

Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District  
Amityville, NY 11701

Special Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2012  
Park Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

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**LOCATION:** Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Juliet Jordon-Thompson Vice President Lisa Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ron Moss Trustee Michele Sikhrangkur  
Trustee Jeannette Santos Trustee Nathan King

**BOE MEMBER ABSENT:** Trustee Mark Epps

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Dr. Mary Kelly-Asst Supt. Technology  
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources  
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq. – Guercio & Guercio

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by President Jordon-Thompson at 7:05 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 are 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**

**C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only**

Robert Claps spoke about make-up days for the calendar and why the two August days cannot count as instructional days. He asked the Board to regard the six (6) days as “On Call” days not vacation days. Also asked should the District add days back, can the affected staff be consulted.

Dr. Williams responded that August Superintendent Conference days can count but the two instructional days cannot.

Mr. Gary Steffanetta noted that the most recent SED guidance affirms Dr. Williams’ interpretation. The required 180 days may not include any instructional days in July or August.

Alissa Guttard, Massapequa – Mrs. Guttard has a 5 year old daughter attending St. Rose of Lima Kingdergarten. She lives in temporary housing four miles from the school. She asked the Board to provide transportation.

Trustee Santos asked if the children displaced by Storm Sandy had transportation.

Dr. Williams said that children who attend Amityville School District are provided with transportation.

Trustee Sikhrangkur spoke about the timely filing of transportation requests for non public school students.

Mr. Gary Steffanetta noted that the Board is authorized to spend money for transportation of non public school students if the Board determines that the explanation for filing late is considered reasonable by the Board. Under the federal statute, the displaced students must be provided with transportation to public school, not private school.



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**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Michele Sikhrangkur, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME** Open Session at 9:40 PM made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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### 2C-2 – Approval of Hurricane Sandy Make-Up Days

President Jordon-Thompson read the resolution for Agenda Item 2C-2 with the addition of: three instructional days in the February winter break. Trustee Santos and Vice President Johnson both suggested one or two days, not three and wait on the balance.

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the original school calendar be amended to reflect three days, February 20, 21 & 22, 2013 to become Instructional Days.

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Item 2C-2 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 2 No (Trustee Santos and Vice President Johnson voted no.), 0 Abstain.

An MOA will be needed if the hardship days are to be considered. Trustee Santos suggested sending letters regarding homework to families who will be away. It is important that they do not fall behind.

3. Review Draft of Regular Agenda for December 12, 2012  
The Board reviewed the draft of the agenda for December 12, 2012.

D. **Audit Committee** – None

### 3. **BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

A. **Superintendent** – None

B. **Personnel** - None

C. **Business and Finance**

1. Fund Raising – Item 1



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**MOTION to ADJOURN** Special Meeting at 11:45 PM made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michele Sikhrangkur, District Clerk Pro Tem