

**MINEOLA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINEOLA, NY**

Budget Hearing/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 - 2012-2013

Educational

- To use technology and NWEA assessment data to provide differentiated homework thereby increasing individual student achievement.
- To implement the Common Core Curriculum with an emphasis on assuring a correlation between the grade level unit assessments and State exam.
- Create grade 7-12 ELA curriculum in line with Common Core shifts in ELA/Literacy
- Continue to encourage HS students to challenge AP and/ or College level coursework with the goal of every student gaining this experience before they graduate
- Continue to engage the community in the District's Strategic Plan with a specific focus on the quality indicators that define Mineola's expectations of academic excellence.
- Assess the long term viability and explore expansion of the elementary world language program. Assess current program through parental input and student data.
- Implement, monitor and assess the effectiveness of the Pre-K -7 science program

Facilities

- Continue projects that incorporate 'green' technologies that over time will decrease our dependency on fossil fuels
- Begin to fund our Capital Reserve with the goal of achieving new windows and doors on all 4 elementary buildings

Finance

- Not to exceed the allowable tax levy cap for the next three years while continuing to maintain and enhance all of our programs.

DATE: May 9, 2013

LOCATION: Willis Ave. School

OPEN WORK SESSION

7:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Board Room

Board of Education

William Hornberger, President
Terence Hale, Vice President
Irene Parrino, Trustee
Arthur Barnett, Trustee
Christine Napolitano, Trustee

Central Office

Dr. Michael Nagler, Superintendent of Schools
Jack Waters, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations
Patricia Burns, Asst. Supt. of Curr., Instr., and Assessment
Andrea Paggi, District Clerk

A. Call to Order - 7:10pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Reading of Mission- Dr. Nagler

D. Moment of Silent Meditation

E. Dais & Visitor Introductions -

Absent- Terence Hale and Irene Parrino

Ms. Burns is currently in a Report Card Committee Meeting

F. High School Student Organization Report

Tonight's SO report was given by SangMin Bak and Britney Vera. It was reported that the seniors had to make their final college decisions on May 1st. The last day of school for seniors is 5/31 and the Award Breakfast will take place on 6/5. The Senior Prom is on June 6th. It was reported that juniors raised \$4000 at their Prom Fashion Show. The Boys Varsity Lacrosse team and the Girls Varsity Softball team made the playoffs. The 8th and 9th grade production of "Grease" is next week. The last round of senior projects is being done. Finally, it was reported that new SO officers have been elected.

The Superintendent thanked Sang Min and Britney for their report. He then stated that there was another presentation tonight. Next week, the 8th and 9th graders' production of "Grease" will be at the High School on Friday, 6/17 at 7:30pm and Saturday, 6/18 at 2:00 and 7:30pm. The Superintendent introduced Mr. DeLuca. He stated that this is the third production this year and the cast is made up of 40 students. Mr. DeLuca stated that tonight there will be a special performance by the lead actress, Britney Hernandez, who is a new student to our district. She plays Sandy and performed "Hopelessly Devoted to You" for the Board. The Superintendent and the Board thanked Mr. DeLuca and Britney for the performance.

G. BOE Reports

a. Comments from Board Trustees

Mr. Barnett extended his congratulations to Britney Vera and Sang Min who were honored at the Thespian Recognitions. He also stated that the 7th graders are on the trip to Washington DC.

Ms. Napolitano stated that she did not have anything to report but she is looking forward to the upcoming senior events.

b. Comments from Board President

Mr. Hornberger met with the District Council and worked closely with them on the budget. All units have voted to support the budget for the upcoming school year. On 5/2, there was a special meeting to review policies and they went through 4 categories of policies. Mr. Hornberger stated that he attended "Meet the Candidate Night" and looks forward to the upcoming election.

c. Comments from Superintendent

The Superintendent reported that May is concert month and he is looking forward to attending all of them. He reported that he is currently working on the "Bring your own Device" letter for 7th grade parents. Senator Martins stated that he is securing more money for the District for the upcoming school year. The Dual Language program is set for K-2 and he is currently working on trying to offer Spanish to the 3rd grade. The Superintendent reported that currently the K/Pre-K enrollment is slow (K- 180 students and Pre-K- 66

students in each building) and these numbers are lower than usual for this time. The Superintendent wished all of the moms a "Happy Mother's Day". Finally, he stated that the progress on the Meadow Drive project is a little behind schedule. The final completion date was set for 6/10. Dr. Nagler reported that a letter was sent to the contractor expressing the disappointment with the delay. He added that there are a lot of interior things that need to be completed.

H. Old Business

Mr. Hornberger asked if there was any old business. Mr. Barnett inquired about the Jackson Avenue landscaping and the Superintendent stated that he had met with the fence company and all work will be done after sports are done. He added that our staff will do the landscaping. There was no additional old business.

I. New Business

There was no new business this evening.

J. Consensus Agenda

RESOLUTION # 55-BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consensus agenda items J.1.a.1. through J.2.b.1., as presented.

Motion: Arthur Barnett

Second: Christine Napolitano

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Yes: Christine Napolitano
Arthur Barnett
William Hornberger

No: None

Passed: Yes

1. Instruction

a. Leave(s) of Absence/Child Rearing

1. That the Board of Education grants a request to Maureen Connolly, for an unpaid Leave of Absence, for child-rearing purposes, effective September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

b. Appointment(S) Sub Teacher per diem

The Board of Education accepts the following individual(s) as Per Diem Substitute Teacher(s) for the current school year, at a daily rate of \$100.00 per day; and retirees at a daily rate of \$125.00 per day.:

- | | <u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u> |
|----|----------------------|
| 1. | Stephanie Vafiadis |

<u>EMPLOYEE CERTIFICATION</u>
Biology 7-12(pending), SWD Generalist 7-12(pending), SWD-Biology Ext(pending)

c. Appointments 45 Day Subs

1. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Arielle Sandler, to the position of 45 Day Substitute Teacher for Iyla Wilson starting approximately May 15, 2013 to on or before June 30, 2013; salary: Days 1-20, \$100.00, Days 21-39 \$110.00, Days 40-45 \$120, Day 46 contract salary: BA, Step 1, \$58,123 pro rated.
2. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Lisa-Marie Gaito, to the position of 45 Day Substitute Teacher for Melissa Koenig starting approximately June 1, 2013 to on or before June 30, 2013; salary: Days 1-20, \$100.00, Days 21-39 \$110.00, Days 40-45 \$120, Day 46 contract salary: BA, Step 1, \$58,123 pro rated.
3. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Carly Loewenthal, to the position of 45 Day Substitute Teacher for Maryellen Nichols at Meadow Drive, effective February 26, 2013 to on or before June 30, 2013; salary: Days 1-20, \$100.00, Days 21-39 \$110.00, Days 40-45 \$120, Day 46 MA, Step 1, \$67,604 pro rated.

d. Appointment(S) Perm Sub

1. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Stephanie Vafiadis, to the position of Permanent Substitute Teacher, at Mineola High School, effective May 10, 2013 to May 31, 2013. Salary: \$100 per day.

e. Appointment(s) Club/Stipends

That the Board of Education approves the following Club/stipend recommendations for 2012-2013 year:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Winter Guard Coach	Amanda Alves	\$975

2. Civil Service

a. Leave(s) of Absence

1. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence for Francisco Espinal, Custodian at Hampton Street School, effective May 9, 2013, for 15 to 30 days and until doctor clears him to return to his duties.
2. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence to Alisa Egan, 12 month Bus Driver for Transportation, effective April 16, 2013. Mrs. Egan will be out for approximately 18 days and return at her doctor's discretion.
3. That the Board of Education approve a paid Medical Leave of Absence, due to family illness, to Daniel Makarick, Bus Driver in Transportation, effective April 2, 2013 through April 30, 2013.

b. Resignation(s)

1. That the Board of Education accept, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, Maryann Ricci, part time Typist Clerk at the High School, effective June 30, 2013.

K. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent of Schools' Reports for 5/9/13 Presentations:

1. Formal Budget Hearing

The Superintendent reported that tonight is the Formal Budget Hearing and the 2013- 2014 Budget can be found in each of the buildings and on-line.

Dr. Nagler stated that the proposed levy is 2.18% which was achieved with the use of \$250,000 of fund balance that was the result of the teachers contract being settled. The Superintendent stated that the following are included in the Budget-**Education:** maintains all current educational and co-curricular programs and continues to expand the technology program. **Curriculum Enhancements:** 1 additional section of 5 day 1/2 day Pre-K; the contract with CW Post is being finalized and once finalized parents will be notified; the current math program will be fully aligned with the Common Core Standards. **Operational:** new 5 year Bus Replacement plan; new Diesel pumping station; security upgrades-"man traps" at all buildings; staffing reduction of 20 FTE aides; and maintain 4% fund balance. **Equipment:** There is \$217,000 allocated for new equipment in next year's budget.

The Superintendent asked if there were any questions/comments from the Board and there were none. Mr. Hornberger opened the floor for **Public Comments** regarding the budget and there were no comments.

Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent had no additional comments, but stated that he was in need of an executive session.

L. Executive Session Time: 7:40 p.m.

At 7:40pm, a motion was made for the Board of Education to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

Motion: Arthur Barnett

Second: Christine Napolitano

Yes: Christine Napolitano
 Arthur Barnett
 William Hornberger

No: None

Passed: Yes

M. Adjournment **Time:** _____ **p.m.**

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Yes: _____

No: _____

Passed: _____

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Paggi