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

REGULAR MEETING – September 9, 2009

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  
Trustee Kathleen Ward 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson

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

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

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O’Neill/District Clerk  
Mr. Ed Mercurio, Plant Facilities Administrator Mrs. Carolyn Dodd-President ATA  
Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS Mr. Peter Hutchison, Assist. Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Steven Lindenfeld, Assist Principal-AMHS Mr. Mark Pitterson-Principal-EWMMS  
Ms. Michele Darby, Assist. Principal-EWMS Ms. Regina Cohen INTERIM Prin-PAMES  
Mrs. Pauline Watts-Collins,Principal-NE Elem. School Ms. Lorretta Marshall INTERIM Prin. NW  
Ms. Laurel Garofolo, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Mr. Peter Paternostro, Asst. PPS & Sp. Ed.  
Mr. Anthony Cerullo-Director-Physical Education, Health & Athletics

**COMMUNITY:** 30 members present.

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.**

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:11 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.

Dr. Williams introduced Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Project Director, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center Grant. The learning center will offer comprehensive after school programming for middle school and Park Ave. students and an evening program for parents and adults. Dr. Williams then introduced Ms. Rose Hutcherson who had been hired as the project director for the center. Ms. Hutcherson said that she was looking forward to working with the Amityville School District.

Mr. Anthony Cerullo presented a slide show of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual summer sports camp at Park Avenue which was attended by 147 children. Dr. Williams commented that a large number of our high school students were on hand to help with the summer camp activities. Thanks to Chris Roth for coordinating the summer camp program.

- C. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only:** None

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

1. Revised Draft Special Meeting – April 1, 2009
2. Draft #1 Budget Hearing/Special Meeting – May 6, 2009
3. Draft #1 Special Meeting – August 5, 2009
4. Draft #2 – Audit Committee – August 12, 2009
5. Draft #1 – Regular Meeting – August 12, 2009

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-5** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 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 – TBA**

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

**A. Superintendent – None**

**B. Personnel**

1. Rescind Appointment: JV Asst Football Coach – Brown, S.
2. Revised Resignation for Retirement: Chief Custodian – AMHS – Young, J.
3. Resignation: English – AMHS – O’Hagan, K.
4. Extended Leave Replacement Appointment: School Counselor – AMHS – Parisi, K. Replacement:
5. Appointment: Mentor Coordinator – Engler, M.
6. Intentionally Left Blank
7. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Band Director – EWMMS – Sciolino, J.
8. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Tri-M – EWMMS – Sciolino, J.
9. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Yearbook – EWMMS – Cesiro, L.
10. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Drama Club – EWMMS – Ferrara, C.
11. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Choir Director – EWMMS – Ferrara, C.
12. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Nat’l Jr. Honor Society – EWMMS – Wallenstein, C.
13. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Student Council – EWMMS – Wallenstein, C.
14. Appointment: JV Asst Football Coach – Grady, C.
15. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – Teacher – Special Ed. – Mendelsohn, S.
16. Appointment: Read 180 Training – Teaching Assistant – PAMES – Russell, J.
17. Appointment: 1:1 Aide – Special Ed – PAMES – Kelly, M.
18. Appointment: 1:1 Aide – Special Ed. – PAMES – Williams, K.
19. Appointment: Monitor – PAMES – Martinez, N.
20. Appointment: Monitor – PAMES – Lundwall, C.
21. Appointment: Monitor – PAMES – D’Alto, M.
22. Appointment: Substitute Teacher–Elementary Ed Pre K-6 – Napolitano, N.

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

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

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-22** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**23.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher–Elementary Ed Pre K-6, Std w/Dis 1-6, Literacy B-6-Parinello, K. **MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3B-23** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Dr. Neidell stated that the application had been withdrawn. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**24.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher-Child Ed 1-6, Early B-2, Std w/Dis 1-6 – Scudlo, K.

**25.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher-Early Child B-6, Std w/Dis B-6 – Strigaro, C.

**26.** Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant – Marziotta M.

**27.** Appointment: Substitute Custodian – DW – Miller, G.

**28.** Appointment: 1:1 Aide – Special Ed – St. Martin – Thomas, M.

**29.** Appointment: 1:1 Aide – Special Ed – NE – Norman, B.

**30.** Probationary Appointment: Teacher – Special Ed – PA – Davi-Button, K.

**31.** Probationary Appointment: Teacher – English – AMHS – McDonough, K.

**32.** Revised Appointment: Coach – Asst Varsity Cheerleading – Sohm, D.

**33.** Revised Appointment: Coach – Varsity Cheerleading – Pesale, T.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-24 through 3B-33** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance**

Dr. Fanning said that the tax resolution had to be pulled from the agenda last week because we were waiting for final numbers from Nassau County. They promised to forward updated information to me this week but apparently Nassau County has run into some problems with their data. The numbers we have now are the same as they were last week. There was a substantial increase in the taxable assessed valuation for our Oyster Bay properties which distributes the tax levy over a larger tax base. The numbers we have are tentative but I've been assured that they are close. But because of the increase of the assessed value in Oyster Bay, virtually all of the increase in taxes falls in Oyster Bay with a redistribution of taxes. However, since the assessed value is up, the increase of the tax levy has very little effect on the tax rate in either Oyster Bay or Babylon. In both cases, the rates are estimated to be under 1% increase with a 4.9% increase in the tax levy. We are exactly where we were last week and we need to amend the agenda to add the tax resolution.

**1.** Budget Transfers – Items 1 through 17

**2.** Approval of Renewal of Contract for Third Party Administration of Self Insured Workers' Compensation

**3.** Approval of Donation of School Supplies

**4.** Use of Facilities

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-4** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to AMEND Agenda to Include Agenda Item 3C-5 – 2009-2010 Tax Levy** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Dr. Fanning said that there would be a 4.9% increase in the tax levy. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-5** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes ( President Sikhrangkur, Vice President Jordon-Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, Trustee Ward), 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings**

1. United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk
2. Patricia Franklin – Braille Instructor

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 and 3D-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. Monthly Finance Report** - None

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conference for Dr. Williams

**MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include 3F-1/2 through 3F-1/4** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/4** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**Community Comments:**

Jamilah Lindo spoke about high school senior privilege – leaving campus at lunch time. Many other high school seniors came in support of this privilege. (*see attachment #1*)

*Trustee Walters arrived at 7:50 PM.*

President Sikhrangkur thanked the students for coming tonight. The Board will consider their suggestions.

Valerie Miller, Amityville – Mrs. Miller said that she had contacted the New York State Dept. of Transportation and asked them to install a flashing beacon light in front of the high school. The legislature had just passed an amendment stating that they will provide the structure and all the electrical for the installation. The District will have to pay \$1,200 dollars a year for the electric service.

President Sikhrangkur said that Dr. Williams and the Board would draft a letter to the state regarding the beacon light. The Board will keep Mrs. Miller informed about the progress.

**G. Technology** - None



**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O’Neill/District Clerk

*Trustee King arrived at 8:25 PM.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson departed at 9:10 PM and returned at 9:14 PM.*

*Dr. Kelly, Dr. Gulbin, Dr. Neidel and Dr. Fanning left at 9:30 PM.*

*Mr. Steffanata left at 9:35 PM.*

*Trustee King left at 10:04 PM and returned at 10:06 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:24 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson

Trustee Charles Walters

Trustee Kathleen Ward

Trustee Nathan King

**ABSENT:** Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O’Neill/District Clerk

**MOTION to AMEND Agenda to Include Agenda Item 2C-1 as follows:** RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the attendance of School Board Members and the Superintendent at the Annual Resolution Dinner Meeting on September 30. The MOTION was made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:33 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem