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MINUTES  
Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
REGULAR MEETING – April 14, 2010  
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 Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Kathleen Ward  
Trustee Nathan King

**BOE ABSENT:** Trustee Charles Walters & Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Dr. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources  
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio  
Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio  
Mr. Ed Mercurio- Plant Facilities Manager  
Virginia Riccardi-School News Coordinator, Syntax

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES  
Mr. Anthony Cerullo-Director-Phy. Ed, Health & Athletics  
Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem  
Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science  
Ms. Patricia Hausfeld, Director Guidance  
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Assist. Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Claude Irwin, Director of Math  
Mr. Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies  
Mr. Bruce Kollmar, Interim CSE/CPSE Chairperson  
Mr. Steven Lindenfeld, Assist Principal-AMHS  
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal-NW Elem. School  
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Asst. Adm. of Pupil Personnel Services  
Dr. Mark Pitterson-Principal-EWMMS  
Ms. Judy Riordan, Director of English

**COMMUNITY:** 65 members present.

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.**

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

**PRESENTATIONS:** Ms. Fran Fernandez announced that the art work of two Amityville high school students will be on display at the Heckscher Art Museum. Nine students from Park Ave. and the Middle School participated in SCMEA festival. Four students were selected to perform at the Long Island String Festival (*see attached*).

**PERFORMANCES:** The Middle School Drama Club, under the direction of Mr. Carl Ferrara performed a skit from their upcoming presentation of “Cinderella”.

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

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

1. Revised Minutes – Special Meeting – Referendum Vote March 16, 2010
2. Draft #1 – Regular Meeting – March 10, 2010
3. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – March 3, 2010
4. Draft #1 – Budget/Special Meeting – February 24, 2010

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2A-1 through 2A-4** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 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 Ratification of ATA Memorandum of Agreement
2. Adoption of 2010-2011 AUFSD Budget

**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:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*Trustee Walters arrived at 7:25 PM.*

**D. Audit Committee** – None

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

**A. Superintendent** - None

**B. Personnel:**

1. Rescind Appointment: Intramural Coach – Weber, M.
2. Rescind Appointment: School Monitor – NE – Velez, P.
3. Resignation: Assistant Principal-Alt H S – Burnside, R.
4. Resignation: Teacher-Technology – EWMMS-Wu, S.
5. Resignation: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Project Site Coordinator-Katsigiorgis, J.

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

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

6. Resignation: Food Service Worker-AMHS – Mazes, T.
7. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Ed Teacher-PAMES – Schwarz, J.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-7** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. (Trustee Walters did not vote as he had just arrived).

8. Tenure Appointment: Business Teacher EWMMS-Agruso, James
9. Tenure Appointment: School Psychologist AMHS-Bausano, Heather
10. Tenure Appointment: Mathematics Teacher Alt. HS-Bielecka - O'Doherty, Barbara
11. Tenure Appointment: Physical Education Teacher AMHS - Cardone, John
12. Tenure Appointment: Physical Education Teacher AMHS - Castro, Elisa
13. Tenure Appointment: Social Studies Teacher AMHS - Duguay, Paul
14. Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher NE Elem. School - Faber, Nicole
15. Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher NE Elem. School - Gambella, Christine
16. Tenure Appointment: Art Teacher AMHS - Grasso, Jayne
17. Tenure Appointment: Social Studies Teacher EWMMS - Hammill, Jaclyn
18. Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher NE Elem. School - Iannotta, Lisa
19. Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher - Katt, Stacey
20. Tenure Appointment: Guidance Counselor EWMMS - Kearney, Keri
21. Tenure Appointment: Art Teacher AMHS - Keaveny, Nidia
22. Tenure Appointment: Music Teacher PAMES - Kontogianis, Debra
23. Tenure Appointment: Speech Teacher EWMMS - Nadler, Emily
24. Tenure Appointment: ESL Teacher NE Elem. School - Pariser, Rachel
25. Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher PAMES - Peragine, Marisa
26. Tenure Appointment: School Psychologist EWMMS - Postiglione, Mary
27. Tenure Appointment: Library Media Teacher PAMES - Quinn, Timothy
28. Tenure Appointment: Music Teacher AMHS/NE Elem. School - Rizzo, Eric
29. Tenure Appointment: Speech Teacher AMHS – Scavo, Patrice
30. Tenure Appointment: Music Teacher AMHS?EWMMS – Schwartz, Jessica
31. Tenure Appointment: Music Teacher EWMMS/PAMES – Sciolino, Joseph
32. Tenure Appointment: ESL Teacher AMHS – Smith, Suzanne
33. Tenure Appointment: Mathematics Teacher AMHS - Takseraas, David

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-8 through 3B-33** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*Trustee Koza Egglinger arrived at 7:38*

Carolyn Dodd congratulated the teachers who had been tenured tonight and presented them with pins.

*At 7:45 PM the Board recessed for refreshments. Recess ended at 7:57 PM.*

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

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

34. Appointment: Principal – Summer School – Lindenfeld, S.
35. Intentionally Left Blank
36. Intentionally Left Blank
37. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Project Site Coordinator-EWMMS – TBD
38. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class Science Teacher – Soluri, L.
39. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class Science Teacher – Mariano, M.
40. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class Science Teacher – Poulin, A.
41. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class Science Teacher – Napoli, J.
42. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class Science Teacher – DeMaria, D.
43. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class Science Teacher – Quigley, C.
44. Appointment: District Art Show – Penick, S.
45. Appointment: District Art Show – Mack-Brown, A
46. Appointment: District Art Show – Amoruso-Karounos, O.
47. Appointment: District Art Show – Ferencik, D.
48. Appointment: District Art Show – Fabian, K.
49. Appointment: District Art Show – Lark, B.
50. Appointment: District Art Show – Courts, R.
51. Appointment: District Art Show – Paul, K.
52. Appointment: District Art Show – Robinson, L.
53. Appointment: District Art Show – Scott, J.
54. Appointment: District Art Show – Abbruscato, M.
55. Appointment: District Art Show – Kretz, C.
56. Appointment: District Art Show – Keaveny, N.
57. Appointment: District Art Show – Brown-Fields, J.
58. Intentionally Left Blank
59. Intentionally Left Blank
60. Appointment: Circle Gallery Art Show – Penick, S.
61. Appointment: Circle Gallery Art Show – Mack-Brown, A.
62. Appointment: Circle Gallery Art Show – Amoruso-Kurounos, O.
63. Appointment: Circle Gallery Art Show – Keaveny, N.
64. Appointment: Circle Gallery Art Show – Fabian, K.
65. Appointment: Circle Gallery Art Show – Lark, B.
66. Appointment: Circle Gallery Art Show – Kaiser, G.
67. Appointment: Circle Gallery Art Show – Paul, K.
68. Intentionally Left Blank

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

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

69. Appointment: Saturday ELA Academy-Sub Teacher-EWMMS – Aloiso-Nigro, F.
70. Appointment: Intramural Coach-EWMMS – McCabe, A.
71. Appointment: Intramural Coach-AMHS – Drost, A.
72. Appointment: Substitute Teacher-Chld Ed 1-6; w/dis 1-6 – Salvaggio, D.
73. Appointment: Substitute Teacher-Math 7-12 – Smith, L
74. Appointment: Substitute Teacher-Chld Ed B-6; w/dis B-6 – Schwarz, J.
75. Appointment: Substitute Teacher-N-Grade 6 – Busini, V.
76. Appointment: Substitute Teacher-Chld Ed 1-6 – Dallek, K.
77. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Assistant – Scott, G.
78. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Ricks, B.
79. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Walker-Gosedy, A.
80. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Mueller, K.
81. Resignation: Teacher-English-AMHS – McDonough, K.
82. Leave Replacement: Teacher Assistant-ESL\_AMHS – Sparwell, C.
83. Leave Replacement: Teacher-Elementary-PAMES – Colaviot, J.
84. Resignation: Spanish Teacher-EWMMS – Kaplan, S.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-34 through 3B-84** 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.

**C. Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfers – Items 1 through 6
2. Award of Bid – Cooperative Large Equipment
3. Award of Bid – Cooperative Small wares & Equipment
4. Award of Bid – Cooperative Dairy Bid
5. Award of Bid – Cooperative Meat Bid
6. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 4
7. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 6
8. Donation
9. Health Service Contracts
10. Approval to Renew Transportation Contracts for the 2010-2011 School Year

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-10** 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.

**D. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings**

1. Seaford UFSD
2. Woodward Mental Health Center

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 and 3D-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.

**E. Monthly Finance Report:**

1. January, 2010

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3E-1** 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.

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 29

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/3** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** President Sikhrangkur said that during past discussions about conferences, it was agreed that if anyone wanted more information about the conferences, they would request fliers from Central Administration. Also, some Board members had requested information on how the knowledge acquired from the conferences would be implemented in the District. Dr. Gulbin then explained that we are required to spend 10% of our Title 1 allocation on staff development. This year we got extra money and we must spend 10% of that as well. In addition we get a Title 2A grant for training and staff development for principals and teachers. But we have not done anything for our administrators. The money must be spent by August 31 or it will be lost. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/4 through 3F-1/7** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Trustee King asked if these conferences were grant funded also and where will they be held. Dr. Gulbin said that all of these conferences were grant funded and will be held in Las Vegas. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained)

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/8 through 3F-1/12** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** President Sikhrangkur reiterated what she had said earlier, that have we developed a way for them to use what they have learned at the conferences. Dr. Gulbin said that reports from the teachers on the conferences will be ready shortly. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained)

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/13 through 3F-1/17** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Trustee King asked where these conferences would be held. Dr. Gulbin said that Mr. Pitterson's conference is in Las Vegas and the others are in California.

**Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained)

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/18 through 3F-1/22** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained)

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/23 through 3F-1/29** 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.

**G. Technology – None**

4. **Reports**

A. **Legal Counsel for the District**

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**Discussion:** The Board and Administration will begin working on goals for the District. Dr. Williams will let the Board know about the deadlines for the transmittals.

Dr. Williams – Reminders – Scheduling a special brief one item agenda meeting for 4/27 at 7:00 to vote on the proposed BOCES budget and trustees. Also, the session on the board docs is the following evening. Dr. Williams announced the winners of sportsmanship awards and then discussed teachers' retirement incentives.

Trustee King questioned whether there were any new developments in the MSG Agreement. Mr. Steffanetta said that MSG met with us to negotiate a more favorable agreement with the school district. MSG agreed to increase the annual stipend paid to districts. In addition they agreed not to broadcast on all different programs. There are limitations on that now. Also, there was an obligation of participating districts to meet a certain number of productions and we negotiated that out of the contract. MSG also agreed that the district representative will have 24 hours to object to the broadcast of material that the district felt was substantially objectionable. Some of the other concerns are still not settled. President Sikhrangkur said that there are still some concerns about the privacy issues for the students and how the district would be depicted and how we would exercise our right to protect that. Dr. Williams said that the guarantees that exist with the proposed MSG agreement give us a lot more control than we currently have over any other broadcast stations. Mr. Steffanetta said that the individuals being filmed are required to sign authorizations for the release of the broadcast of their images. President Sikhrangkur asked if the District would be responsible for obtaining those releases. Mr. Steffanetta responded that the District is responsible for obtaining releases from all students as well as the students from the other team. Dr. Williams suggested obtaining releases from all players at the start of the season. Guercio & Guercio will negotiate with MSG that MSG will be responsible for obtaining all releases.

As there was no further discussion, *President Sikhrangkur appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.*

**MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 9:09 PM for Negotiations/Litigation and Advice from Legal Counsel** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*Judith O'Neill left at 9:12 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order by President Sikhrangkur at 9:13 PM.

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

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Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

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Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio  
Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:39 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**LOCATION:** PAMES - Auditorium

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
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Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

**MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Item 3A-1 RESOLUTION: ATA Early Retirement Incentive (see attached)** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:40 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem