

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2014
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Lisa Johnson
Trustee Jeannette Santos
Trustee Nathan King
2nd Vice President Terry Fulton
1st Vice President Ronald A. Moss
Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett
Trustee Carolyn Dodd

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Sydney Freifelder, Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
Dr. Joan K. Lange, Interim Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Inst.
Ms. Bridgette Wilson, Director for Human Resources
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio
Mr. Robert Claps, President ATA

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Vincent Todisco, Asst. Principal, NW Elementary School
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Adm. PPS/SP. Ed/ Central Reg./Nurses
Mr. Ted Tsigotis, Director of Phy. Ed., Athletics & Health
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq. – Guercio & Guercio

COMMUNITY: 60 members present

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

1. Meeting Called to Order by President Johnson at 7:04 PM.

A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement

**In the unlikely event of an emergency, you need to note that exits are clearly marked. Take a moment to note the exit nearest to where you are seated. *Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. *As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation:

High School String Ensemble performed under the direction of Alexander Tasopolous.

Edward Plaia, Principal, EWMMS – presented awards to top students in 7th, 8th and 9th grades.

Dr. De Rose, Principal, AMHS, presented awards to High Honor Roll and Honor Roll students in grades 10, 11 and 12.

Carlos Vidal, Ph. D. – Project Director and Erik Flynn, Education Specialist – Stony Brook, School of Health Technology and Management – 2014 HCARE Summer Program Graduates received certificates and “white coats” for readiness and excellence during their participation in the program. The program is a hands on experience in health profession, forensic science and nursing. (see attachment #1).

Roger Smith, AIA Leed AP and Kevin Walsh, AIA Leed AP – BBS Architects, Landscape Architects and Engineers PC – Facilities Update Presentation. Projection of number of students in the future and available space to safely accommodate in the buildings was discussed. (see attachment #2).

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only

Kevin Saunders, 29 Floral Dr., Amityville – Talked about the bullying presentation at the COMPASS meeting. 3B-19 - Did not understand rescind appointment and wanted to know why someone was chosen over the former coach. President Johnson cannot discuss personnel in public meeting. Mr. Saunders wanted to know if there is a curriculum

standard in place for athletes that have failing grades. The answer was no. Mr. Saunders was in favor of letting St. Martin's use the facilities but questioned why the high school was not on the agenda and asked if the high school could be added. He also asked if there is anything for African American History and Hispanic History in the course catalog. Dr. Lange answered that there are elective courses for high school and the catalog is for the high school. Dr. Kelly said we try to create interest in courses; sometimes there is very low enrollment. We anticipate that these elective courses will generate interest among the students.

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

- A. Approval of Board Minutes – None
- B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee – None
- C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education – None
- D. Audit Committee – TBA

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. Superintendent

- 1. Approval of the 2015/2016 Course Catalog

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by 1st Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 1 No (Trustee Dr. Corbett voted no), 0 Abstain.

- 2. Approval of Non-Resident Request

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3A-2 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Fulton. **Discussion:** Additional information needed. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel

- 1. Extended Leave Replacement Appointment: Music Teacher/PA - Tomek, C.
- 2. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/NE - Spence, J.
- 3. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - Abbondandolo, M.
- 4. Appointment: Substitute Monitor - Gibbs, L.
- 5. Appointment: Substitute Monitor - Greene, T.
- 6. Appointment: Substitute Custodian - Tutt, G.
- 7. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW - Bozzo, L.
- 8. Resignation: Central Treasurer/HS - Gastman, F.
- 9. Appointment: Activity Advisor/Central Treasurer/HS - Milan, L.
- 10. Appointment: Chaperone – Tejada-Torres, R.
- 11. Appointment: Chaperone – Tasopoulos, A.
- 12. Appointment: High School Regents Prep/Living Environment – Weber, M.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-12 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Mrs. Friefelder explained 3B-9 - the treasurer is in charge of funds generated by extra activities and fund raising. The auditors work with the treasurer. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 13. Revised Probationary Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA – Grasso, P.
- 14. Revised Appointment: CSE/CPSE Chairperson – Kollmar, B.
- 20. Appointment: Varsity Basketball Coach - Williams, M.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-13, 3B-14 and 3B-20 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 1 No (Trustee Dodd voted no), 0 Abstain.

15. Appointment: Mentor Teacher/NW – Seehof, C.
16. FMLA Leave: Social Studies Teacher/HS – Mizrachi, D.
17. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Torres, F.
18. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Lynch, B.
19. Rescind Appointment: Winter Coach - Acting Varsity Basketball Coach - Kretz, B.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-15 through 3B-19 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee King. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

20. Appointment: Varsity Basketball Coach - Williams, M. (TABLED)

21. Increase per diem substitute teachers

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-21 made by 2nd Vice President Fulton, seconded by Trustee King. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

22. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/NE - Ciancarelli, P.
23. Appointment: HCARE Liaison - Weber, M.
24. Appointment: Part Time ESL Teacher/HS - Huremovic, L.
25. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS - Huremovic, L.
26. Appointment: Translator - Britt, S.
27. Appointment: Translator - Huremovic, L.
28. Appointment: Translator - Bueno, R.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-22 through 3B-28 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

29. Resignation: Clerk Typist/HS – DiLevo, D.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-29 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee King. **Discussion:** Discussion in Executive Session. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business

1. Budget Transfers

1. To Equipment/Custodial From Equipment Custodial/Grounds – to Fund air conditioners DW for health and safety issues – 23,000.

MOTION TO APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-1/1 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Discussed - how it will impact equipment for the grounds crew. Also, how requests for air conditioners are handled. Dr. Kelly said that air conditioners are installed based on medical needs. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Fund Raising

1. Key Club-Cake & Pie Sale/HS - Donate to St. Jude
2. Student Council/HS – Donate to Leukemia & Lymphoma
3. Student Council/HS – Business Scholarship
4. Student Council/PA – Donate to Matthew’s Wish
5. Basketball Club/HS – T-shirts

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-2/1 through 3C-2/5 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 1st Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Use of Facilities

1. 3 Point Play/Basketball - MS Small Gym
2. St. Martin CYO/Basketball - MS Gym
3. St. Martin CYO/Basketball - PA Gym
4. St. Martin CYO/Basketball - NW Gym
5. South Bay Volleyball - HS Gym
6. CYO Volleyball - HS Gym (M-F)
7. CYO Volleyball - HS Gym (S-S)
8. Living Hope Fellowship Church - MS Little Theatre & Classroom
9. Living Hope Fellowship Church - MS Gym
10. Our Lady of Lourdes CYO – PA Gym
11. Our Lady of Lourdes CYO – MS Gym
12. Town of Babylon – HS Auditorium/Cafeteria/Classrooms

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-3/1 through 3C-3/12 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Board needs more specific information. Board discussed scheduling at the high school for volleyball. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets

1. Freezer NE Kitchen – removal
2. 2 Testing Kits Edmark Reading Program Level 1 – recycle

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-4/1 & 3C-4/2 made by Trustee King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

5. Motion to Increase 2014-15 Budget and amend the 2014-15 General Fund to fund expenses related to flood damage.

6. Motion to Accept Donations

1. Kiwanis - \$50.00 Warrior Awareness Club
2. Richard A. Licari - \$50.00 Warrior Awareness Club
3. Amityville Patrolmen's Benevolent Association - \$100.00 Warrior Awareness Club

7. Health Service Contracts – St. Martin of Tours

1. North Babylon UFSD
2. West Babylon UFSD

3. Bay Shore UFSD
4. Babylon UFSD
5. Farmingdale UFSD
8. Accept Independent Internal Audit
9. Accept Independent External Audit
10. Refunding Bond Resolution

MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3C-5 through 3C-10 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Trustee Dr. Corbett thanked Mrs. Friefelder for funding. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- D. Finance – None
- E. CSE/CPSE Contracts – None

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences
 1. Jennifer Trotman
 2. Sherefer Arrington-Penick
 3. Reynolds Hawkins

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/3 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Dodd. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Reports

- A. Legal Counsel for the District – Will report in Executive Session on negotiations and a personnel matter.

B. Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kelly reported that the tree lighting is at 5 PM this Saturday and our high school students will perform. The Amityville Marching Band will march in the March 17, 2015 St. Patrick's Day parade.

- C. Board of Education – TBA

COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Heenan, 2 Matthew Dr., Amityville – Mrs. Heenan said that only one teacher was in inclusion class which is out of compliance with IEP. Her parent teacher conference was attended by an Administrator. She wanted to know why she was not informed about this prior to the conference. Mrs. Heenan also informed the Board about the leaking roof in Park Ave. Dr. Kelly said that we are aware of the issues. Mrs. Friefelder said our architect will make recommendations on how to make repairs. Mrs. Heenan then asked if there is a policy about Administrators attending parent teacher conference. Dr. Kelly – no policy but anyone on the educational team regarding a student would be welcome to participate. Mrs. Heenan agreed if they were there to participate. But if they are not there to participate, shouldn't a parent be notified. 48% of children are being bullied so how can you say that the anti-bullying program is working? President Johnson the committee will be meeting next week and I believe the committee will discuss how they will continue. Dr. Kelly said that the committee is evaluating different programs and we will take a look at what you are requesting. Mrs. Heenan – If an employee is a leave replacement and there is nobody to fill that position at that time, could that employee sub or anybody else until a person is found? President Johnson said we will have to

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CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

3A-2 - Approval of Non-Resident Request

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-2 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-13 - Revised Probationary Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA – Grasso, P.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-13 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-14 - Revised Appointment: CSE/CPSE Chairperson – Kollmar, B.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-14 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-20 - Appointment: Varsity Basketball Coach - Williams, M.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-20 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Dodd. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-21 - Increase per diem substitute teachers

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-21 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-29 - Resignation: Clerk Typist/HS – DiLevo, D.

Agenda Item 3B-29 remained tabled.

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 11:45 PM made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee King. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

Board Approved: 01/14/15