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

Regular Meeting Minutes –March 12, 2014

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

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

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

ABSENT: Trustee Mark Epps
Trustee Terry Fulton
President Lisa Johnson

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Mary Kelly-Acting Superintendent
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Sydney Friefelder-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
Ms. Bridgette D. Wilson, Director for Human Resources
Mrs. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator PPS/Sp. Ed./Central Registration

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal, Northwest Elementary School
Mr. Vincent Todisco, Asst. Principal, Northwest Elementary School
Mr. Ted Tsigotis, Assistant Principal-EWMMS
Dr. Mary DeRose, Interim Principal, AMHS
Mr. John Cardone, Interim Assistant Principal, AMHS

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Robert Claps, President, ATA
Mrs. Carol Seehof, Vice President, ATA

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

COMMUNITY: Approximately 25 members present.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Vice President King 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** - None

PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Friefelder gave the fifth budget presentation for the 2014-15 school year. Tonight's presentation is on the Administrative Component. (*See attachment #1.*)

TRUSTEE MARK EPPS ARRIVED AT 7:10 PM.

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

A. **Approval of Board Minutes**

1. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – February 11, 2014

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2A-1 made by Trustee Santos seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee -

1. Approval Policy #4200R Curriculum Development

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2B-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. 2nd Reading – Section #8000
3. 2nd Reading – Section #9000

A third reading is required prior to approval.

4. 3rd Reading – Section #5000
5. 3rd Reading – Section #6000
6. 3rd Reading – Section #7000

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-4 through 3B-6 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

7. Approval of Change to 3210R – Table of Organization

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 2B-7 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

1. Adoption of the 2014/2015 School Calendar
2. Approval of Nominees for Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education
3. Approval of Notice of Annual Meeting
4. Appointment of Workers for Library Election and Budget Vote

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-4 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Audit Committee - TBA

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. Acting Superintendent

1. Approval of WSBOCES Analysis Project
2. Appointment: Lead Evaluator – Lange, J. Dr.
3. Termination: Claims Auditor

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3A-1 through 3A-3 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel:

1. Termination: Substitute Custodian – Lewis, J.
2. Resignation: Bus Monitor – Marrone, D.
3. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/MS – Reese, S.
4. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: ESL Teacher/NW – Meisser, P.
5. Rescind Appointment: 21st CCLC Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Eastwood, M.
6. Rescind Appointment: 21st CCLC Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Martinez, N.
7. Appointment: After School Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Eastwood, M.
8. Appointment: After School Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Martinez, N.
9. Appointment: ESL/Bilingual After School Academy/NE – Archaga, I.
10. Appointment: ESL/Bilingual After School Academy/NW – Mussen, L.

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11. Appointment: Nurse/DW – Fulford, A.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-11 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

12. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Club Advisor/MS – Brower, T.

13. Appointment: Chaperone – Gastman, S.

14. Appointment: Chaperone – Valla, L.

15. Appointment: Virtual Academy I & II – Physical Education – Cammaroto, C.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-12 through 3B-15 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

16. Appointment: Virtual Academy I & II – ESL Teacher – Issacson, A.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-16 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

1. Budget Transfers

1. To Supplies Grounds From Supplies Maintenance - \$20,000

2. Fund Raising

1. National Junior Honor Society – Pizza Sale
2. National Junior Honor Society – Bake Sale
3. APTC – Miss Chocolate Spring Catalog
4. APTC – Hershey Ice Cream Store

3. Use of Facilities

1. Girl Scouts – Cookie Delivery
2. Village of Amityville – March 18th Election
3. Amityville Police – Exercise Drills
4. Amityville Police – Defensive Tactics
5. Long Island Indians – Baseball
6. USA Soccer – Games/Practices
7. Bay Village Civic Association - Meeting

4. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools

1. East Islip UFSD for St. Mary’s School
2. Half Hollow Hills CSD for Upper Room Christian School
3. Farmingdale Pubic School for Bethesda S.D.A. Elementary

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items **MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-4 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Monthly Finance Report None

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings None

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences

1. T. Cerullo – Nassau BOCES DAS Certification Training

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2. T. Tsirigotis – Nassau BOCES – Alternatives to Suspension

3. S. Carlucci – NYSESLAT Training

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/3 made by Trustee Epps, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Reports

A. Legal Counsel for the District – None

B. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Kelly Pre-k update informational meeting regarding pre k program. 50 parents were present and 10 parents signed up their children. We are doing a mailing to raise more interest in the program. Dr. Kelly gave parents an update on traffic concerns at northwest - contacted Dpt. Public works and Police Dpt. and were able to get “No U Turn” signs put in front of NW and Dr. Martin sent home back pack letters to emphasize importance of safety upon arrival at NW and dismissal. We now have a crossing guard at Smith St. Trustee Santos suggested asking staff to park in the back or on the side. Dr. Kelly will look into it as a possible solution. Some members of our community and staff have received awards from SCOPE Educational Service - Mr. Nathan King, Mrs. Sanji Crawford, Clark, Mrs. Marianne Niblock, Mr. Robert Claps and Dr. Pauline Collins. Three members have received NYSSBA awards for Board mastery and leadership development – 1st Vice President Nathan King, Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett and Trustee Mark Epps. 1st Vice President King is the recipient of another NYSSBA award for school board service - School Board Member of the week. The Science class of Mrs. Marion Weber will be highlighted in a video being produced by Kiwanis International Association thanks to Trustee Dr. Corbett who wrote and won a grant “Marine Biology Comes Alive. The Kiwanis International has funded a fishing trip for the group. Trustee Dr. Corbett has been invited to participate in a two day school counselor’s summit in Albany this summer. She will serve as an expert panelist. We are looking at a weekend in May to hold a memorial planting and ceremony to honor Dr. Williams. Hopefully his family will be able to attend.

C. Board of Education – Vice President King attended a conference in Albany and spoke to Joe Saladino and Robert Sweeney who are working for our district. He also spoke to John Flanagan who is the Chair of the Senate Education Committee. The governor is proposing to increase building aid by \$381,000. But, we also heard that the legislature was going to propose a 40% cut in building aid for the 2014-15 school year. They are also proposing aid for security to make sure that the schools are safe. Also, if we have to make decisions on human rights we must make sure that they correlate with Human Rights Laws.

Trustee Santos attended a play at the Middle School. They made a presentation to the Basketball Team which is undefeated.

1st Vice President King spoke about the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) see Attachment #2.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Sharona Hamlin, 47 Wellington Pl. #505, Amityville – Ms. Hamlin spoke about Basketball Varsity Team and how they lost their title.

Dr. Kelly responded that the Board is in receipt of your letter. We need to honor and recognize the students. I spoke to Dr. DeRose about putting some plans in place to honor them. Mr. Steffanetta said that we appealed the forfeiture of the Feb. 22 playoff game. We presented a written argument and the appeals committee denied the District’s appeal. We filed a second appeal and that was denied also. There are very strict rules regarding a school using an ineligible

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player. Will speak to the Board on any further action they may want to take.

Susan Heenan, 2 Matthew Dr. Amityville – Mrs. Heenan requested an update on the committee on bullying.

Dr. Kelly said that the committee has been looking into different programs. At our next meeting we will discuss what programs we want to adopt.

Shawn Williams, Amityville – Mr. Williams spoke about showcases for the basketball team.

Dr. Kelly said that no decision has been reached. She will speak to Mr. Agostino about how they can they be showcased in order to have scouting opportunities. He will get back to me.

Sharona Hamlin, 47 Wellington Pl. #505, Amityville – Spoke about forming a group for children who are being bullied. Vice President King said that Ms. Hamlin should speak to Dr. Kelly.

Lisa Johnson arrived at 8:24 pm.

1st Vice President King appointed Ronald A. Moss as District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:25 pm for student suspension appeals by parent, employment history of particular persons, negotiations with represented bargaining units, pending litigation, proposed litigation, pending contract grievance and advice from counsel made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O'Neill left at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by President Johnson at 8:45 pm.

LOCATION: PAMES Room 102

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

BOE ABSENT: Trustee Terry Fulton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Mary Kelly-Acting Superintendent
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Sydney Friefelder-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
Ms. Bridgette D. Wilson, Director for Human Resources
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio
Ms. Victoria Cantrella, Esq. Guercio & Guercio

Mr. Steffanetta and Ms. Cantrella left at 8:47 pm.

Mr. Rod Wilkins arrived at 8:49 and left at 9:15 pm.

President Lisa Johnson left at 9:16 pm.

President Lisa Johnson, Mr. Steffanetta and Ms. Cantrella returned at 9:20 pm.

Mr. Rod Wilkins arrived at 9:30 pm and left at 9:33 pm.

Dr. Joan Lange left at 10:21 pm and returned at 10:24 pm.

Trustee Epps left at 10:25 pm and returned at 10:45 pm.

Mr. Rod Wilkins left at 10:40 pm and returned at 10:45 pm.

Trustee Santos left at 10:46 pm and returned at 10:47 pm.

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Moss, District Clerk Pro Tem

RESUME OPEN SESSION at 11:20 pm.

LOCATION: Room 102

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

BOE ABSENT: Trustee Terry Fulton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Mary Kelly-Acting Superintendent
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Sydney Friefelder-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
Ms. Bridgette D. Wilson, Director for Human Resources
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio
Ms. Victoria Cantrella, Esq. Guercio & Guercio

2B-7 - Approval of Change to 3210R – Table of Organization

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2B-7 made by Vice President King, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-12 - Appointment: 21st CCLC – Club Advisor/MS – Brower, T. – Remained tabled.

3B-13 - Appointment: Chaperone – Gastman, S.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-13 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-14 - Appointment: Chaperone – Valla, L.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-14 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Vice President King. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-15 - Appointment: Virtual Academy I & II – Physical Education – Cammaroto, C.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-15 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include **Agenda Item 3B-17** made by Vice President King, seconded by Trustee Santos as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary T. Kelly, that the Board of Education of the Amityville UFSD rescinds the appointment of Mr. John Cardone, Acting Assistant Principal of the Amityville Memorial High School effective March 13, 2014, and hereby returns Mr. Cardone to a teaching position with his tenure area. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-17 made by Vice President King, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Item 3B-18 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Vice President King as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary T. Kelly, that the Board of Education of the Amityville UFSD appoints Mr. Rod Wilkins as Interim Assistant Principal of the Amityville Memorial High School effective March 13, 2014 – June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$500 per day.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-18 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

1st Vice President King reminded everyone about the Black Caucus meeting on 3/21/14. Trustee Santos, 1st Vice President King and 2nd Vice President Moss confirmed that they will be attending. 1st Vice President King and Trustee Santos mentioned that Bill Dagget will be speaking in Plainview on April 11. All were encouraged to attend.

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 11:30 pm made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Moss, District Clerk Pro Tem