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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – March 9, 2011

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Nathan King  
Trustee Kathy Ward Trustee Charles Walters

**ABSENT:** 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-Assistant Supt. Technology  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Mr. Ed Mercurio-Plant Facilities Administrator

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

**COMMUNITY:** 7 members present.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:14 PM.

A. **Emergency Exit, No Smoking and Cell Phone 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.

President Sikhrangkur turned the meeting over to Dr. Williams. Dr. Williams said that tonight is a budget workshop and Dr. Fanning will give us an update of the budget preparation.

Dr. Fanning reported that since our last meeting, there has been no change in the governor's proposed budget. At that time, our budget total was \$81,068,841.00 and that was a 5.14% increase in the budget. The real increase is in benefits. We are working to lower the increase by cutting costs. (*Attachment #1*)

*Trustee Koza-Egglinger arrived at 7:30 PM.*

President Sikhrangkur asked the community if they had any questions on the agenda. As there were none, President Sikhrangkur moved on with the agenda.

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

A. **Approval of Board Minutes** - None

B. **Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee:**

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

1. Approval of Conference – 2011 State Issues Conference

2. Approval of Conference – District Clerk Semi Annual Workshop

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

3. Review of Draft Agenda – Regular Meeting March 16, 2011

President Sikhrangkur stated that the Board would proceed with the rest of the agenda and would review next month's agenda later.

**D. Audit Committee** – None

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

**A. Superintendent** –

**B. Personnel:** None

**C. Business and Finance** None

**1. Transportation Deadline Waiver Request**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-1** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Dr. Fanning asked the Board to pull this item until more information was available. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson pulled her motion and Vice President Jordon-Thompson pulled her second.

**MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3C-1** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**2. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 5**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-2/1 Request of the Amityville Little League to use the Park Ave. Auditorium** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** The District requires that groups requesting the use of the building have a \$1 million policy that also names the district as additional insured. We were told by the carrier that their insurance would not cover this type of event. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 7 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-2/2** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Vice President Jordon-Thompson voted no).

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-2/3 through 3C-2//5** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Vice President Jordon-Thompson voted no).

**D. Monthly Finance Report** - None

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

**F. Curriculum and Instruction** None

**1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 21**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1/1 through 3C-1/21** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Trustee Koza Egglinger asked Dr. Williams for a report for this school year on how many teachers and administrators attended conferences, the total cost of the conferences, where the funds came from, how many substitute teachers covered classes, and how many classes had to be combined and how the information was disseminated to appropriate staff. Trustee Koza Egglinger said it is the responsibility of this board to look at the number of conferences we approve and how much they cost. Then we should make a decision on the amount of money we are willing to spend on conferences for the year. Dr. Gulbin noted that only seven of the people on tonight's agenda are classroom teachers. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson said that Trustee Koza Egglinger has made some valid points. Vice President Jordon-Thompson said that we share Trustee Koza Egglinger's concern. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain (Trustee Walters & Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained).

The Board then reviewed the agenda for March 16, 2011.

**G. Technology** – None

**4. Reports**



**MOTION to ADJOURN Special Meeting at 11:39 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem