

**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 - 2018-2019**

***Educational***

- Continue to actively engage parents in the District Mission.
- Implement, monitor and assess the effectiveness of the new integrated curriculum in grade K-7
- Implement, monitor and assess the effectiveness the new Kindergarten badge book
- Continue to expand and develop our Growth Mindset initiative for students, staff and parents
- Continue to expand and develop programs that enable students to graduate HS prepared for either continued education or entry into the workforce.

***Facilities***

- Continue to plan and fund a 5 year Capital improvement plan that addresses the outstanding items in the Building Condition Survey (BCS). Plan should include multiple funding sources- Energy performance contracts, Capital reserve fund, and budget transfers.

***Finance***

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

**DATE: May 9, 2019**

**LOCATION: Willis Avenue**

**OPEN WORK SESSION 7:00 p.m.**

**Board of Education**

Christine Napolitano, President  
Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion, V.P.  
Brian Widman  
Cheryl Lampasona  
Patrick Talty

**Central Office**

Michael Nagler, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Jack Waters, Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Edward Escobar, Asst. Supt. Human Resources  
Matthew Gaven, Asst. Supt. C.I.A. & Technology  
Linda Spagnola, District Clerk

**A. Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Reading of Mission - by Cheryl Lampasona**

**D. Moment of Silent Meditation**

**E. Dais & Visitor Introductions**

**F. Student Organization Report - no report this evening**

Dr. Nagler invited Dr. Whittney Smith to the podium. Dr. Smith stated that one of the nicest things to do as a high school principal is to be able to recognize students for their accomplishments. Tonight he recognized Matthew Manevitz, Nicholas Tavares and Catherine Winski.

**G. BOE Reports**

**1. Comments from Board Trustees**

Patrick Talty wanted to remind everyone tomorrow is our Mineola Proud event at the high school. It's a wonderful opportunity to see for yourself all the great things going on in our schools. You can take a tour of the fab lab or watch children delivering ted talks. He encourages everyone to come out.

Cheryl Lampasona attended the 8th and 9th graders musical. She said she laughed and sang along. It was so Broadway-like, so well directed, so well-choreographed. The show was truly spectacular.

Brian Widman reported he had the opportunity to attend the Meadow Drive Ted Talks by 10 second graders. They were incredible. He thanked the teachers for holding this club.

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion spoke about the Mustang Musings the literary magazine we publish online. It is a reservoir of our students writing online. She thanked Ms. Shanahan, Ms. Helming and Mr. Brenner. It is so beautifully put together. Congratulations to all our authors.

**2. Comments from Board President**

Christine Napolitano reported attending the district PTA council dinner. PTA is the back bone of the district. She thanked Lisa Morrison for her service. Ms. Napolitano also attended the Hampton Ted Talks and was very impressed.

**3. Comments from Superintendent**

Dr. Nagler reported on a few capital projects and showed pictures. He announced our concert season has started. The 4th grade concert is going on this evening, which unfortunately, Dr. Nagler stated he is sorry he is unable to attend. The 3rd grade concert is May 13, the 5th grade concert is May 29th, the 6th grade concert is May 15, the 7th grade concert was last night, May 14 is the High School Spring Concert I and on May 20th is the High School Spring Concert II. Dr. Nagler said to please come out and see our fabulous kids. Dr. Nagler spoke about the high school musical which set a record for the largest audience. Aislinn Oliveri was the director. He reminded everyone school is closed May 22, 23, and 24.

Dr. Nagler wrote to the Williston Park Times regarding an article they published on comparing school districts in which the numbers were incorrect. The article was one sided and the data was incorrect. Dr. Nagler's letter is posted on our website. Dr. Nagler also reported on an article in US News & World Report.

**H. Old Business**

**I. New Business**

**RESOLUTION #64 - BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 residency program agreement with Adelphi University.

**Motion:** Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion

**Second:** Cheryl Lampasona

**Yes:**

**No:**

Christine Napolitano

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion

Brian Widman

Patrick Talty

Cheryl Lampasona

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**Passed: Yes**

**J. CONSENSUS AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION #65 - BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a. through J.4.c.1., as presented.

**Motion:** Brian Widman

**Second:** Patrick Talty

**Yes:**

**No:**

Christine Napolitano

Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion

Brian Widman

Patrick Talty

Cheryl Lampasona

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**Passed: Yes**

**1. ACCEPTING OF MINUTES**



MINUTES  
May 9, 2019

- a. That the Board of Education accepts the minutes of the March 14, 2019 Business Meeting, as presented.

2. **INSTRUCTION**

a. **Appointments**

1. That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Sara E. Ortiz, to the probationary position of Elementary Principal at Meadow Drive School, effective July 1, 2019. Salary: AMSA Elementary Principal, Step 1, \$156,742. Probationary Period: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023.

3. **CIVIL SERVICE**

a. **Appointment(s)**

1. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Patricia Rodrigues to the position of Teacher Aide Substitute, effective May 13, 2019. Salary is \$13.95 per hour.
2. That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Victoria Ondris to the position of Teacher Aide Substitute, effective May 13, 2019. Salary is \$13.95 per hour.

b. **Leave of Absence - Paid Medical**

1. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Kathy Polumbo, part time Teacher Aide at the High School, due to surgery, effective June 18, 2019.
2. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Ronald Albano, 10 month Bus Driver for Transportation, due to surgery, effective May 15, 2019.

c. **Leave of Absence - Unpaid Medical**

1. That the Board of Education grant a request to Deborah Westfall, part time Teacher Aide at Hampton Street School, an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence, due to illness, effective April 9, 2019, until further notice.

4. **BUSINESS / FINANCE**

a. **Treasurer's Report**

1. That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2019.
2. That the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2019.

b. **Internal Claims Audit Report**

1. That the Board of Education approves the Internal Claims Audit Report for March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019.

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

1. That the Board of Education approves Health contracts between the following districts and Mineola UFSD, whereby said districts provide health and welfare services for the 2018-19 school year.  
Hempstead UFSD  
West Hempstead UFSD

## **K. Superintendent's Report**

### Superintendent of Schools' Reports

#### Presentations:

1. Formal Budget Hearing

#### Superintendent Comments

**L. Public Comments** - Nancy Allard and William Kerr from St. Aidan's expressed their busing issues to the Superintendent and the Board. Dr. Nagler explained that our Mineola Pre-K students will not have buses. We try very hard to accommodate special instances.

**M. Executive Session - no executive session this evening.**

**N. Adjournment Time: 8:05 p.m.**

**Motion:** Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion

**Second:** Brian Widman

#### Yes:

Christine Napolitano  
Dr. Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion  
Brian Widman  
Patrick Talty  
Cheryl Lampasona

#### No:

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**Passed: Yes**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Linda M. Spagnola  
District Clerk**