

MINUTES

Board of Education

Amityville Union Free School District

Amityville, NY 11701

REGULAR MEETING - January 14, 2009

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

Approved 2/11/09

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson
2nd Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Nathan King
Trustee Elisabeth La Rosa

ABSENT: Trustee Walters
Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools
Dr. William Fanning-Assist. Supt. Finance & Operations
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Assist.Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Assist. Supt. Human Resources
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS Ms. Patricia Hausfeld, Director, Guidance
Mr. Steve Lindenfeld, Asst. Principal-AMHS Mr. Mark Pitterson, Principal-EWMMS
Ms. Michele Darby, Asst. Prin-EWMMS Dr. Regina Cohn, Interim Principal-PAMES
Mr. Scott Bullis, Asst. Prin.-PAMES Ms. Jodi Shapiro, Assist. Adm. PPS & Sp. Ed.
Ms. Stacey Fischer, Prin., NW Elem. School Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem School
Ms. Kathy Beatty/Syntax Mr. Ed Mercurio, Plant Facilities Administrator

COMMUNITY: 20 members present.

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:10 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. Please turn off all communication devices during the business of the Board of Education.*
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Board, Administration and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Jackie Hammel, the coach of the high school kick line team introduced the girls on the team who then performed a routine for the Board and attendees.

Mrs. Carolyn Dodd – talked about a project to benefit students on weekends. They will appeal to community for donations.

Trustee Walters arrived at 7:22 PM.

- C. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only** – No comments.

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

- A. **Approval of Board Minutes**
1. Draft #3- Special Meeting - November 5, 2008
 2. Draft #2 - Special Meeting - November 17, 2008
 3. Draft #1 - Audit Committee - December 3, 2008
 4. Draft #1 - Special Meeting - December 3, 2008
 5. Draft #1 - Audit Committee - December 10, 2008

6. Draft #2- Regular Meeting - December 10, 2008

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-6 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee – None

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

1. Approval for Board Members and Superintendent of attend Fiscal Oversight Training

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-1 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Audit Committee – TBD

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

A. **Superintendent** - None

B. **Personnel**

1. Resignation: Activity Advisor - Milestones - EWMMS - J. Rodriquez

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-1 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher - NW - C. Boehringer

NOTE: For the remainder of the 2008/2009 School Year

3. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher - PAMES - F. John

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4. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher - PAMES - F. John

NOTE: For the entire 2009/2010 School Year

5. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Science Teacher - EWMMS - I. Levine

6. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher - NW - C. Pearson

NOTE: For the remainder of the 2008/2009 School Year for resolution 3B 2 above

7. Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher - PAMES - D. McBrien

8. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher - NW – **TBD**

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-2 through 3B-8 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

9. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant - NW - J. Cox

10. Appointment: Health Teacher - Alternative HS - A. McCabe

11. Appointment: Physical Education Teacher - Alternative HS - T. Tsirigotis

12. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone - E. Hayes

13. Appointment: Intramural Sports - MS Boys Intramurals - A. McCabe

14. Appointment: Intramural Sports - MS Girls Intramurals - I. Hamilton

15. Appointment: Cap and Gown Coordinator - M. Weber

16. Appointment: Regents/RCT Review - AMHS - V. Buonomo

17. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - A. Akapnitis

18. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - C. Kretz

B. Personnel (cont'd)

19. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Elementary - DW - M. dePalo
20. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Elementary - DW - C. Fudzinski
21. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Elementary - NW - M. Jones
22. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Mathematics - EWMMS - J. Newman
23. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Assistant - C. Clark
24. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker - A. Labrador
25. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker - D. Marrone
26. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker - S. McTizie

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-9 through 3B-26 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

1. Budget Transfers - Items 1 through 8

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-1 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Fund Raising - Items 1 through 10

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-2/1 through 3C-2/9 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3C-2/10 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Pulled due to a technicality with the law in conducting fund raisers with third parties during the school day. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Use of Facilities - Items 1 through 8

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-3/1 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Condition of the playing fields and limiting the use in order to improve them. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-3/2 through 3C-3/5 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-3/6 & 3C-3/7 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-3/8 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Health Service Contracts - Other Schools - Items 1 through 4

MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3C-4/1 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Pulled on advice of counsel – incorrect statement of law in contract. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-4/2 through 3C-4/4 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

5. Renew Transportation Contracts for the 2009-2010 School Year

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-5 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance(cont'd)

6. Approval for Donation of 26 Computers from Island Drafting and Technical Institute

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-6 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Ms. Kelly had inspected them and found them to be suitable for use. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings

1. Approval of Contract Services with Lindenhurst UFSD
2. Approval of Contract Services with Rockville Centre UFSD
3. Approval Parent Member to Committee on Pre-School Special Education - T. Abney
4. Approval of Contract Services with The Opportunity Pre-School

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 through 3D-4 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Counsel had reviewed all contracts. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

E. Monthly Finance Report

1. October, 2008
2. November, 2008

MOTION to PULL Agenda Items 3E-1 and 3E-2 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Board had not reviewed the reports. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences - Items 1 through 20

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/20 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Approval of New High School Course Proposals - Items 1 through 7

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-2/1 through 3F-3/7 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

G. Technology - None

Dr. Williams - Two students have been invited to attend the Presidential Inauguration, Tiera Hobson and Mansel Brown. Ms. Hobson will participate in a daily Newsday Blog. Four teams have received a Sportsmanship Award from Section 11 – Girls' Varsity Soccer Team, Girls' Middle School Soccer Team, Boys' JV Soccer Team and the JV Football Team. Dr. Williams then said that administration has been looking into the overcrowding at the high school and will recommend some changes to alleviate the situation.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS NON AGENDA ITEMS

William Clyde, Amityville – Mr. Clyde complimented the Guidance Department at the high school.

Dr. Williams said that administration wanted to expand the college program for students to earn college credits. Vice Jordon-Thompson said that she wanted the vocational piece to be expanded as well.

President Sikhrangkur appointed Vice President Jordon-Thompson as District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-5 (tabled earlier) made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Board had not reviewed the reports. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3B-6 & 3B-7 (tabled earlier) made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Board had not reviewed the reports. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Lisa Johnson returned at 9:33 PM.

Discussion: 2nd Vice President Lisa Johnson would like to meet with the Mayor of Amityville and the Board of Trustees to discuss a solution to the Lake Dr. situation. The Board agreed to attempt another meeting with them regarding egress from the high school to Lake Dr.

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:14 PM made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Board had not reviewed the reports. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O’Neill/District Clerk