

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MALVERNE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

Tuesday December 11, 2012

Marguerite O'Connor	Danielle Hopkins	Michael Taylor	Gina Genti	Josephine Bottitta	AGENDA ITEM:	ACTION TAKEN:
					<u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	
					Marguerite O' Connor, Danielle Hopkins, Michael Taylor, Gina Genti Josephine Bottitta, Dr. James Hunderfund, Richard Banyon, Spiro Colaitis, Thomas McDaid Jr., Florence Frazer and Michael Perna	
					<u>I - CALL TO ORDER</u>	Call to order
M					The meeting was held in the MHS Faculty Room	
					Marguerite O' Connor motioned to call the meeting to order at 6:20 pm	
Y	Y	Y	Y	S Y	Seconded by Josephine Bottitta 5 Yes; 0 No - Motion carried	
					<u>II -EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>	Approval of Executive Session
M					Marguerite O'Connor motioned to retire into executive session at 6:20 pm	
					Seconded by Josephine Bottitta	
Y	Y	Y	Y	S Y	5 Yes, 0 No Motion carried	
					<u>III -ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>	Approval of Adjournment Of Executive Session
	M				Marguerite O'Connor motioned to adjourn the executive session at 8:05 pm.	
					Seconded by Josephine Bottitta	
Y	Y	Y	Y	S Y	5 Yes, 0 No Motion carried	
					<u>IV -OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION</u>	Opening of Public Session
					Marguerite O'Connor opened the meeting to the public with pledge of allegiance at 8:15 pm	
					<u>V - MINUTES</u>	Approval of November 13, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
M					Marguerite O'Connor motioned to accept the November 13, 2012 Regular Board of Education meeting minutes	
					Seconded by, Danielle Hopkins	
Y	S Y	Y	Y	Y	5 Yes , 0 No Abstained Motion carried	
					<u>VI -TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	Approval of October 2012 Treasurer's Report
				M	Josephine Bottitta motioned to accept the October 2012 Treasurer's Reports.	
					Seconded by, Michael Taylor	
Y	Y	S Y	Y	Y	5 Yes, 0 No Motion carried	

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					<p><u>VII- COMMUNICATIONS</u></p> <p>Paul from Relay For Life thanked the Malverne Union Free District and the community for their support with the Annual Relay For Life event every year.</p>	<p>Communications</p>
					<p><u>VIII. RECEIPTS OF FINANCIAL REPORTS</u></p> <p>A. Claims Audit Reports: November 2012. B. Trial Balance Reports: November 2012 C. Revenue Status Reports: November 2012 D. Appropriation Status Reports: November 2012. E. Cash Flow Status Report: November 2012. F. Budget transfers under \$20,000 Report: November 2012.</p>	<p>Receipts of Financial Reports</p>
					<p><u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/ ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></p> <p>1. All National Choir Award Recognition 2. Nassau County Senior All Star MVP Award 3. Fall Scholar Athlete Recognition 4. Prudential Community Service Award</p>	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>
					<p><u>IX -PERSONNEL</u></p> <p>Danielle Hopkins motioned to approve consent agenda for items 9 A- 13 Seconded by Michael Taylor 5 Yes; No 0- Motion Carried</p>	<p>Approval of Consent agenda</p>
					<p><u>Terminations</u> Teachers Michael Callahan</p>	<p>Terminations</p>
					<p><u>Civil Service</u> Monitor Louise Neidecker</p>	<p>Civil Service</p>
					<p><u>Resignations</u> <u>Teachers</u> Kristen Aksionoff, Physical Education , Effective Date, 12/10/12</p>	<p>Approval of Resignations Teachers</p>
					<p><u>Civil Service</u> Maureen Watson, Account Clerk , Effective Date 1/31/13</p>	<p>Approval of Resignations Civil Service</p>
					<p><u>Co-Curricular Activities</u> Jacqueline Coonan , Set Design –HS Musical Effective Date, 11/01/12</p>	<p>Approval of Co-Curricular Activities</p>
					<p><u>Leave of Absence</u> None</p>	<p>Approval of Leave of Absence</p>
					<p><u>Appointments</u> <u>Teachers</u></p>	<p>Approval of Appointments</p>
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				<p>‘One such regulation, recently adopted by the Board, addresses the procedure to be followed in the event that a District employee files a complaint against a Board member. The regulation states that in such case, the Board must engage an “impartial investigator” to conduct an investigation and upon conclusion of the investigation, make a full report to the Board and make recommendations to the Board (if appropriate) for the Board’s consideration. Unfortunately, the Board has received complaints from two different employees regarding a Board member’s conduct toward them. In fact, the Board has received correspondence from the attorney of one such employee, threatening potential legal action. Given these facts, the Board had no alternative but to engage an impartial investigator and this is exactly what the Board has done. This action was taken at our November Board meeting.</p>
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‘Additionally, the Board has adopted a number of policies which relate to the personal conduct of the Board members which, among other things, relate to the manner in which Board members shall obtain information from District administrators and other employees. These policies which are not uncommon among school boards and are applicable to all Board members were adopted for a number of reasons. First and foremost, it helps to ensure that District employees are able to perform their job duties in an efficient manner. Second, it enables all Board members to receive the same information at the same time. These seemed to the Board at the time, and they seem to us now, to be eminently reasonable rules for Board members to follow, and in the best interest of the school district.

“A majority of the Board believes that is important to enforce these policies as well, for the good of the a Board and the community we serve. We have tried politely and valiantly to remind Board members of their obligation to comply with Board policies, and will continue to do so. Frequently, however, we have been frustrated in these efforts by one Board member, who has instead attempted to accuse fellow Board members as wasting District money. That is simply not true. We hope that the community will recognize the importance of all Board members’ adherence to Board policy, and we will continue to perform our duties as trustees of this school district. . We sincerely hope that the new year will bring a spirit of cooperation among the community and the members of the Board of Education.”

For review and consideration

