

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 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, December 12, 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 - 7:00 pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission - Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

F. Student Organization Report - Eva Palanco

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

WALK ON AGENDA ITEM - Resolution #36

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith approves an Agreement dated December 12, 2024 with an employee whose identity is known to the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and Superintendent of Schools are authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion: Brian Widman

Second: Cheryl Lampasona

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

Cheryl Lampasona

Brian Widman

Patrick Talty

Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: **Yes**

J. CONSENSUS AGENDA

RESOLUTION #35 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.4.c.4, as presented.

Motion: Cheryl Lamasona

Second: Patrick Talty

Yes:

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne

Cheryl Lampasona

Brian Widman

Patrick Talty

Stacey DeCillis

No:

Passed: **Yes**

1. **Accepting of Minutes**

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the November 21, 2024, Business Meeting as presented.

2. **Instruction**

a. **Resignations**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ryan Sojka, Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective December 20, 2024.
2. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Anna E. Paulik, Special Education Teacher, effective December 20, 2024.
3. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Vincent J. Interrante, .6 Science Teacher, effective December 18, 2024.

b. **Leave of Absence - FMLA/Child-Rearing**

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Vanessa Cruz, for a leave of absence, for child-rearing purposes using accumulated sick days, starting approximately February 20, 2025 followed by FMLA.

c. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Christine Braunstein, to the position of Leave Replacement Teacher for Elizabeth Fretz, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kelly Policastro, to the position of Leave Replacement Teacher, effective January 6, 2025 with a salary of MA Step 1 \$76,823.00 to on or about March 10, 2025.

d. **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.	Liana A. Kattou	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)	12/13/2024

e. **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.	FLL Robotics	Keith May	\$1,579.00 prorated from 12/1/24

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

1. That the Board of Education approves the CSE and CPSE meetings for November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.

3. **CIVIL SERVICE**

a. **Resignation(s)**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Nicholas Moran, Custodian, effective December 7, 2024.
2. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Janet Brosky, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective December 21, 2024.

b. **Leave of Absence - Personal**

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Patricia Derosa, for a paid Leave of Absence, due to personal reasons, effective November 11, 2024.
2. That the Board of Education approves to extend the paid Medical Leave of Absence return date of Joseph Lloyd, Full Time Teacher Aide, from December 4, 2024 to on or about January 8, 2025.

c. **Retirement(s)**

1. That the Board of Education accepts, with regret, the resignation of Barbara Wenz for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025.

4. **BUSINESS / FINANCE**

a. **Treasurer's Report**

1. That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Reports for the period ending November 30, 2024.

b. **Approval of Invoices and Payroll**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Invoices and Payroll for the period ending, November 30, 2024

Invoices

A/P Warrant #11	November 6, 2024	\$2,870,341.43
A/P Warrant #12	November 20, 2024	\$ 450,786.76
A/P Warrant #14	November 20, 2024	<u>\$ 7,125.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$3,328,253.19

Payroll #11 (November 15, 2024) & Payroll #12 (November 26, 2024)

General Fund	\$ 4,737,694.85
Federal Fund	<u>\$ 92,774.74</u>
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 4,830,469.59

c. **Internal Claims Audit Report**

1. That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Audit Reports for November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.

d. **Business/Finance - Contract Approvals**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the 2024-2025 IDEA Flow-Through Allocation Contract between Interdisciplinary Center for Child Development and Mineola UFSD.
2. That the Board of Education accepts the Contract for Services between Eden II School for Autistic Children and Mineola UFSD.
3. That the Board of Education approves a contract agreement with Maryjane E. Morgan for all 19-A and SBDI training, testing, and consultation required by the Mineola UFSD Transportation Department and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations to execute said agreement.
4. That the Board of Education approves a contract agreement with the New York State Department of Civil Service establishing a payment plan for the Mineola UFSD to begin July 1, 2025 and end June 30, 2026.
5. That the Board of Education approves a contract agreement with Northwell Health for the MedVoyage program with the High School students and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations to execute said agreement.

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports

Presentations:

1. Literacy Assessments - Amaris Melendez, Samantha Sanchez, Sara Ortiz, Whitney Smith

Superintendent Comments

L. Public Comments

M. Executive Session Time: 8:01 p.m.

Motion: Brian Widman

Second: Patrick Talty

Yes:

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

No:

Passed: **Yes**

N. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes:

No:

Passed: _____

**Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Velez
District Clerk**