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Approved on  
10/15/2008

**MINUTES**  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMITYVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Amityville, New York 11701  
**REGULAR MEETING – September 10, 2008**  
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

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**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 Elisabeth LaRosa  
Trustee Nathan King

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

**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  
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

Mr. Peter Hutchison, Asst.Principal-AMHS

Mr. Steve Lindenfeld, Asst. Principal-AMHS

Ms. Patricia Hausfeld, Director, Guidance

Mrs. Betsy Gorman Demmers, Principal-PAMES

Mr. Mark Pitterson, Principal-EWMMS

Ms. Michele Darby, Asst. Prin-EWMMS

Mrs. Stacey Fischer, Principal-NW Elem. School

Mr. Johnathan Klomp, Director-Social Studies

Ms. Laurel Garafolo – Dir. PPS & Sp. Ed.

Ms. Jodi Shapiro, Assist. Adm. PPS & Sp. Ed.

Mr. Robert Burnside, Asst. Prin-Alternate HS

Mr. Michael Fusaro

Ms. Judith Riordan

Mr. Claude Irwin, Director of Mathematics

Ms. Fran Fernandez

Ms. Virginia Riccardi-School News Co-ordinator, Syntax

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

**COMMUNITY:** 30 members present.

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.**

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

A. **Emergency Exit/No Smoking 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-**  
Carolyn Dodd commented on Agenda Item 3A-2.

A presentation of the Accountability Report for 2006-2007 was given by Dr. Kathleen Gublin and Ms. Mary Kelly. (Attachment #1)

*Trustee Koza Egglinger arrived at 7:15 PM.*

*Trustee Walters arrived at 7:17 PM.*

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

**MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session for Personnel/Particular Person at 7:35 PM** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson. **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 7:45 PM.**

**LOCATION:** PAMES - Room 111

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
Trustee Elisabeth LaRosa Trustee Nathan King  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger  
Trustee Charles Walters

**MINUTES** -Amityville UFSD BOE Meeting  
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**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

*Trustee King left at 8:25 PM and returned at 8:30 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 8:39 PM** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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Trustee Elisabeth LaRosa    Trustee Nathan King  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson                                      Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger  
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**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. William Fanning-Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin, Asst. Supt. of Curriculum & Operations  
Ms. Mary Kelly, Asst. Supt. Technology  
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

**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 – **August 6, 2008**
2. **Draft #1** – Regular Meeting – **August 13, 2008**
3. **Draft #1** – Audit Committee – **August 13, 2008**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-3** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **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 - None**

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

**A. General Administrative Resolutions:**

**1. Selection/Classification Program – Sports**

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

**2. Approval for payment to Dr. DeSorbe for ongoing litigations**

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

**3. Transportation Request**

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3A-3** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.  
**Discussion:** Tabled – advice of counsel. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**B. Personnel Changes:**

1. **Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher**
2. **Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher**

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

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

**3. Tenure Appointment: Social Worker**

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

**4. Rescind Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator – Frers, B.**

**5. Rescind Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher – Gottfried, L.**

**6. Rescind Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant – Gaynor, Y.**

**7. Rescind Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach – Forman, Jr., R.**

**8. Resignation: Assistant Principal- PAMES-Febbraro, M.**

**9. Resignation: School Nurse/NE-Sweeney, L.**

**10. Resignation: School Monitor/NW-O'Brien, B.**

**11. Probationary Appointment: Physical Education/Health/AMHS-Cardone, J.**

**12. Probationary Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/EWMMS-McLaughlin, D.**

**13. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant-AMHS-Liccese, J.**

**14. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant-AMHS-Vargas, W.**

**15. Appointment: Leave Replacement Social Studies Teacher/EWMMS-Greiss, M.**

**16. Appointment: Account Clerk/Park North Administration-Stone, C.**

**17. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach/Asst. Varsity Boys Soccer-Diot, C.**

**18. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach/Volunteer Football Coach-Grady, C.**

**19. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach/Volunteer Volleyball Coach-Bailey, V.**

**20. Appointment: P/T Food Service Worker/AMHS-Manning, L.**

**21. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator/AMHS-Pentangelo, J.**

**22. Appointment: Alternative HS Guidance Counselor – Akapnitis, A.**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-4 through 3B-22** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**23. Appointment: Alternative HS Guidance Counselor – Merle, S.**

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-23** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

**Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain (Trustee King and Vice President Jordon-Thompson abstained)

**24. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor-Carbo, S.**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-24** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

**Discussion:** The Board discussed taping athletic events. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Eglinger abstained)

**25. Appointment: Bus Monitor/PAMES-Allen, B.**

**26. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NE-DiGiralamo, J.**

**27. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW-Romeo, J.**

**28. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/EWMMS-Dimoulas, J.**

**29. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/AMHS-Pagliarulo, J.**

**30. Appointment: Substitute Teacher/Elementary-Gindele, C.**

**31. Appointment: Substitute Teacher/School Counselor-Gottfried, L.**

**32. Appointment: Substitute Teacher/Art-Roche, C.**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-25 through 3B-32** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** The Board discussed taping athletic events. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**33. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay/Confidential Secretary PA Administration-Muller, S.**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-33** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

*Trustee King pulled his motion and Vice President Jordon-Thompson pulled her second.*

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-33** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

**Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

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

**34.Appointment: Senior Clerk Typist-Pluschau, T.**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-34** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

**Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance:**

**1. Budget Transfer-Items 1 through 3**

**2. Use of Facilities-Items 1 through**

**3. Fund Raising**

**4. Approval of Building Star Contract**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-4** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**5. Approval of Athletic Trainer Services**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-5** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

**Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

*Trustee King pulled his motion and Vice President Jordon-Thompson pulled her second.*

**MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3C-5** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. CSE & CPSE Actions/Meetings:**

**1. Lindenhurst UFSD**

**2. The Daytop Preparatory School**

**3. Copiague UFSD**

**4. CWJ Consultants Ltd.**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 through 3D-4** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. Monthly Finance Reports: None**

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

**1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 30**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1 through 3F-30** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**G. Technology - None**

**4. REPORTS:**

**A. School District Attorney:** Mr. Keenan will report in Executive Session.

**B. Superintendent Reports:**

**Dr. Williams** – Introduced all new staff members. Will ask Village Trustee Ed Johnson to attend school board meetings. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson requested information on the summer camp program. Dr. Williams met with Mayor Imbert to discuss the barricade at Lake Dr. No changes planned by Village. School Board will contact legislators to discuss options.

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

**MOTION to Adjourn to Executive Session for Litigation at 9:50 PM** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

*Dr. Fanning departed at 9:52 PM.*

