

**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 – 2008-2009

- ***Improve Student Achievement & Learning for All Students***
- ***Mobilize District Mission and Core Values***
- ***Ensure Fiscal Stability of the School System***
- ***Improve Communications***
 - o *Internal*
 - o *External*

DATE: July 17, 2008

LOCATION: Willis Avenue School

OPEN BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 p.m. 1st FLOOR CAFETERIA

Board of Education

Laraine Salvatore, Vice President
John McGrath
William Hornberger

Central Office

Dr. Lorenzo Licopoli, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michael Nagler, Deputy Superintendent
Sherri Goffman, Asst. Supt. of Curr. & Inst.
John Waters, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Oper.
Janice Patterson, Director of Pupil Services
Donna Martillo, District Clerk

Absent: Stephen Siwinski
Terence Hale

A. Call to Order

At 7:14 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Vice President Salvatore.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission – John McGrath

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions

After introductions of the dais, also in attendance were: Jack Feldman, Esq.; Kevin McMorrow, Esq.; and Deborah Shaw.

1. Discussion on Agenda Items

The Board discussed the Sexual Harassment Regulation (Training of staff; posting of policy and regulation; inquiry if the regulation needed Board approval – only if Board policy stipulates the regulation needs Board approval). It was stated that the resolution was listed incorrectly. Mr. Feldman requested an explanation of changes and he would make them. The Supt. stated that a regulation is part of the policy. Mr. Feldman stated that it is unlikely that policies change drastically throughout the years.

There was a discussion regarding G.2. (Staffing Requests) as follows: increase of enrollment for Kindergarten (217); distribution of a chart with information broken down by school, number of students per class, the number of sections, average class size, and totals for K- 6 students; enrollment trend during the Summer; Cross Street parent petition to split the 3rd grade class; number of students and staff in Cross Street's 2nd grade classroom; number of students with IEPs in 2nd grade at Cross; optimum class size; and how cost estimates were derived.

The following was discussed regarding Literacy Collaborative Program: Allows flexibility, rotates each year, train people according to the model (Teacher teaches part of their day and reaches out to other classes the rest of the day), every teacher gets to work with coordinator, training of a fifth coach, success and evaluation of the program, comparison of test results for prior years; scores improved in all buildings; assignment of the literacy coordinator, ½ day in Cross Street's 2nd Grade class; rationale for pull outs (Mostly for speech or counseling, 2 to 3 times a week for 30 minutes); and pull outs taking same assessments as their peers.

2. General Discussion

A resident needed clarification as to the difference between teachers, aides, and teacher assistants. Dr. Nagler explained the differences between the positions.

A resident inquired if a child was classified as inclusion in Cross Street's 3rd grade would the district split at 23 students. Ms. Patterson responded that there are alternatives whereby keeping the child in place.

A resident inquired as to the amount of time the inclusion teacher would be in the classroom. Ms. Patterson stated it would not be 100% of their day.

A resident voiced concern that last year her child was squeezed in a crowded classroom, infringing on his space, and making it difficult to learn.

A resident read a prepared statement and referred to her daughter's complaint that the only thing she could call her own was a hook and requested splitting Cross Street's 3rd grade class.

A resident spoke that he agreed with parents of Cross and referred to his request last year to split Meadow Drives 1st grade class.

A resident shared research he found regarding counting students with IEPs as 1-1/2 students.

A discussion took place regarding the number of teachers in a specific classroom, not wanting the students to identify with 2 separate teachers, and the literacy coordinator is also a teacher.

A resident inquired if splitting the class with the 26 students was ever considered. Ms. Goffman stated that another teacher would need to be hired.

A resident stated that they did not agree with the teacher/student ratio.

A resident stated he had received a letter from the district regarding team teaching and was skeptical if it would work. He suggested having 2 full time teachers.

Ms. Goffman stated that pull in and push-out services will still be provided to students regardless of the number of students.

A resident inquired as to the actual number of hours during the day all 26 students would be together. The Superintendent of Schools stated less than ½ of the day. Dr. Nagler stated no more than 2-1/2 hours.

A resident was concerned that by the district trying to meet the needs of all students, space would become an issue.

A resident commented that her daughter would complain about the lack of space and being distracted during the day last year.

A resident requested that the Board pursue Ms. Salvatore's suggestion in redistricting the school boundary lines for equity.

Ms. Goffman spoke about the literacy program and State assessments; monitoring growth; current 4th graders at Cross were the first class to participate in the program 4 years ago. The Superintendent of Schools discussed student growth through implementing literacy based programs in Math and Reading and more students meeting State standards. Also discussed: grade configuration and closing a building based on financial consideration; neighborhood schools being part of Mineola's culture; maximize resources; and a clustering concept. A parent disagreed and did not want tracking.

A resident inquired as to the number of students per classroom. Ms. Salvatore responded 22 depending on special education students.

A resident inquired if all classrooms were the same size. The Superintendent of Schools responded that all classrooms meet the State's standard. All classrooms are between 1,000 and 1,100 square feet.

A resident inquired if the Board would consider a standard class size for children. Mr. McGrath responded that the Board agreed to review situations that do not meet guidelines, and the Board would require specific reasons to deviate from guidelines.

A resident inquired if there was a literacy teacher at Hampton. Ms. Goffman responded that the district is training someone for Hampton.

A resident inquired if the district would be replacing a retired teacher at Cross. The Superintendent of Schools responded that she would be replaced.

Mr. Hornberger inquired if IEP students were counted as 1-1/2 students. The Superintendent of Schools responded that the number is not weighted.

Mr. Hornberger inquired if students, with the parent's consent, can be shifted from one school to another. The Superintendent of Schools responded that it would be a huge transportation expense, as much as hiring a teacher.

Mr. McGrath inquired of the parents present if any of them would like to send their child to another school. They responded no.

Mr. Hornberger asked administration for their recommendation from an educative prospective. The Superintendent of Schools responded that his recommendation was sent regarding optimum class sizes. He asked both Principals (Cross and Meadow) to be very frank. He has the confidence in the entire staff to accomplish the task. In making a decision, consideration to other parents of the school system must be given. The Superintendent of Schools feels it is not only a grade 3 issue, but 4 as well. Ms. Goffman stated that she has had many conversations with teachers and concurs with the Superintendent and believes they will do a fantastic job and meet the needs of the students.

The Superintendent of Schools discussed analyzing the data to determine the course of action regarding Cross Street and Meadow Drive's grades 1, 2, and 3. Administration wishes to more creatively use current staff in addressing these issues, i.e. having a classroom teacher shared between 2 grades.

A resident expressed concerns about the number of interruptions during a class.

A resident was concerned because the full Board of Education was not present to take a vote on this issue. Vice President Salvatore responded that there was a quorum.

A resident commented that there would be 1-1/2 staff for only 2-1/2 hours during the day for the Meadow Drive 2nd grade, and referenced the Principal requesting a part time Aide.

A resident who is a High School Site Based Member spoke on behalf of the test prep SAT course by district teachers. He also stated that the teacher's program offered unique services and received unanimous support and further stated that this program should be as an alternative to the Kaplan program. The Superintendent of Schools responded that administration was asked to review the teacher's program. Mr. Water's reviewed the program from several contexts, i.e. Kaplan application of building use, policy for both programs, and profit making groups and all information was sent to the district's counsel. Nothing illegal was determined, but a practicable code of ethics issue was rendered. The practice of doing it for one group makes it difficult not to do it for another.

A resident stated that the Site Based Team is not recommending one program over another, just to offer an alternative.

The district's counsel was called upon for input. He stated that he does not know any of the teachers involved, but is generally concerned because they are using the school system for a profit. He gave a scenario of what could happen if a parent were dissatisfied with the teacher's program. The Superintendent of Schools referred to language in the MTA contract prohibiting teachers from tutoring their own students.

A resident inquired about a date for the Grade Configuration Study focus group. Vice President Salvatore responded sometime in September, no specific date has been set yet. The resident requested the Board to keep an open mind regarding the configuration of schools and referred to the past administration of Dr. Ricken, former Principal of the Junior High and Superintendent of Schools, and noted how the schools were configured.

A resident complained about the way executive sessions were reflected in the minutes of June 19th. Mr. McGrath responded that personnel matters are not discussed in public. Vice President Salvatore inquired of the Board if they intend to make changes and further stated that it will be discussed.

F. Old Business

1. Regulation – Sexual Harassment #0110R

After consulting with District's Counsel this item was removed from the Agenda.

G. New Business

1. Board Retreat

RESOLUTION #3 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education establish July 23, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as the date for the Board's Retreat, meeting in the Board conference Room at the Willis Avenue School. It will be an open meeting and the Board may enter into executive session at any time in accordance with regulations.

Motion: John McGrath

Second: Laraine Salvatore

Yes: William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore

No: None

Passed: Yes

RESOLUTION #4 – BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following agenda for the July 23, 2008 retreat:

Motion: John McGrath

Second: William Hornberger

Discussion: Ms. Salvatore discussed items she would like discussed at the Board's 7/23/08 Retreat: Review open meetings' laws; review implementing language program in elementary; cost cutting measures; response to

community e-mails; and parking at the Korean Church. Mr. McGrath suggested prioritizing. Mr. Feldman interjected that the Retreat is treated as a Board Meeting (Open to the public). He further explained that the Board could set the Retreat's agenda as they wish. Mr. McGrath stated he would also like to include SAT Prep course to the Retreat's agenda.

Yes: William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore

No: None

Passed: Yes

2. Staffing Requests

RESOLUTION #5– **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the following additional staffing requests:

Kindergarten Teacher – Willis

Reason: Kindergarten enrollment is at 22 per class without Summer entrants.

<u>Board of Education Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
William Hornberger	_____	_____
John McGrath	_____	_____
Laraine Salvatore	_____	_____

3^d Grade Teacher – Cross

Reason: Request via petition class sizes are close to the guideline maximum.

William Hornberger	_____	_____
John McGrath	_____	_____
Laraine Salvatore	_____	_____

2nd Grade Teacher – Meadow

Reason: Issue concerning 2 full time classes rather than 1 classroom with 1.5 Teachers and .5 Teacher Aide.

*Literacy Collaborative Teacher.

William Hornberger	_____	_____
John McGrath	_____	_____
Laraine Salvatore	_____	_____

1st Grade Teacher – Meadow

Reason: Exceeds guidelines by one student.

William Hornberger	_____	_____
John McGrath	_____	_____
Laraine Salvatore	_____	_____

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

A motion was made to table Resolution #5 pending further information.

Motion: William Hornberger
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Discussion: Mr. McGrath stated he thinks the Board has enough information to vote on this Resolution tonight. The Board is under time constraints, if additional teachers need to be hired in order to address the class size issues. Mr. Feldman informed the Board that in order for the passage of action, all of the present Board Members must vote unanimously. Mr. Hornberger withdrew the motion to table Resolution #5 and no action was taken by the Board.

A motion was made for the Board of Education to approve hiring an additional Kindergarten Teacher for Willis Avenue School for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Yes: William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
No: None

Passed: Yes

A motion was made to table hiring an additional 3rd grade Teacher for Cross Street, 2nd Grade Teacher for Meadow Drive, and 1st Grade Teacher for Meadow Drive Schools for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion: William Hornberger
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Yes: William Hornberger
Laraine Salvatore
No: John McGrath

Passed: No

The Board of Education now voted on the original motion to approve Resolution #5 in the hiring of additional staff.

Yes: John McGrath
No: Laraine Salvatore
Abstention: William Hornberger

Passed: No

3. Library Automation and Resource Sharing Service Project

RESOLUTION #6– **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the following Library Automation and Resource Sharing Service Project (#148532LP) agreement for years 2008-2009, \$89,944.00; 2009-2010, \$74,607.00; and 2010-2011, \$62,700.00:

(i) *the use of the Software and Equipment and the District's participation in the Library Automatic and Resource Sharing Service Project is essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of its education program to be*

supported by the Equipment, and is necessary to maintain the District's educational program; and that

(ii) the expenses arising under this Agreement constitute ordinary contingent expenses necessary for providing educational services and transaction is in the best financial interests of the School District because it enables the District to utilize the equipment in a cost effective and economic manner.

And to approve an assignment of Co-Ser Agreement between the Mineola UFSD and Nassau BOCES arising under the agreement of project #148532LP to continue to expand its participation in Library Automation and Resource Sharing Service through the addition of Follett Destiny Software for seven sites, Mineola High School, Middle School, Hampton Street, Jackson Avenue, Meadow Drive, Cross Street, and Willis Avenue Schools and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate assignment and such other documents and agreements as may be necessary to effect the transaction subject to legal counsel review.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Discussion: Mr. McGrath inquired if this was the same agreement as discussed. Ms. Goffman responded yes and it needs official Board approval and signed.

Yes: William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
No: None

Passed: Yes

H. Consensus Agenda

1. Accepting of Minutes

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the June 5, 2008 (Work Session) and June 19, 2008 (Business) Meetings as presented.

2. Instruction

a. Resignation/Leave of Absence

- 1. That the Board of Education accepts the letter of resignation for Filomena Sorentino, Foreign Language Teacher, effective July 31, 2008.
- 2. That the Board of Education grants a request to Nelida DeAlmeida, for a leave of absence using accrued sick days followed by a FMLA leave of absence, for child-rearing purposes starting September 1, 2008.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointments of the following Science Resource Teachers for the 2008-2009 school year, at an hourly rate of pay, in accordance with the MTA Contract.

Thomas Nucci	Cross Street
Janice Killelea	Hampton Street
Nicole Bartone	Jackson Avenue
Elena Murphy	Jackson Avenue
Bradley Carrell	Meadow Drive (Shared Position)
Elizabeth Goldman	Meadow Drive (Shared Position)
Terri Wolfe	Willis Avenue

2. That the Board of Education approves the appointments of the following Math Lead Teachers for the 2008-2009 school year, at an hourly rate of pay, in accordance with the MTA Contract.

Elizabeth Donnelly	Cross Street
Andrea Romano	Hampton Street
Mary LoCascio	Jackson Avenue
Margie Buttgereit	Meadow Drive
Nancy Ekloff	Willis Avenue

3. That the Board of Education approves the following teachers for the Jump Start Program, which is Title III funded, from August 18, 2008 through August 29, 2008:

Mary Kenny	\$1,612.00
Angelo Suarez	\$1,612.00
Lucia Barberio	\$1,612.00

4. That the Board of Education approves the following staff for the Fall Interscholastic Athletic season for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>SPORT & LEVEL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Varsity Football	Dan Guido	3	\$ 9,930.25
Varsity Football Assistant	Helms Bohringer	3	\$ 6,787.25
Varsity Football Assistant	John Tortora	3	\$ 6,787.25
JV Football	Mark Miller	3	\$ 6,307.37
JV Football Assistant	TBD		
7/8 Football	Mike Perro	3	\$ 5,834.95
7/8 Football Assistant	Mario Villa	3	\$ 5,359.33
7/8 Football Assistant	Matt Antoniou	3	\$ 5,359.33
Boys Varsity Soccer	Paul Pereira	3	\$ 7,253.25
Boys JV Soccer	Al Cavalluzzo	3	\$ 4,944.77
Boys 7 th Grade Soccer	Bill DiGennaro	3	\$ 4,425.22
Boys 8 th Grade Soccer	Matt Moscola	2	\$ 3,947.45
Girls Varsity Soccer	Katherine Hock	3	\$ 7,253.25
Girls JV Soccer	Tara McDonnell	3	\$ 4,944.77
Girls 7 th Grade Soccer	Jacqueline Hazel	2	\$ 3,947.45
Girls 8 th Grade Soccer	Meghan Nelson	3	\$ 4,425.22
Girls Varsity Volleyball	Diana Nick	3	\$ 7,253.25
Girls JV Volleyball	Hyunah Park	2	\$ 4,425.22
Varsity Golf	Al Weidlein	3	\$ 4,097.42
Cross Country	Kristin Frazer	3	\$ 4,944.77
Athletic Trainer	John DiGregorio	NA	\$31,014.10

Cheerleading **	Hyunah Park	\$ 4,430.58
Cheerleading **	Nancy Rojas	\$ 2,142.45

*Salary and position are for the 2008-2009 school year.

**This Stipend is being split by two teachers as they will be sharing the position.
Salaries as per 2008–2009 MTA Contract.

5. That the Board of Education approves the addition of the following individuals to the Per Diem Substitute Teacher list at a daily rate of pay of \$90.00:

Pollyanne Peluso	Pre-K-Grade 6
Danielle Anderson	PreK-Grade 6 and Students with Disabilities

6. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Maryl Fitzpatrick, to the position of Leave Replacement Math Teacher, for Rebekah Seiden, effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009; salary, BA+15, Step 4, \$63,972.00.
7. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Surabhi Alexander, HS Special Ed Teacher, for the 2008 Summer Special Ed Programs; 2 hours daily for 30 days at the salary of \$2,418.00.

2.1. Instruction: Committee on Special Education Actions

2.2. Instruction: Contracted Instructional Services

a. Adelphi University – Education Leadership and Technology

1. That the Board of Education approves the application and contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and Adelphi University for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 to provide an Advanced Certificate Program in Literacy, offered at Mineola High School, funded by individuals taking the course.

2.3. Instruction: Student Actions

a. Field Trip

1. That the Board of Education approves an out-of-state, overnight field trip request as follows:
 - High School Guidance Trip – Students visiting 5 Colleges in Connecticut, September 19-20, 2008

2.4. Instruction: Other

3. Civil Service

a. Resignations/Leave of Absence

1. That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Russell Costa, Head Custodian, effective July 18, 2008.

2. That the Board of Education approves a paid Medical Leave of Absence for Joann Rios, Bus Driver, effective July 14, 2008 through August 22, 2008.

b. Appointments

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kim Baker to Training Instructor at an annual stipend of \$2,000.00 in addition to his position as a Head Bus Mechanic, effective July 1, 2008.
2. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Alexandra Lisonek as a Summer Worker in the Business Office, effective July 9, 2008 at an hourly rate of pay, \$8.00.
3. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Bus Attendants for the Summer Programs, effective July 1, 2008 through August 15, 2008:

	<u>Hourly Wage</u>
D. Aviles	\$32.98
D. Buckley	\$31.09
K. Diskin	\$26.55
F. Lapoff	\$26.55
M. Ramos	\$27.27
J. Klein	\$21.39
M. Krumholz	\$26.55
D. Delape	\$15.22
R. Kaletsky	\$16.61

c. Amendment of Salary

1. That the Board of Education amends the salary of Kathleen Aiello, part time Teacher Aide for the Summer Language Program from \$18.81 to \$19.81, effective July 1, 2008.

d. New Positions

1. That the Board of Education approves the position of Account Clerk in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction, effective July 1, 2008.
2. That the Board of Education approves the annual position of Bus Driver Training Instructor for the Transportation Department, effective July 1, 2008.
3. That the Board of Education approves a summer clerical position in the Business Office effective July 9, 2008 at the hourly rate of pay, \$8.00. The position is for the Accounts Payable Department.

4. **Business/Finance**

a. Treasurer's Report

1. That the Board of Education accepts the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2008 and directed that it be placed on file.

b. Approval of Invoices and Payroll

1. That the Board of Education approves the Invoices and Payroll for the period ending June 30, 2008.

Warrant #23	\$ 311,711.08
Warrant #24	\$ 655,491.72
Credits to Expense	\$ 302,110.48 Cr.
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 665,092.32

PAYROLL #23 & #24

General	\$7,639,867.60
Fund F	\$ 108,165.74
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$7,748,033.34

4.1. Business/Finance: Contract Approvals

a. Transportation Contracts

1. That the Board of Education approves a contract with Herricks UFSD for the 2008-2009 to provide transportation for Herricks students as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u># Students</u>	<u>Revenue per Month per Student</u>	<u>Total Revenue per Month</u>
L.I. Lutheran	2	\$202.20	\$ 404.40
St. Dominick	3	\$495.74	\$1,487.22
Progressive	1	\$342.50	\$ 342.50
Clarke MS BOCES	1	\$400.00	\$ 400.00
Mill Neck	2	\$577.12	\$1,154.24

b. CORE - Technology Contract

1. That the Board of Education approves the application and contract between the Mineola Union Free School District and CORE for services provided for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

4.2. Business/Finance: Bids

- a. That the Board of Education approves the participation of the Mineola Union Free School District in the following cooperative bids:

- Fuel/Gasoline Access Card – Herricks UFSD Co-op Bid 08/09
- Custodial Supplies, Green Clean Products, Electrical Supplies, Plumbing Supplies, Lumber & Masonry Supplies – Rockville Centre UFSD Co-op Bids 08/09

- b. That the Board of Education awards the Five Year Bus Lease to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, **Sovereign Bank**.

- c. That the Board of Education extends the 07/08 Instrumental Rental Bid award to Laconia Music Center for the 2008-2009 school year at no price increase.

5. **Other**

a. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

1. That the Board of Education deems the following 1990 Ford Bus Vans obsolete and allow them to be properly disposed of in accordance with District Policy 6900-Disposal of District Property:

#58	VIN 1FDJE34M9LHB55314
#59	VIN 1FDJE34M6LHB55318

b. School Lunch and Breakfast Prices

1. That the Board of Education approves the following prices for the 2008-2009 school year:

Elementary Lunch	\$1.50
Secondary Lunch	\$1.75
Elementary Breakfast	\$1.00
Secondary Breakfast	\$1.30

c. Health Services 2007-2008

1. That the Board of Education approves Health Services Contracts for the 2007-2008 for Mineola resident students attending non-public schools in other school districts:

Garden City	13	Waldorf (5) St. Joseph (7) St. Anne's (1)	\$640.59	\$8,327.67
Hempstead	44	Sacred Heart	\$940.00	\$41,360.00
Hicksville	41	Holy Trinity (38) Trinity Lutheran (3)	\$476.75	\$19,546.75
Jericho	14	L.I. Lutheran (12) Solomon Schecter (2)	\$799.62	\$11,194.68
Manhasset	20	St. Mary's	\$705.56	\$14,111.20
North Merrick	3	Progressive School of LI (3)	\$402.00	\$1,206.00
NHP-GCP	3	Notre Dame	\$615.75	\$1,847.25
Plainview- Old Bethpage	2	Hebrew Academy	\$691.00	\$1,382.00
Pt Washington	1	St. Peter's	\$685.72	\$685.72
Syosset	14	Our Lady of Mercy	\$704.43	\$9,862.02
Uniondale	53	Kellenberg (49) Hebrew Academy (3)	\$579.90	\$30,734.70
Westbury	6	St. Martin DePorres Marianist (1) Holy Child (6)	\$668.69	\$4,012.14

2. That the Board of Education approves Health Services Contract for the 2007-2008 school year for non-Mineola students attending Corpus Christi and St. Aidan Schools:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CORPUS</u> <u>CHRISTI</u>	<u>ST. AIDAN'S</u>	<u>COST</u> <u>PER PUPIL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Carle Place	16	6	\$692.00	\$15,224.00
East Meadow	5	4	\$692.00	\$ 6,228.00
East Williston	1	53	\$692.00	\$37,368.00
Elmont	2	0	\$692.00	\$ 1,384.00
Freeport	3	0	\$692.00	\$ 2,076.00
Hempstead	12	0	\$692.00	\$ 8,304.00
Herricks	0	56	\$692.00	\$38,752.00
Hicksville	1	1	\$692.00	\$ 1,384.00
Island Trees	1	0	\$692.00	\$ 692.00
Malverne	0	2	\$692.00	\$ 1,384.00
New Hyde Park-GCP	5	6	\$692.00	\$ 7,612.00
New York City	1	2	\$692.00	\$ 2,076.00
Port Washington	0	1	\$692.00	\$ 692.00
Roosevelt	2	0	\$692.00	\$ 1,384.00
Roslyn	0	2	\$692.00	\$ 1,384.00
Sachem	1	0	\$692.00	\$ 692.00
Sewanhaka	2	2	\$692.00	\$ 2,768.00
Smithtown	0	1	\$692.00	\$ 692.00
Uniondale	10	0	\$692.00	\$ 6,920.00
Westbury	26	20	\$692.00	\$31,832.00
Wm. Floyd	1	0	\$692.00	\$ 692.00

d. Insurance Coverage – Student Accidents

1. That the Board of Education approves the award of student accident insurance coverage to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$7.23 per student.

RESOLUTION #7- **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education approves Consensus Agenda items H.1. through H.5.d.1. as presented.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Laraine Salvatore

At 10:05 p.m. a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into executive session for the purpose of matters leading to implement a demotion, discipline, or suspension of a particular employee.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

Yes: William Hornberger
 John McGrath
 Laraine Salvatore
No: None

Passed: Yes

At 10:15 p.m. the Board of Education returned to open session.

RESOLUTION #8 – **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education approves John McGrath as Voting Delegate at the New York State School Boards' 89th Annual Convention held October 16 – 19, 2008.

Motion: William Hornberger
Second: John McGrath

Yes: William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
No: None

Passed: Yes

RESOLUTION #9 – **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ellen McGlade-McCulloh, Ph.D. to the position of Science Teacher, effective September 1, 2008; probationary period, September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2011; salary, Doctorate, Step 6, \$88,745.00.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: William Hornberger

Yes: William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore
No: None

Passed: Yes

I. Public Comments

None

J. Board of Education Reports

- Comments from Board President
- Board Committee Report
- Superintendent of Schools' Reports & Comments
 - Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent of Schools apprised the audience of an adjustment to the agenda format (Pre-meeting part of the opening meeting whereby the Board will discuss agenda items). The Superintendent of Schools stated the following would be discussed at the Board's Retreat: SAT Prep program; Grade Configuration; parking space at Willis; and asked if anyone had specific questions to present them before the meeting so he could obtain an answer.

The Superintendent of Schools also discussed the Commissioner's decision regarding Ms. Salvatore's petition: Commissioner emphasized concerns not only procedurally but the rights of individuals being violated in not being given any due process.

District's counsel stated that the Commissioner's position was that he was being asked to rule on individuals, and/or if the ruling would impact individuals who should have been served with papers in order to be given the opportunity to respond. By not naming people they were denied due process.

The Superintendent of Schools stated the following topics for the administrative retreat: team formation; goal setting; and results of 2007/08 student achievement are extremely positive.

Also discussed: excitement for upcoming school year; looking forward to goal setting of the Board; 2008/09 staffing issues; capital projects are ongoing (Middle School, Meadow Drive, and Jackson Avenue) and the district is in a good position come September.

Ms. Goffman presented an update on curriculum work on projects taking place at the Middle School, Elementary and High Schools (Math, Science, AIS, Reading, integrated units, new program (Geometry), research projects, and summer programs. Mr. McGrath inquired if the students were assessed in the beginning and end of the programs. Ms. Goffman responded yes. Mr. Hornberger inquired about a summer program at Meadow Drive. Ms. Goffman responded it was a Special Education program. Ms. Patterson stated Meadow housed 80% of the Summer Special Ed Program. Vice President Salvatore noted that it was not as crowded. Ms. Patterson responded they are being more stringent and strictly adhering to guidelines, and as the years go on there will be fewer students.

The Superintendent of Schools also discussed: meeting with residents to discuss their concerns about the school system and areas they feel needs improvement; recovery of funds from Nextel as a result of expenses incurred by the district in the withdrawal of proposal by Nextel; working on the End of the Year Report; starting and ending times of schools; Town of North Hempstead recycling program; and resolve staffing issues.

- o Capital Updates
- Table Reports
 - o Finance and Operations Report
 - Monthly Financial Report
 - Building & Grounds Report
 - Building Usage
 - Vandalism
 - Work order status
 - Transportation Report
 - Special Reports
- *Public Questions - Board Committee Reports; Student Organization Report; Superintendent's Report; Table Reports (All Finance & Operation Functions); and Special Report

K. Executive Session

At 10:44 p.m. a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into executive session for the purpose of matters leading to implement a demotion, discipline, or suspension of a particular employee.

Motion: John McGrath
Second: Laraine Salvatore

Yes: William Hornberger **No:** None

John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore

Passed: Yes

At 11:00 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

L. Adjournment

At 11:00 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion: Laraine Salvatore

Second: John McGrath

Yes: William Hornberger
John McGrath
Laraine Salvatore

No: None

Passed: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Martillo
District Clerk