

MINUTES  
Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District  
Amityville, NY 11701  
REGULAR MEETING - December 10, 2008  
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 Elisabeth LaRosa  
Trustee Nathan King

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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. William Fanning-Assist. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Assist. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Ms. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology  
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS Mr. Peter Hutchison, Asst.Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Steve Lindenfeld, Asst. Principal-AMHS Ms. Michele Darby, Asst. Prin-EWMMS  
Mrs. Betsy Gorman Demmers, Principal-PAMES Ms. Jodi Shapiro, Assist. Adm. PPS & Sp. Ed.  
Mr. Mark Pitterson, Principal-EWMMS Ms. Laurel Garofolo, Adm. PPS & Sp. Ed.  
Mr. Ed Mercurio-Plant Facilities Administrator  
Mr. John Osborn, PC-Const. Attorney for P.A. Renovation Project Litigation  
Mr. Christ Platt, PC-Const. Attorney for P.A. Renovation Project Litigation  
Ms. Janet Duggan, Janet R. Duggan Assoc.-Owner’s Rep for P.A. Renovation Project

**ABSENT:** Dr. John R. Williams, Supt. of Schools

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O’Neill-District Clerk

**COMMUNITY:** 10 members present.

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.**

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:08 PM.

- A. **Emergency Exit, No Smoking and Cell Phone Statement** –President Sikhrangkur read the following statements: *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. Please turn off all communication devices during the business of the Board of Education.*
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – the Board, Administration and community recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only** – None

Dr. Kathleen Gulbin introduced Mr. Thomas Schmitt, Partner & Co-Founder, Right Reason Technologies, who gave a presentation presented his program. (*Attachment #1*)

*Trustee Walters arrived at 7:15 PM.*

*Trustee Koza Egglinger arrived at 7:25 PM.*

*President Sikhrangkur appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.*

**MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session at 7:39 PM for Litigation/Personnel Particular Person** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O’Neill/District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by President Sikhrangkur at 7:50 PM.**

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Jack Osborne, Esq., John E. Osborne, P.C., Const. Atty. P.A. Project  
Janet Duggan, Janet R. Duggan Assoc.-Owner’s Rep for P.A. Renovation Project  
Mr. John Osborn, Esq., John E. Osborn, P.C.  
Mr. Chris Platt, Esq., John E. Osborn, P.C.

**ABSENT:** Dr. John R. Williams, Supt. of Schools  
*Ms. Duggan, Mr. Osborn & Mr. Chris Platt left at 8:11 PM.*  
*Audit Committee Meeting began at 8:12 PM. (See Separate Audit Committee Minutes)*

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 9:00 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O’Neill-District Clerk

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

1. Draft #1 - Special Meeting - November 5, 2008

**MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 2A-1** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Draft #1 - Regular Meeting - November 12, 2008

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2A-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Draft #1 - Special Meeting - November 17, 2008

**MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 2A-3** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- B. **Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee** - None
- C. **Board Action Recommended by Board of Education** - None
- D. **Audit Committee** – TBD

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

- A. **Superintendent** - None

- B. **Personnel**

- 1. Rescind Appointment - Winter Sport JV Girls Basketball - R. Pellegrino

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-1** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 2. Tenure Appointment – Zabicki, Susanne

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 3. INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

- 4. Appointment: P/T School Monitor - NE - M. Earl
  - 5. Appointment: P/T School Monitor - NE - C. White-Welton
  - 6. Appointment: ESL Curriculum Writing - AMHS - S. Krauss
  - 7. Appointment: ESL Curriculum Writing - AMHS - S. Smith
  - 8. Appointment: Winter Sports - Boys Intramurals - PAMES - B. White
  - 9. Appointment: Winter Sports - Weightlifting Club - AMHS - C. Taylor
  - 10. Appointment: Winter Sports - JV Girls Basketball - AMHS - M. Miller
  - 11. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone - D. Takseraas
  - 12. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone - P. Duguay
  - 13. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone - D. Lee
  - 14. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - D. Lee
  - 15. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - PreK, K-6 w/disabilities Birth-6 - P. Miller
  - 16. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - PreK, K-6 - T. Taylor
  - 17. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher - NW - B. Ricevuto
  - 18. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist - J. Baxter
  - 19. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist - S. Addison
  - 20. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist - C. Diliberto
  - 21. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist - A. Martin
  - 22. Appointment: After School ELA Teacher - AMHS - J. Pentangelo
  - 23. Appointment: After School ELA Teacher - AMHS - J. Roisman
  - 24. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher – NW – K. Komsic

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-4 through 3B-24** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- C. **Business and Finance**

- 1. Budget Transfer

2. Fund Raising - Items 1 through 9
3. Donations
4. Health Service Contracts - St. Martin of Tours - Items 1 through 10
5. Use of Facilities - Items 1 through 3

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

6. Authorization for Princeton Testing Services to conduct SAT Prep Courses

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-6** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 7 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings** - Approval of Contracts for Educational Services

1. ACDS
2. Developmental Disabilities Institute
3. ACLD
4. Mill Neck Manor School for Deaf
5. Variety Child Learning Center
6. Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc.
7. Kidz Therapy Services, LLS
8. John A. Coleman School
9. Patricia A. Franklin
10. Metro Therapy, Inc.
11. The Hagedorn Little Village School
12. Woodward Children's Center
13. Henry Viscardi School

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 through 3D-13** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

14. Rockville Centre UFSD

**MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3D-14** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. Monthly Finance Report**

1. Treasurer Report for September, 2008

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3E-1** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences - Items 1 through 22
2. Approval of New Course - Personal Financial Literacy

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1 and 3F-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**G. Technology** - None

**Discussion** –The Board and Administration agreed to discuss the Right Reason Technologies’ Cyber Extension Program at a later date. The Board discussed a previous issue regarding the closing of the exit to Lake Dr. from the High School. The Board then discussed ways to improve communication from building administrators regarding their building improvements and purchases. Mr. Keenan advised Board that the principals should inform the Board about large purchases. Also, discussed how to guarantee that the correct equipment is in place for sports events.

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 9:50** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O’Neill/District Clerk