

Mineola Union Free School District, Mineola, NY
Business Meeting Agenda

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, February 6, 2025 / 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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

F. Student Organization Report

G. BOE Reports

1. Comments from Board Trustees
2. Comments from Board President
3. Comments from Superintendent

H. Old Business

I. New Business

RESOLUTION #41 - Property Loss Reserve and Liability Claims Reserve Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District has determined it is appropriate to establish a Property Loss Reserve and Liability Claims Reserve pursuant to Education Law Section 1709(8-c) to cover potential uninsured property losses or liability claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District pursuant to Education Law Section 1709(8-c), adopts the following:

1. The Board hereby establishes a Property Loss Reserve and Liability Claims Reserve;
2. The source of funds for each of these Reserves shall be:
 - a. such amounts as may be provided therefore by budgetary appropriation; and
 - b. such other funds as may be legally appropriated.
3. By resolution, the Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District may authorize expenditures from each of these Reserves. Except as otherwise provided by law, moneys in these Reserves may only be expended to pay for property loss and liability claims that are not covered under insurance policies.
4. No member of the Board of Education or employee of Mineola Union Free School District shall:
 - a. authorize a withdrawal from these Reserves for any purpose except as provided in Education Law Section 1709(8-c); or
 - b. expend any money withdrawn from these Reserves for a purpose other than as provided in Education Law Section 1709(8-c).
5. The moneys contributed collectively to the Property Loss Reserve and Liability Claims Reserve shall not exceed 3% of the annual General Fund operating budget of the Mineola Union Free School District.
6. The moneys in each of these Reserves shall be deposited and secured in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Board of Education of the Mineola Union Free School District or its authorized designee may invest the moneys in each of these Reserves in the manner provided by Section 1723-a of the Education Law. Any interest earned or capital gain realized on the money so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of these Reserves.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes:

No:

Passed: Yes ____ No ____

J. CONSENSUS AGENDA

RESOLUTION #42 - BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.4.b.1., as presented.

Motion: ____
Second: ____

Yes:

No:

Passed: Yes ____ No ____

1. **Accepting of Minutes**

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the January 23, 2025 Business Meeting as presented.

2. **Instruction**

a. **Resignations**

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Nicole A. Culella, District Coordinator of Career, Community and STEAM Opportunities, effective February 21, 2025.

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

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Jillian B. Edwards, for a Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, using accumulated sick days, starting approximately May 23, 2025, followed by an unpaid Leave of Absence.

c. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approves to amend the appointment of Meaghan Adams, to the position of Psychologist, from November 4, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to a Probationary Period from November 4, 2024 to November 3, 2028.

2. That the Board of Education approves to amend the appointment of Vanessa Cruz, to the position of Probationary Elementary Teacher, effective August 29, 2024 with a salary of MA Step 4 \$86,513 and a Probationary Period from August 29, 2024 through August 28, 2028.

d. **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.	Amanda Lee	Physical Ed	02/03/2025

e. **Tenure Appointment(s)**

That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following Teachers and/or Administrators to tenure:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>School</u>
1.	Marta Fernandez	Social Worker	02/21/2025	Middle School
2.	Monique G. Wink	Physical Education	02/21/2025	Jackson Ave

f. **Instruction - Mentorship Program**

That the Board of Education approves the following Mentors to be paid \$2000 for the 2024-2025 school year:

	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Mentee</u>
1.	Elizabeth G. Turner (prorated from 2/3/25-2/3/26)	Meaghan Adams

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

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

h. **Instruction: Student Actions**

1. That the Board of Education approves the overnight trip to the DECA State Career Conference, in Rochester, New York from March 5, 2025 to March 7, 2025. The cost for students will be self-funded.
Destination: Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center
Planned Stops: Penn Station
Hotel: To be assigned by DECA mid-February
Transportation: LIRR, Amtrak
Field Trip Coordinator: Michael McShane
2. That the Board of Education approves an overnight trip to the FIRST Robotics Competition Tech Valley Regional, in Albany, New York from March 26, 2025 to March 29, 2025. The cost of the trip will be self funded.
Destination: Albany MVP Arena
Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites Albany Downtown
Transportation: Contracted bus through BOCES

i. **Leave of Absence - Personal**

1. That the Board of Education grants a request Eileen Interiano, for a paid Leave of Absence, for personal reasons, starting February 20, 2025 for approximately 4 to 6 weeks.

2. That the Board of Education grants a request Claudia Rudnet, for a paid Leave of Absence, for personal reasons, starting January 8, 2025.
3. **CIVIL SERVICE**
 - a. **Resignation(s)**
 1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Rogerio Padinha, Cleaner, effective February 7, 2025.
 2. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Carlos Lucero Farez, Cleaner, effective February 7, 2025.
 3. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Nabila Kazmi, Part Time Teacher Aide, effective February 4, 2025.
 - b. **Appointment(s)**
 1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jennifer Rodriguez, to the position of Part Time Teacher Aide, effective February 10, 2025 with a salary of Step 1 \$16.50/hr.
 2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jonathan Macalalay, to the position of Cleaner, retroactive to February 3, 2025 with a salary of Step 1 \$47,390.
 3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Thomas Marasco, to the position of Cleaner, effective February 18, 2025 with a salary of Step 1 \$47,390.
 4. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Yves Benoit, to the position of 10 Month 8 hr Bus Driver, retroactive to February 3, 2025 with a salary of Step 2 \$42,167.
 5. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Jillian Sousa, to the position of Substitute Teacher Aide, retroactive to February 5, 2025 with a salary of \$16.50/hr.
4. **BUSINESS / FINANCE**
 - a. **Approval of Invoices and Payroll**
 1. That the Board of Education accepts the Invoices and Payroll for the period ending, January 2025.

Invoices

A/P Warrant #16	January 8, 2025	\$2,378,425.69
A/P Warrant #17	January 22, 2025	<u>\$ 349,506.61</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,727,932.30

Payroll #15 (January 15, 2025) & Payroll #16 (January 31, 2025)

General Fund	\$ 4,680,791.83
Federal Fund	<u>\$ 89,870.86</u>
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 4,770,362.69

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

1. That the Board of Education accepts the 2024-2025 IDEA Flow-Through Allocation Contract between Eden II Programs/Genesis School and Mineola UFSD.

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports

Presentations:

- 1) Tax Levy Calculation presentation - Will Herman
- 2) Pathway to College and Career Readiness - Rory Parnell and HS Administrative Team

Superintendent Comments

L. Public Comments

M. Executive Session Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: No:

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Passed: _____

N. Adjournment Time: _____ p.m.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: No:

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Passed: _____

**Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Velez
District Clerk**