

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

November 10, 2020

Phyllis M. Tinsley	Laura Avvinti	Josephine Bottitta	Jeanne D'Esposito	Danielle Hopkins	AGENDA ITEM:	ACTION TAKEN:
					<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>  Phyllis M. Tinsley, Laura Avvinti, Josephine Bottitta Jeanne D’Esposito, Danielle Hopkins, Dr. Lorna R. Lewis, Steven Gilhuley, Christopher Caputo, Daniel Balzan and Attorney Christie Jacobson	
					<b><u>I - CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING</u></b> The meeting was held in room 130 of the MPAC building	Call to order
	M				<b><u>II EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></b> Laura Avvinti motioned to retire into executive session at 6:41 pm to discuss legal matters and negotiations Seconded by, Josephine Bottitta 5 Yes, 0 No Motion carried	Opening of Executive Session
Y	Y	S Y	Y	Y		Adjournment of Executive Session
	M				<b><u>III ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></b> Laura Avvinti motioned to adjourn the executive session at 8:01pm Seconded by Jeanne D’Esposito 5 yes, 0 No Motion carried	
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Approval of Opening of Public Session
		M			<b><u>IV-OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION</u></b> Josephine Bottitta motioned to open the Regular meeting at 8:05pm Seconded by, Laura Avvinti 5 Yes, 0 No, Motion carried	
Y	S Y	Y	Y	Y		
					<b><u>V –MINUTES</u></b> Danielle Hopkins motioned to approve the, October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes Seconded by, Laura Avvinti 5 Yes, 0 No Motion carried	Approval of October 13,2020 Regular minutes
Y	S Y	Y	Y	Y		
					<b><u>VI –TREASURER’S REPORT</u></b> Danielle Hopkins motioned to approve the October 2020 Treasurer’s Report Seconded by, Laura Avvinti 5 Yes, 0 No Motion carried	Approval of October 2020 Treasurer Report
Y	S Y	Y	Y	Y		

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Y	S Y	Y	Y	M  Y	<p><b><u>VII – RECEIPTS OF FINANCIAL REPORTS</u></b></p> <p>Danielle Hopkins motioned to approve the October 2020 Receipts of Financial Reports Seconded by, Laura Avvinti 5 Yes, 0 No Motion carried</p> <p><b><u>IX–COMMUNICATIONS</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b><u>X- SUPERINTENDENT ‘S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b></p> <p>1. Travel Advisory 2. Traffic Light Follow -up 3. January Regents</p> <p><b><u>XI PERSONNEL</u></b></p> <p>Danielle Hopkins motioned to accept the consent agenda Seconded by Laura Avvinti 5 Yes, No Motion carried</p> <p>Josephine Bottitta motioned to approve the consent agenda Seconded by, Laura Avvinti 5 Yes, No 0 Motion carried</p> <p><b><u>Terminations</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b><u>Resignations</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Teachers/ Teacher Assistants</u></b> Emily Valentino, Teacher Assistant/MWD Effective Date 10/29/2020 Catherine Brown, Librarian/MHS Retirement 11/30/2020</p> <p><b><u>Civil Service</u></b> Angela Bihary, School Monitor/MWD Effective Date 9/1/2020 Marie Gerdes, School Monitor/DA Effective Date 10/2/2020 Linda Accinni-Pellegrino, School Monitor, /MWD Effective Date 10/2/2020 Doris Sher, Sr. Typist Clerk /DA Retirement, Effective Date 11/12/2020 Maureen Miller, School Monitor, /DA Effective Date 3/13/2020</p> <p><b><u>Leave of Absence</u></b> Nancy Burke, Teacher /MWD Effective Date 10/23/2020-1/31/2021 Christine Brown, Teacher Assistant /MWD Effective Date</p> <p><b><u>Appointments</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Teachers/Teacher Assistants</u></b> Elizabeth, Teacher Assistant/DA Effective Date 10/21/-2020-10/20/2024 Brianna Ciambra, Teacher Assistant MWD, Effective Date 11/2/2020-11-1/2024</p>	<p>Approval of Receipts of Financial Reports October 2020</p> <p>Communications None</p> <p>Superintendent’s Report</p> <p>Approval to accept consent agenda</p> <p>Approval of consent agenda</p> <p>Terminations</p> <p>Resignations Teachers / Teacher Assistants</p> <p>Civil Service</p> <p>Leave of Absence None</p> <p>Approval of appointments Teachers/ Teacher Assistants</p>
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						<p><b>XIII NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p>A. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Malverne Union Free School District approves the contract with <b>Patricia Delio MS CCC/SLP</b> for the 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President to execute said contracts.</p> <p>B. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Malverne Union Free School District approves the following <b><u>RECEIVABLE</u> Health &amp; Welfare Contracts</b> for the 2020-2021 School</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p><b>Baldwin UFSD</b> <b>Bay Shore UFSD</b> <b>Brentwood UFSD</b> <b>Elmont UFSD</b> <b>Freeport UFSD</b></p> </div> <div> <p><b>Oceanside UFSD</b> <b>Rockville Centre UFSD</b> <b>Uniondale UFSD</b> <b>Valley Stream #13 UFSD</b> <b>West Hempstead UFSD</b></p> </div> </div> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President to execute said contracts.</p> <p>C. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Malverne Union Free School District approves the contract with <b>AssetWorks, LLC, for professional inventory and appraisal services, from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.</b></p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President to execute said contract.</p> <p>D. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Malverne Union Free School District approves the contract with <b>Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for RN/LPN Substitute Nursing Services for the 2020-2021 school year.</b></p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President to execute said contract.</p> <p>E. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Malverne Union Free School District approves the Contract Renewal with <b>Benefit Resource, Inc. for Flex Spending Account Services from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.</b></p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Board President to execute said contract.</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>Approval of contract with Patricia Delio MS CCC/SLP</p> <p>Approval Of receivable Health &amp; Welfare Contracts</p> <p>Baldwin Bay Shore Brentwood Elmont Freeport Oceanside RVC Uniondale Valley Stream West Hempstead</p> <p>Approval of Contract with AssetWorks LLC</p> <p>Approval of contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc, RN/LPN</p> <p>Approval of Contract with Benefit Resource, Inc.</p>

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				<p><b><u>XV. CURRICULUM MATTERS/STUDENT SERVICES</u></b></p> <p>BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the recommendations at the November 10, 2020 Board of Education meeting and 5/06/2020, 8/12/2020, 8/24/2020, 09/20/2020, 10/08/2020, 10/20/2020</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the recommendations made by the committee on Special Education for meetings held on 10/08/2020 and 10/13/2020 and recommendations made by the Committee on Preschool Special Education for meeting held on 10/09/2020,10/19/2020 and 10/28/2020.</p> <p><b><u>XVI.GENERAL DISCUSSION</u></b></p> <p>None</p> <p><b><u>XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></b></p> <p>1. When will the virtual explore teacher be hired?</p> <p>2. What is the district’s plan to bring middle school and high school students back into the classroom more days / full time? Is there a plan and if so, is it gradual by grade / school or all or nothing? We are seeing many districts in our area bringing their older students back into school full time. While our district is excelling in technology allowing our students to learn remotely, our remote days are merely a distant second to physically being in school. Simply put, there is no comparison to being in school! Our hybrid schedule is having our students shift back and forth between two worlds. The remote days are similar to watching a movie, instead of living it. There is a huge discrepancy between the amount of learning and focus that occurs at home versus school. While our teachers are doing an amazing job, it is near impossible to tend to the student in front of you and the student at home. It is human nature to tend to what you can see and forget (even momentarily) about what you cannot. I have raised this issue at the school level and feel that it is time to raise it to the full Board of Education. As a parent what I experience with my 6th grader is a child who cannot yet focus without structure. We have set him up with a desk, a quiet place, a separate computer to use for WebEx, comfortable chair, headphones, but we cannot replicate the emotional structure of the classroom at home. The problem multiplies on days with happenings like the parent’s work schedule/meetings, internet issues due to weather, house visitors, construction in the street outside his window without notice, construction in neighboring houses outside his room and the list goes on. I am seeing a huge disparity between the grades of tests or work done in school (90 and above) and at home (60’s and 70’s). It is the focus that is the issue and how is the student to mature and get better without structure. Life is going on outside now and the district needs to figure out a way to take advantage of the good times and prepare for, but not wait for the bad. We need to remember that the K-5 students are going full time and are very successful thus far and that was the age group that people were afraid of. How is it that they can be socially distanced and safe and the 6-12 students cannot? While I have extreme confidence in the learning that can occur if the unfortunate need arises for us to go full remote, we should not use our technological advances to be a crutch to our children’s learning and social and emotional needs. Thank you.</p> <p>3. Is it possible to have a better variety of breakfast and lunch items on the menu?</p>	<p><b>Approval of Curriculum Matters Student Services</b></p> <p><b>General Discussion</b> None</p> <p><b>Public Participation</b></p>
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