Board of Education Approved **Amityville Union Free School District** 6/12/2013 Amityville, NY 11701 **Regular Meeting Minutes- March 13, 2013** Park Avenue Elementary School - Auditorium - 7:00 PM LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium **IN ATTENDANCE:** President Juliet Jordon-Thompson Vice President Lisa Johnson 2nd Vice President Ron Moss **Trustee Jeannette Santos BOE ABSENT:** Trustee Nathan King **Trustee Mark Epps** Trustee Michele Sikhrangkur ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. John R. Williams, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations Dr. Mary Kelly-Asst Supt. Technology Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq. Guercio & Guercio Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio **ADMINISTRATION** Mr. Anthony Cerullo, Director of Athletics, Phys Ed. And Health Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science Mr. Claude Irwin. Director of Mathematics Daniel Noviello-Director Social Studies Dana Musso, Director of English Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services Elizabeth Reveiz, Director of ELS Mr. Ed Mercurio-Plant Facilities Administrator SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION Pauline Collins, Principal, N.E. Elementary School Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES

Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal, PAMES

Dr. Mary DeRose, Principal-AMHS

Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal – NW Elementary School

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk **COMMUNITY:** 25 members present

1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u> by President Jordon-Thompson at 7:05 PM.

A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking 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 are you are seated. *Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. *As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.

- **B.** <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only None

D. PRESENTATIONS

Claude Irwin gave a presentation on the math program. (See attachment #1.)

Trustee King arrived at 7:12 PM. Mr. Steffanetta arrived at 7:25 PM.

Dr. Fanning gave a brief overview of the proposed budget. (*See attachment #2*) Following his presentation, he answered questions from the public.

Jackie Allen, Amityville – Assemblyman Robert Sweeney recently said that Amityville was given a 6% increase. She asked for an explanation. Dr. Fanning said that comment is correct it is the governors' proposal. What he is referring to is the governor's proposal the amount in the budget reflects the exact amount the governor proposed. One o f the things we pointed out, five years ago our state aid was over \$21 million and this year, it is about \$18.5 million

Robert Claps, ATA, Mr. Claps asked about the timeline for the budget. He said he would like to see more details in the budget. Dr. Fanning said that if Mr. Claps would like to see the individual lines, he can come to his office and we can go through them line by line. We also can do a line by line budget for the Board and community.

Vice President Johnson said that it may be tedious for us to look at everything, but if we can look at everything that we need for the district, it may be helpful to the Board and the community. Dr. Fanning said that he would try to have a line item budget ready by Friday.

Dr. Williams suggested sending it to the Board rather than trying to do that kind of work at a public board meeting which could go on for days. They can review it at their leisure and then after they reviewed it, we can take their questions and suggestions. The passage of the state budget will have an impact on our budget and we have an April 1 deadline for retirees and I think that may also have an impact on the budget preparations.

As there were no further questions, President Jordon-Thompson asked for community input on non agenda items. No questions from the community.

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. <u>Approval of Board Minutes</u> None
- B. Board Policy Committee None
- C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education:
 - 1. Adoption of 2013-2014 School Calendar

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Trustee King asked why there were so many Superintendent's days. Dr. Williams responded that there are three. Talks with teacher groups made us realize that it would be more beneficial to spread them out rather than have them back to back. It also allows us to bring our calendar more in congruence with BOCES calendar. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 2. Appointment of Workers for Library Election and Budget Vote
- 3. Approval of Nominees for Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education
- 4. Approval of Notice of Annual Meeting

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-2 through 2C-4 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

C Board Action Recommended by Board of Education (cont'd):

5. Approval of MOA with ATA – Grievance #2011-06

6. Approval of Appeal of Superintendent Hearing

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-5 & 2C-6 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Trustee King had no time to review item 3C-6. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee King abstained)

D. <u>Audit Committee</u> – None

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. <u>Superintendent</u> – None

B. <u>Personnel</u>

- 1. Resignation for Retirement: Clerk/Typist/NW Tourigny, G.
- 2. Resignation: Teaching Assistant/MS Bongiorno, C.
- 3. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/MS King, S.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-3 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Tenure Appointment: Peter Paternostro

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-4 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

5. Tenure Appointment: Elizabeth Reveiz

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-5 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 6. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/MS Kreismer, H.
- 7. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Ed Teacher/MS Brust, E.
- 8. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Ed Teacher/NW Sheerin, B.
- 9. Revised Appointment: Spring Coach/JV Softball Western, A.
- **10.** Revised Appointment: Spring Coach/JV Softball Volkomer, K.
- 11. Revised Appointment: Spring Coach/JV Softball Western, A.
- **12.** Revised Appointment: Spring Coach/JV Softball Volkomer, K.
- 13. Revised Appointment: Spring Coach/JV Softball Pesale, T.
- 14. Appointment: Spring Coach JV Baseball Volunteer Rogers, W.
- **15.** Appointment: Intramural Coach Drost, A.
- 16. Appointment: Cap & Gown Coordinator DiLevo, D.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-6 through 3B-16 made by 2nd Vice President Moss,

seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 17. Appointment: Cap & Gown Coordinator Gastman, F.
- 18. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed B-6/Std w/dis B-6 Worthman, A.

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

C Board Action Recommended by Board of Education (cont'd):

- 19. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Bilingual/Std w/dis 1-6/Child Ed 1-6-Muniz, F.
- 20. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Family & Consumer Science Peters, S.
- **21.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6 Larson, G.
- 22. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Physical Ed/Health Coyne, J.
- **23.** Appointment: Substitute Custodian Littera, T.
- 24. Appointment: After School Test Prep Program/MS-McCauley, A.
- 25. Resignation for Retirement: Confidential Secretary Shepherd, J.
- 26. Appointment: Leave Replacement Monitor/PA Coghiel, D.
- 27. Resignation: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW Sheerin, B.
- **28.** Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW Bozzo, L.
- **29.** Appointment: Chaperone Przech, U.
- **30.** Appointment: Leave Replacement Monitor/MS Spence, E.
- **31.** Appointment: Translator Gomez, R.
- 32. Appointment: Chaperone Ammirati, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-17 through 3B-32 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

C. Business and Finance

- 1. Budget Transfer Items 1 and 2
- 2. Fund Raising Items 1 through 5
- **3.** Use of Facilities Items 1 through 8
- 4. Health Service Contracts Items 1 through 5
- 5. Award of Bid Cooperative Large Equipment
- 6. Award of Bid Cooperative Small Wares & Equipment Bid
- 7. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets Item 1

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-1 through 3C-7 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Trustee King commented on the overuse of the field. Dr. Fanning said that Ed Mercurio had redefined the field to give it a chance to recover. Trustee King asked where it was to be moved. Dr. Fanning did not have that information. President Jordon-Thompson said that the season was just beginning.

MOTION to AMEND Agenda Item 3C-1 to 3C-7 to pull Agenda Item 3C-3/7 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. **MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Item 3C-1 through 3C-7 as amended made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee King).

8. Transportation Request – Metro

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3C-8 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

D. Monthly Finance Report - None

E. <u>CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings/Educational Service Contracts</u>

- 1. Wyandanch UFSD
- 2. The Center for Developmental Disabilities, Inc. SEDCAR
- **3.** Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities SEDCAR

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-3 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Trustee Johnson left at 9:07 PM and returned at 9:12 PM.

F. <u>Curriculum and Instruction</u> - None

4. <u>REPORTS</u>

- A. <u>Legal Counsel for the District</u> Mr. Steffanetta said that there were three items he needed to discuss in executive session.
- **B.** <u>Superintendent of Schools</u> Students from every one of our schools participated in colors of Long Island Student Express Art Show at the Long Island Museum. Also. The art collage of one of our students was accepted in the Winning Healthy Smiles Art Collage contest sponsored by Suffolk County Dental Society. I want to let you know I have been working with Irving Toliver representing combined Suffolk County Rotary Clubs. They are trying to do something for families affected by Storm Sandy. They are providing, free of charge, an I Pad Touch loaded with library books from all Suffolk County libraries. This is going to be for students from grades 3 to 8. At the Middle School, we will have the first in a long distance exchange between a number of our students and another select group of students in South Africa. Dr. Arnie Dodge, from C.W. Post, is working with Ms. Darby to arrange this. It will be a video conference on Monday morning at 10:00 AM. Mr. Paternostro told me that five of our Special Ed. Students have been declassified. Mr. Paternostro and his staff deserve a lot of credit. The Amityville Boys varsity basketball team will play in Glen Falls semi finals for the New York State Basketball Championship on Saturday and if they win, they will play on Sunday in the finals for that state championship. We want to acknowledge the good work of the entire athletic department and especially Jack Agostino and the young men who have done such a great job all year long. Section 11 is acknowledging the Amityville Varsity Basketball Team for the Sportsmanship Award.

C. <u>Board of Education</u> – COMMUNITY COMMENTS NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Cardone noted for the Board and Administration that there will be a pep rally for the boys basketball team on Friday at 8:30 AM. Also, the final VIP basketball game will be Tuesday, at 3:30PM.

Darlene Williams, Great Neck Rd., Amityville – Ms. Williams complimented Mr. Tsirgoitis on the job he is doing at the Middle School. She also discussed times students were permitted to go to their lockers.

Jackie Allen, Amityville – A bus group went to Albany and met with legislators to discuss state aid cuts. The turnout was very good. More people should contact their legislators and make their voices heard.

Kathy Dady, 111 Homestead Ave., Amityville – Ms. Dady had discussed her concerns with Dr. Williams and Dr. Kelly. However, one item still concerns her - kindergarten registration is done too late to plan for the amount of teachers needed.

Mr. Paternostro said that the turnout was very poor when we held registration in January and we also tried March and again we had a poor response. We had registration last year in May and the turnout was very good. Mrs. Collins added that a lot of the students were walkers and parents do not want to come out in bad weather.

Crystal Rodriguez, E. Massapequa – Concerned that there are many department heads that do not have direct with children. We have increased enrollment and we need teachers. She asked the Board to examine fiscal spending and make cuts in administration and directors.

President Jordon-Thompson appointed Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session at 9:40 PM for negotiations with CSEA, Employee History of Particular Person and advice from counsel made by Trustee Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O'Neill left at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by President Jordon-Thompson at 9:46 PM.	
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2 nd Vice President Ron Moss Tr	Trustee Jeannette Santos
Trustee Nathan King	
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Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources	
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq. Guercio & Guercio	
Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio	
ACTION TAKEN: None	
MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:04 PM made by Trustee Moss, seconded by Trustee	
Santos. Motion CARRIED; 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.	
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Dr. Mary Kelly-Asst Supt. Technology

Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources

Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq. Guercio & Guercio

Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio

3C-8 Transportation Request - Metro

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-8 made by Trustee Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 1 No (Jordon-Thompson voted no), 0 Abstain.

MOTION to ADJOURN regular meeting at 10:13 PM made by Trustee Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem