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Board of Education
Amityville Union Free School District
Amityville, NY 11701

Regular Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2012

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

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School-Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson
2nd Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Kathleen Ward
Trustee Ronald Moss

ABSENT: Trustee Nathan King
Trustee Mark Epps

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

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Anthony Cerullo, Director-Phys Ed./Health/Athletics
Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science
Mr. Claude Irwin, Director-Mathematics
Mr. Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz, Director-ESL
Mr. Ed Mercurio- Plant Facilities Administrator

PRINCIPALS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS
Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES
Ms. Michele Darby, Principal - EWMMS
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal - PAMES
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Principal-AMHS
Mr. Steve Lindenfeld, Asst. Principal-EWMMS
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal- NW

COMMUNITY: Approximately 40 members present.

1. Meeting Called to Order by President Sikhrangkur at 7:10 PM.

A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking, Cell Phone 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. *As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance – The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time President Sikhrangkur turned the meeting over to Dr. Williams. Dr. Williams introduced Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts. Ms. Fernandez announced that tonight's performance will be done by the High School Jazz Ensemble under the Direction of Mr. Chris LaMarca. They will also perform in the Bethel Church this Monday at 10:00 AM celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday.

President Sikhrangkur thanked Mr. LaMarca and the Jazz Ensemble for a wonderful performance and noted that it was very important to keep music and art programs in schools.

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only – None

Next was a presentation from Mr. Ray Velez, LCSW, COMPASS Project Director. His presentation was done on the Bach Harrison Survey which measures adolescent substance abuse, anti-social behavior and risk factors. (*see Attachment #1*).

President Sikhrangkur asked Mr. Velez if the program was available to the District. Mr. Moss discussed parental involvement. Mr. Velez invited parents to attend the next COMPASS meeting.

John Cardone, Health & Fitness Teacher, Amityville HS. – Mr. Cardone spoke about health advocate group he had formed at the high school where students learn about the consequences of substance abuse.

President Sikhrangkur asked if the information was available to staff district wide. Mr. Velez said that information will be put in a newsletter that will be sent out district wide and to community churches.

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes:

1. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – November 2, 2011
2. Draft #1 – Audit Committee – November 9, 2011
3. Draft #1 – Regular Meeting – November 9, 2011

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

4. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – December 7, 2011

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2A-4 as amended (Trustee King left at 9:53 PM not 8:53 PM.) made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

5. Draft #1 – Regular Meeting – December 14, 2011

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2A-5 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **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 Attendance at FRN Conference
2. Approval of Attendance at NYSSBA Winter Law Conference

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-1 and 2C-2 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Audit Committee – TBD

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. Superintendent –

1. Approval of Qualified Voters of the District to the Board of Registration

2. Approval of MOU – Suffolk County Community College

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3A-1 and 3A-2 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** 2nd Vice President Lisa Johnson questioned how many students will attend and how do they become eligible for scholarships. Will students be bused to the school or will professors come to high school. Dr. Williams responded that it is designed for after school so we have flexibility in terms of number of students. Information on Scholarships is not available yet. Dr. Williams said that he had been negotiating with Suffolk Community College to have professors come to the high school during ninth period. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel

1. Appointment of Consultant – EWMMS/AMHS – De Rose, M.
2. Termination: Substitute Custodial Worker – DW – Ricks, Jr., B.
3. Resignation: Teaching Assistant – AMHS – Koondel, B.
4. Leave of Absence W/o Pay: Custodial Worker I – AMHS – Galvez, F.
5. Leave of Absence W/o Pay: Food Service Worker – AMHS – Kaye, G.
6. Extended Leave Replacement: Elementary Teacher – NE – Babington, A.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-6 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

7. Appointment: Director of English – DW – TBD

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

8. Intentionally Left Blank
9. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – English Teacher – Clairborne, L.
10. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – PAMES – Forstbauer, J.
11. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – Western, B.
12. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – Wells, C.
13. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – Buonomo, V.
14. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – Levine, D.
15. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – Pfaffe, L.
16. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – Valla, L.
17. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Akapnitis, A.
18. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Bielecka, B.
19. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Brower, T.
20. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Cardone, J.
21. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Castro, E.
22. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Jones, Mackenzie
23. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Komsic, K.
24. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Kretz, C.
25. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Lynch, B.
26. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – McGowan, J.
27. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Sammis, S.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent**B. Personnel (cont'd):**

28. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Volkomer, K.
29. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Webb, N.
30. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Whitney, S.
31. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Wittschiebe, J.
32. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Wunderlich, E.
33. Appointment: Activity Advisor – K-Builders – EWMMS – Pentangelo, J.
34. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Soccer – AMHS – Cardone, J.
35. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Dodge Ball – AMHS – Cardone, J.
36. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HS/Club Advisor – Daniels, N.
37. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HS/Club Advisor – Larkin, T.
38. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HS/Club Advisor – Finizio, N.
39. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HS/Club Advisor – Blee, A.
40. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HS/Club Advisor – Thorn, K.
41. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HS/Club Advisor – Forstbauer, J.
42. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Cardone, P.
43. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Wunderlich, E.
44. Appointment: Substitute Teacher- Social Studies 7-12 – Beggen, M.
45. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – ChldEd B-6Std w/dis B-6 – Desimini, A.
46. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Gen MS Ed 5-9/Std w/dis 5-9 – Ippolito, M.
47. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Cld Ed B-6/Std w/dis B-6 – Bozzo, L.
48. Appointment: Substitute Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Brown, S.
49. Appointment: Substitute Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Daniels, N.
50. Appointment: Substitute Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Larkin, T.
51. Appointment: Substitute Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Pittman, B.
52. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Pittman, B.
53. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Surena, N.
54. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Addae, E.
55. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Estrada, R.
56. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Marrow, H.
57. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Giacco, H.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-8 through 3B-57 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

1. Budget Transfers – Items 1 through 6
2. Fund Raising

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

C. Business and Finance(cont'd)**3. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 2**

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

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

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-3/1 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Question about schedule conflict between soccer team and flag football. Dr. Fanning responded no conflict. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3C-3/2 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Vice President Jordon-Thompson said that they do not meet residency requirement. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools – Items 1 through 2**5. Acceptance of Donations – Items 1 through 2**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-4 and 3C-5 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Monthly Finance Report**1. Resubmit – July, 2011****2. Resubmit – August, 2011****3. New – September, 2011****4. New – October, 2011**

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3D-1 through 3D-4 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** President Sikhrangkur said that there is a lot of information to review. Dr. Fanning suggested that we invite the treasurer to meet with us because he prepared the report. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings – None**F. Curriculum and Instruction****1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 18****2. Approval of Speaker for Awareness Weekend**

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

G. Data and Technology**H. 21st Century Community Learning Center** – None**4. Reports**

A. District Legal Counsel –Mr. Steffanetta had several items for discussion in Executive Session.

B. Superintendent of Schools

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:27 PM made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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2C-3 Resolution to Uphold Superintendent Disciplinary Decision

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Item 2C-3 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

3E-1 Resolution: Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Item 3E-1 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3E-1 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:34 PM made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem