

**APPROVED**  
**6/8/2011**

MINUTES  
Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District  
Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Meeting – March 16, 2011

Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Kathleen Ward  
Trustee Nathan King

**ABSENT:** Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
Trustee Charles Walters  
Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

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

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS  
Ms. Doreen Buckley, Asst. Adm. PPS/Special Education  
Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES  
Mr. Anthony Cerullo-Director-Physical Education, Health & Athletics  
Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem  
Ms. Michele Darby, Assist. Principal-EWMS  
Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science  
Ms. Patricia Hausfeld, Director Guidance  
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Director – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center  
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Assist. Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Claude Irwin, Director of Mathematics  
Mr. Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies  
Mr. Steven Lindenfeld, Assist Principal-AMHS  
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal – Northwest Elementary School  
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services  
Dr. Mark Pitterson-Principal-EWMMS  
Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz – Director - ESL  
Ms. Judy Riordan, Director of English  
Ed Mercurio, Plant Facilities Administrator  
**COMMUNITY:** Approximately 100 members present.

Prior to opening the meeting, there were two performances:

Mr. Robert Claps led students from Northeast kindergarten in a gymnastic performance set to music.

Ms. Melissa Asbell and Ms. Marisa Peragine introduced the high school drama club with a performance from “Annie”.

Mr. Claude Irwin showed a short film on the district’s math program.

Reynolds Hawkins, gave brief update on a new committee formed with Ms. Jessica Bernius, Mr. Claude Byer, Mr. Bruce Pescitelli, Mr. Jerry Pollock and Mr. Reynolds Hawkins. The committee is working on The Amityville Sports

Hall of Fame to honor past Amityville coaches and athletes who excelled in their sport. A web page is in process of being developed to provide information and download an application to enter candidates' names.

Dr. Fanning – Budget Presentation – Dr. Fanning explained that this year, we began the budget process by looking at what was essential and then what to cut from the budget. The biggest problem is with the increases to the retirement system and health insurance. (See attachment #1)

President Sikhrangkur noted that it was important for parents to pressure their representatives to make sure that Long Island Schools receive a fair share of state aid. They should also be lobbying for mandate relief.

Dr. Williams said that it is very important to contact legislatures and senators about state cuts in the budget.

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.**

**1. Meeting Called to Order by President Sikhrangkur at 7:31 PM.**

A. **Emergency Exit, No Smoking and Cell Phone Statement** - President Sikhrangkur read the following 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.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance** The Board, Administration and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only** – None

**2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**

A. **Approval of Board Minutes:**

1. Approval of Draft #2 Regular Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2011

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2A-1** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. **Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee:** None

C. **Board Action Recommended by Board of Education:**

1. Approval of Western Suffolk BOCES Nominations

2. Approval of Library Registration and Election Workers

3. Notice of Annual Meeting, Budget Vote and Election

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-3** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. **Audit Committee** – None

**3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent**

A. **Superintendent:**

1. Approval of Verizon Events Broadcast Agreement

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Trustee Ward works for Verizon and said it would be a conflict of interest for her to vote on this agenda item. **Motion FAILED:** 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Ward abstained).

**B. Personnel:**

1. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Guidance Counselor – AMHS – Noon, J.
2. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher – NW – Pellegrino, J.
3. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant – EWMMS – Bongiorno, C.
4. Rescind Appointment: Spring Coach – Special Olympics – Feehan, R.
5. Revised Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst V Girls Track – Guild, E.
6. Revised Appointment: Spring Coach – V Girls Track – Duguay, P.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-6** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

7. Tenure Appointment
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11. Tenure Appointment
12. Tenure Appointment

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-7 through 3B-12** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Tabled until 4/13 meeting. The Board prefers to address these items when more Board members are present. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

13. Intentionally Left Blank

14. Appointment: Virtual Lesson Development – Teacher – Gibbons, S.
15. Appointment: Virtual Lesson Development – Teacher- Dispenziere, M.
16. Appointment: Clinical Supervision – Speech – Burretti, A.
17. Appointment: High School Homework Center – Special Ed Teacher – Dauria, D.
18. Appointment: High School Homework Center –English Teacher – Roisman, J.
19. Appointment: High School Homework Center – Math Teacher – Allen, E. Roberto
20. Appointment: High School Homework Center – Math Teacher – Valla, L.
21. Appointment: High School Homework Center – Science Teacher – Kilfoil, C.
22. Appointment: High School Homework Center – Science Teacher – Romeo, M.
23. Appointment: High School Homework Center – Social Studies Teacher – Powell, A.
24. Appointment: High School Homework Center – Social Studies Teacher – Levine, D.
25. Appointment: Spring Coach – Head Coach Special Olympics – Karafantis, G.
26. Appointment: Intramural Coach – AMHS – (03/17/11-04/06/11) Drost, A.
27. Appointment: Intramural Coach – AMHS – (05/02/11-05/31/11) Drost, A.
28. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – Sub Site Coordinator – Zider, J .
29. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher – AMHS – Western, I.
30. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Art – Ciancarelli, P.
31. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Child Ed 1-6 – Sanders, D.
32. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Child Ed N-6 – DiMuccio, L.
33. Termination: Maintenance Mechanic – Vargas, R.

**3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent**

**B. Personnel (cont'd):**

34. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: English Teacher – AMHS – Persan, H.
35. Resignation for Retirement: English Teacher – AMHS – Cohen-Willard, M.
36. Resignation for Retirement: Elementary Teacher – PAMES – Cofield, I.
37. Resignation for Retirement: Special Education Teacher – AMHS – Mendelsohn, S.
38. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – AMHS – Bryant, K.
39. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – AMHS – Long, J.
40. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – EWMMS – Babington, B.
41. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – EWMMS – Asbell, G.
42. Appointment: Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach – AMHS – Western, I.
43. Appointment: Intramural Coach – EWMMS – McCabe, A.
44. Appointment: Intramural Coach – AMHS – Hovorka, A.
45. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Abbatepaolo, T.
46. Appointment: Substitute Education 1:1 Aide – Carpenter, T.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-14 through 3B-46** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance:**

1. Budget Transfer
2. Change Order #1 for Maspeth Contracting Corp. Project #003-011-NE
3. Change Order #1 for Maspeth Contracting Corp. Project #004-010-NW

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-3** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 11

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-4/1 through 3C-4/7** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to PULL Agenda Items 3C-4/8 and 3C-4/9** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Pulled at the request of Administration - proper insurance not provided. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-4/10 and 3C-4/11** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Pulled at the request of Administration - proper insurance not provided. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

5. Fund Raising
6. Health Services Contracts – Other Schools – Items 1 through 7
7. Dispose of Fixed Assets

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-5 through 3C-7** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

8. Transportation Request

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-8** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion FAILED:** 2 Yes, 2 No (President Sikhrangkur and Trustee Ward voted no), 0 Abstain.

**D. Monthly Finance Report**

1. Report for December, 2010
2. Report for January, 2011

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 and 3D-2** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings:** None

**F. Curriculum and Instruction:**

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 11

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F/1 through 3F/11** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**G. Technology** – None

**H. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center**

1. Approval of Guest Speaker – B.E.S.T. Afterschool Program – Chin, K.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3H-1** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. **Reports**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District** - Mr. Steffanetta will report in Executive Session.

**B. Superintendent of Schools** - Dr. Williams reported the following: Sportmanship awards have been awarded to the Boys Varsity Basketball team coached by Jack Agostino, the Boys Junior Basketball team coached by Bill Kretz and the wrestling team coached by Bill Maisel and Jerry Pollock. Also Jack Agostino was awarded Coach of the Year honors in Boys Basketball. Our track team was ranked #1 in Class B in New York State. Congratulations to Sophia Labradore, Northwest student, for being chosen as the Suffolk County Art Contest winner.

Kaara Hinrequez, high school student, spoke about the budget cuts. See Attachment #1.

Jo-Ann Dammacco discussed how the budget cuts will impact her children.

**President Sikhrangkur appointed Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.**

**MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 9:18 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*Judith O'Neill left at 9:30 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order by President Sikhrangkur at (;40 PM.

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**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

*Trustee Walters arrived at 10:19 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:25 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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2nd Vice President Johnson asked about the showcase at the high school. Dr. Williams stated that improvements to the showcase are being addressed. President Sikharnkur mentioned that while visiting the high school, Dr. Andrews showed her the improvements that were taking place with the showcase. The Board and Administration then discussed comments from Senator Flannigan and Alise Operhiaman regarding the budget crisis.

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting** at 10:34 PM made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem