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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District
Amityville, NY 11701

Regular Meeting Minutes –February 12, 2014
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Lisa Johnson 1st Vice President Nathan King
Trustee Jeannette Santos 2nd Vice President Ronald A. Moss
Trustee Kathleen Corbett

ABSENT: Trustee Mark Epps
Trustee Terry Fulton

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CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: Approximately 30 members present.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Johnson at 7:00 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 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

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only

President Johnson called for a moment of silence to honor Dr. Williams.

PRESENTATIONS:

The High School Interact Club performed under the direction of Mrs. King and Mrs. Carlucci. Following the performances, Mrs. King said that the Interact Club will be performing their complete program this Friday at the High School at 1:15 PM.

A representative, Joe Kasin, from the Suffolk County Fire Marshall’s Office shared a report about the results of the District’s fire inspection.

Mrs. Friefelder gave the second budget presentation for the 2014-15 school year. Mrs. Friefelder explained where revenues came from – federal aid, state aid, fund balance, reserves and grants. The bulk of money comes from the tax levy. Starting in 2008-09, there was a tremendous decrease in state aid because New York State had a large budget deficit. A lot of money was taken away from the school districts which is called the gap elimination aid adjustment. In 2012 the state started to restore some of that money but not a lot and we have not been receiving the amount promised to us. This year they have promised \$21,968,651. There are no guarantees that we will receive that much. (*See attachment #1.*)

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes None

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee - None

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

1. Approval to Attend Conference – Capital Conference – Albany, NY – March 9-10, 2014

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by 1st Vice President King. **Discussion:** President Johnson read the resolution. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. Superintendent - None

B. Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence W/O Pay – Clerk/Typist/HS – DiLevo, D.
2. Leave of Absence W/O Pay – Nurse/NW – Broere, M.
3. Revised Leave of Absence W/O Pay – Special Ed Teacher/PA – Gandarillas, T.
4. Revised Leave Replacement: Special Ed Teacher/PA – DeSalvio, K.
5. Revised Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay – English Teacher/MS – Pentangelo, J.
6. Revised Leave of Absence W/O Pay – Teacher Assistant/PA – DeSalvio, K.
7. Revised Extended Leave Replacement: English Teacher/MS – Plotkin, S.
8. Intentionally Left Blank
9. Leave Replacement Appointment: Guidance Counselor/MS – Brower, T.
10. Appointment: RCT/Regents Review – Math – Zuar, C.
11. Appointment: After School Test Prep – NW – Geilman, K.
12. Appointment: After School Test Prep – NW – Finizio, N.
13. Appointment: After School Test Prep – PA – Darling, K.
14. Appointment: After School Test Prep – PA – Graham, D.
15. Appointment: After School Test Prep – PA – Roddin, L.
16. Appointment: After School Test Prep – PA – Sleezer, L.
17. Appointment: After School Test Prep – PA – Stein, A.
18. Appointment: After School Test Prep – PA – Coles, D.
19. Appointment: After School Test Prep – PA – Wells, C.
20. Appointment: After School Test Prep – PA - Williams, N.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-20 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

21. Appointment: After School Test Prep – MS – Plotkin, S.
22. Appointment: After School Test Prep – MS – Riordan, K.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

B. Personnel (cont'd):

23. Appointment: After School Test Prep – MS – Wilson, K.
24. Appointment: After School Test Prep – MS – Allen, E. R.
25. Appointment: ESL/Bilingual After School Academy/NE – Ciancarelli, N.
26. Intentionally Left Blank
27. Appointment: Spring Coach – V Baseball – Diot, C.
28. Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst V Baseball – Gannon, C.
29. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Baseball – Greiss, M.
30. Appointment: Spring Coach – Volunteer Baseball – Valentino, A.
31. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Baseball – Duguay, P.
32. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Softball – Pesale, T.
33. Appointment: Spring Coach - JV Softball – Western, B.
34. Appointment: Spring Coach - JV Softball – Clymer, B.
35. Appointment: Spring Coach - MS Softball – McCoy, G.
36. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Boys Tennis – Pellegrino, R.
37. Appointment: Spring Coach - V Track – Hawkins, R.
38. Appointment: Spring Coach - Asst V Track – Pollock, D.
39. Appointment: Spring Coach - MS Track – Miller, M.
40. Appointment: Spring Coach - Volunteer Boys Spring Track – Hovorka, A.
41. Appointment: Spring Coach - Volunteer Boys Winter Track – Hovorka, A.
42. Appointment: Spring Coach – V Girls Track – Constable, L.
43. Appointment: Spring Coach - Asst V Girls Track – Mosley, S.
44. Appointment: Spring Coach - MS Girls Spring Track – Graham, D.
45. Appointment: Spring Coach - MS Girls Basketball – Abbondandolo, M.
46. Appointment: Spring Coach - Volunteer MS Girls Basketball – Abbondandolo, M.
47. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Sub Parent Liaison/PA – Sicoli, B.
48. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Bus Monitor/PA – Vasquez, G.
49. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Sub Club Advisor/MS – Paul, K.
50. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Bus Monitor/PA – Vasquez, G.
51. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Rochester, S.
52. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Sts w/dis 1-6/Chld Ed 1-6 – Murphy-Ferro, S.
53. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Phys Ed – Lipka, P.
54. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Sts w/dis B-6/Chld Ed B-6 – Mandelbaum, H.
55. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Darden, C.
56. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Schreiber, W.
57. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Clayton, S.
58. Appointment: Teacher for Scheduling/HS – Noon, J.
59. Resignation: Teaching Assistant/NW – Fiore, L.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-21 through 3B-59 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

1. Health Service Contracts – St. Martin of Tours
 1. Hempstead UFSD

C. Business and Finance (cont'd):

2. Fund Raising

1. Class of 2014/HS/Senior Prom
2. MS Chorus/MS/Field Trips
3. Basketball/HS/Fees
4. Rotary Interact/HS/Account

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1/1 and 3C-2/1 through 3C-2/4 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Use of Facilities

1. Amityville Chamber of Commerce/MS Café/Chinese Auction
2. Bay Village Civic Association/PA Auditorium/Meet the Candidates
3. Amityville Soccer/MS Small Gym/Soccer Training

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

4. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools

1. Hempstead UFSD
2. Deer Park UFSD
3. Massapequa

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-4/1 through 3C-4/3 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 1st Vice President King. **Discussion:** The attorneys had reviewed the contracts.. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

5. Increase Scholarship from the Amityville Artists Circle

6. Donation

1. Bethel A.M.E. Church

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-5 & 3C-6 made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** 1st Vice President King thanked Bethel A.M.E. for their donation. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

7. Appointment of Internal Claims Auditor

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-7 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** President Johnson read the resolution. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

8. Appointment of Seneca Consulting Group

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

9. Intentionally Left Blank

MOTION to RECESS Open Session at 7:50 pm made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

MOTION to Open Public Hearing for the Adoption of Alternative Veterans’ Exemption at 7:51 pm made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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10. Adoption of Alternative Veterans’ Exemption

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-10 made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss **Discussion:** Mrs. Friefelder explained that the Legislature had passed Vet’s exemptions on property tax but schools are exempt. In order for School Districts to offer exemptions to Veterans at a rate prescribed by the Town of Babylon and Nassau County, there has to be a public hearing. The Board is being asked to approve the resolution for Veterans who have served our country. President Johnson asked the public if they had any questions. There were none. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to Adjourn Public Hearing for the Adoption of Alternative Veterans’ Exemption made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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MOTION to Open Public Hearing for adoption of Gold Star Parent Exemption made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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C LERK IN ATTENDANCE: Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

11. Adoption of Gold Star Parent Exemption

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-11 made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Mrs. Friefelder explained that the tax exemption is for parents who lost a child serving in the line of duty. President Johnson asked the public if they had questions. There were no questions from the public. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to ADJOURN Public Hearing for the Adoption of Gold Star Parent Exemption at 7:51 PM made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 7:52 PM made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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12. Appointment of Architect

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-12 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by 1st Vice President King. **Discussion:** Mrs. Friefelder explained that it is important for school districts to have an architect to rely on for expert guidance as we look to improve buildings. We are required to have an annual visual inspection and the architect will be able to do this for us as well as formulate a building facility plan every five years. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

13. Appointment of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-13 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Mrs. Friefelder explained that the IRS has selected us for an examination because we borrow money under the Tax Anticipation Notes. They want to see if we meet the criteria for borrowing money. The attorneys have recommended that we hire a tax attorney to defend us in this examination. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Monthly Finance Report

1. December, 2013

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3D-1 made 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings

1. Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc. SEDCAR

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

F. Curriculum and Instruction

4. **Reports**

A. **Legal Counsel for the District** – Will be discussed in executive session.

B. **Superintendent of Schools** – Dr. Kelly announced that on Feb 22, the Town of Babylon Dept. of Human Services is presenting its 26th Annual Black History Month Celebration. The theme is Civil Rights in America. Two Amityville School District honorees will be recognized at this event - Mr. Reynolds Hawkins, Social Worker at AMHS and the Interact Club which is led by Mrs. Nathan King. There will be information on the website since we are on recess prior to that event.

B. **Board of Education** – President Johnson welcomed Dr. Kelly to the position of Acting Superintendent with the passing of Dr. Williams. Dr. Kelly said that is an honor and privilege for her. President Johnson announced that she had received from a letter from the Copiague Board of Education inviting her to attend the community summit breakfast on March 1 at Copiague High School. The featured speaker will be Dr. Rick Timbs, the Executive Director of the State Wide School Aid Finance Consortium.

President Johnson gave the community an update on the Superintendent Search. Community comments can be added in an online survey. The search company will meet with community groups on Feb. 24.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Jackie Allen, 8 Floral Dr., Amityville – Ms. Allen was glad that Dr. Kelly was Acting Superintendent and she would like her to remain in the position.

Cynthia Tarpley, 3424 Great Neck Rd., Amityville – Addressed the Board about an incident at a high school basketball game.

Lila Tarpley, 3424 Great Neck Rd., Amityville – Ms. Tarpley, 9th grade student, also spoke about the incident at a recent basketball game.

Dr. Kelly acknowledged their concerns and assured them that she is working with administration to put safety measures in place.

Susan Heenan, 2 Matthew Dr., Amityville – Mrs. Heenan asked about the status of the new playground at the Park Ave. Mrs. Friefelder responded that the goal is to have it installed on Saturday, May 10, with a raindate of May 17. Mrs. Heenan then spoke about the traffic problems at Northwest. President Johnson said we will look into sending reminders notes home to parents about parking in front of the school. Dr. Kelly said that we can talk to the police department about installing signs. Mrs. Heenan then talked about the status of the bullying committee. Dr. Kelly said that the meeting we were supposed to have has been rescheduled to March 3 and we are looking into a program sponsored by the Lions' Club. Trustee Santos commented about the traffic problems on County Line Rd.

President Johnson appointed Ronald A. Moss as District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:25 PM for Particular Persons made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

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EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by President Johnson at 8:35 PM.

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ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Moss, District Clerk

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 9:05 PM made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 9:06 PM made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O’Neill, District Clerk