Honor Society	Annmarie J. Palumbo	1/2 of \$1,001.00
90.	Greenhouse Club	Annmarie J. Palumbo	1/2 of \$1,579.00
91.	MS Yearbook Club	Annmarie J. Palumbo	1/2 of \$3,158.00
92.	MS Art Club	Andrea M. Antonelli	\$1,001.00
93.	National Jr Art Honor Society	Andrea M. Antonelli	1/2 of \$1,001.00
94.	Chamber String Ensemble	Kristin Frazer	\$1,579.00
95.	Chess Club	Nelida R. De Almeida	\$1,001.00
96.	Community Action	Jerrill L. Critchley	1/2 of \$1,001.00
97.	National Junior Honor Society	Jerrill L. Critchley	1/2 of \$1,001.00
98.	MS Yearbook Club	Jerrill L. Critchley	1/2 of \$3,158.00
99.	Bookstore	Annmarie J. Palumbo	\$1,001.00
100.	Dance Club	Aislinn Oliveri	\$2,369.00
101.	MS Assistant Musical Director 1	Aislinn Oliveri	\$2,369.00
102.	Dance Club Assistant	Deborah A. Doherty	\$1,579.00
103.	MS Dignity Club	Marta Fernandez	\$1,001.00
104.	FLL Robotics	Adrianna I. Guidetti	\$1,579.00
105.	MS Musical Stage Construction	Adrianna I. Guidetti	\$1,975.00
106.	FLL Robotics	Vincent J. Interrante	\$1,579.00
107.	FLL Robotics	Gabriella M. Deninno	\$1,579.00
108.	Hackathon Club	Gabriella M. Deninno	\$1,001.00
109.	MS Jazz Ensemble (Jazz Band)	Zachary R. St. John	\$1,579.00
110.	Dungeons and Dragons	Zachary R. St. John	\$0.00
111.	MS Learner Lab	Leslie Van Bell	\$1,579.00
112.	MS Math Pioneers	Jillian N. Hajek	\$1,001.00
113.	National Junior Art Honor Society	Janine Lapertosa	1/2 of \$1,001.00
114.	Speech and Debate Club	Cailin M. Carlson	\$1,001.00
115.	MS National History Day	Marleny R. Reyes	1/2 of \$1,001.00
116.	MS TedEd Club	Marleny R. Reyes	\$1,579.00
117.	MS National History Day	Jack A. Fenty	1/2 of \$1,001.00
118.	Girls Who Code	Erica L. Ashkenas	\$1,001.00
119.	Newspaper	Joanna G. Iacono	\$3,158.00
120.	Hackathon Club	Ellen K. McGlade-McCulloh	\$1,001.00
121.	Greenhouse Club	Ellen K. McGlade-McCulloh	1/2 of \$1,579.00
122.	TedEd Club	Tracey A. Hanes	\$1,579.00
123.	Projection Squad	Brian E. Goldman	\$1,001.00
124.	Treble Makers	Brian E. Goldman	\$1,579.00
125.	MS Vocal Music Director	Brian E. Goldman	\$2,369.00
126.	MS Student Council	Jenna R. Cavuto	\$3,158.00
127.	MS Musical Director	Matthew Deluca	\$4,739.00

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
128.	Assistant Musical Director 2	Gabriel J. Rivera	\$1,975.00
129.	MS Musical Choreographer	Barbara M. Peters	\$2,369.00
130.	MS Musical Technical Director	Benjamin Hegarty	\$1,579.00
131.	Book Club Group 1	Olivia M. O'Connor	\$946.00
132.	Book Club Group 2	Olivia M. O'Connor	\$946.00
133.	JA Jr. FLL	John V. Rivera	\$932.00
134.	JA Jr. FLL	Erin E. Regan	\$932.00
135.	JA Jr. FLL	Kayla A. Koch	\$932.00
136.	JA Math Olympiad Advisor	Bruce M. Vatske	\$946.00
137.	Safety Patrol Advisor	Kayla A. Koch	\$946.00
138.	JA Student Council Advisor	Jeanine S. Gallina	\$1,579.00
139.	JA TEDX Advisor	Sarah K. Ramsingh	\$1,579.00
140.	JA TEDX Advisor	Vanessa Cruz	\$1,579.00
141.	JA String Ensemble	Sarah K. Ramsingh	\$1,579.00
142.	ME TEDX Advisor	Katelynn R. Rouskas	\$1,579.00
143.	ME TEDX Advisor	Teri Wolfe	\$1,579.00
144.	JA Art Club Advisor	Jeanine S. Gallina	\$946.00
145.	HA TEDX Advisor	Tina L. Tudisco	\$1,579.00

h. **Instruction: Student Actions**

1. That the Board of Education approves the following overnight field trips:

Marching Band @ Syracuse, New York

Dates/Times: Departure: Friday, October 25, 2024

Return: Monday, October 28, 2024

Number of Students: Approximately 135

Destination: Syracuse, New York

Supervision: Ken Kamping and Marching Band Staff

Transportation: BOCES Contracted Buses

NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference

Dates: Departure: Thursday, December 5, 2024

Return: Monday, December 9, 2024

Rochester Convention Center, Rochester NY and Eastman School of Music.

Transportation: Bus provided by Nassau Music Educators Association NMEA

Students: Shayan Dhar, Jazz Ensemble and Nolan Farrelly, Wind Ensemble

Chaperone: Marc Ratner

3. **CIVIL SERVICE**

a. **Appointment(s)**

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Sameena Malik, to the position of Part Time Teacher Aide, retroactive to September 24, 2024 with a salary of Step 1 \$16.00/hr.

2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Zoubida Bahtar, to the position of Part Time Teacher Aide, retroactive to September 18, 2024 with a salary of Step 1 \$16.00/hr.
 3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Christopher Banwell, to the position of Assistant Mechanic, retroactive to September 30, 2024 with a salary of Step 10 \$64,786.
 4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Gary Feng, to the position of Part Time Teacher Aide, retroactive to September 25, 2024 with a salary of Step 1 \$16.00/hr.
 5. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Emilio Camilli, to the position of 6 Hour 10 Month Bus Driver, retroactive to October 7, 2024 with a salary of Step 1 \$32,967.
 6. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Janet Brosky, to the position of PartTime Teacher Aide, retroactive to September 26, 2024 with a salary of Step 1 \$16.00/hr.
 7. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jake Dekanchuk, to the position of Substitute Cleaner, retroactive to September 26, 2024 with a salary of \$16.00/hr.
 8. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Barbara Puwalski, to the position of Substitute Typist Clerk, effective October 7, 2024 with a salary of \$20.00/hr.
 9. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mickayla McDonough, to the position of PartTime Teacher Aide, retroactive to October 7, 2024 with a salary of Step 1 \$16.00/hr.
- b. **Leave of Absence - Unpaid Medical**
1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Gustavo Rodriguez, 12 Month Bus Driver, for an unpaid Leave of Absence, effective July 9, 2024.
4. **BUSINESS / FINANCE**
- a. **Business: Other**
1. That the Board of Education of the Mineola UFSD accepts a donation from the The Mineola Athletics Booster Club not to exceed \$10,000 to purchase a new scorers table for the High School Gymnasium. This scorers table will be used for Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling and any other necessary events taking place in the gymnasium.
- b. **Business/Finance - Contract Approvals**
1. That the Board of Education approves an Educational Agreement between Long Island University and the Mineola UFSD for the University's Center for Gifted Youth Program.
 2. That the Board of Education approves the Nursing and Related Service Agreement between Horizon Healthcare Services and Mineola UFSD for the 2024-2025 School Year.

3. That the Board of Education approves the Professional Development Service Agreement between Peg Dawson, Ed.D. and Mineola UFSD the 2024-2025 School Year.
4. That the Board of Education approves the Instructional Service Agreement between Syosset UFSD and Mineola UFSD the 2024-2025 School Year.

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports

Presentations:

- 1. Hampton Street School - Data Report - Leigh Shaw
- 2. Meadow Drive School - Data Report - Jennie Fahey

Superintendent Comments

L. Executive Session Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: No:

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Passed: _____

M. Adjournment Time: 8:31 p.m.

Motion: Cheryl Lampasona

Second: Patrick Talty

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne
Cheryl Lampasona
Brian Widman
Patrick Talty
Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: **Yes**

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy A. Velez
District Clerk