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The proposed budget maintains: Prekindergarten, full day kindergarten, summer programs, athletic teams, bands, orchestra, chorus, instructional technology, field trips, extracurricular activities, academic intervention programs and participation in NYSSBA and LISFA. Mrs. Friefelder then discussed enrollment increases and issues with space in all buildings. The budget provides for one additional section of 3rd grade and one additional reading teacher at Northwest and one additional section of 4th grade at PAMES. Also provided in the budget is a teacher of French and Spanish at the high school, a principal at Northwest school, principal at Middle School and a high school associate principal. Other new positions – one full time Director of Athletics, Physical Ed. and Health, one full time equivalent coordinator of ESL, one full time equivalent Assistant Pupil Personnel Director and a .2 full time equivalent Medicaid Compliance Officer. If the budget doesn't pass, we have to go on a contingency budget.

Dr Kelly discussed using the instructional coach model for support for the common core program based on the feedback from parents and teachers.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON THE BUDGET:

Mr. Gilbert Bayon, 143 Washington Ave., Amityville – Mr. Bayon, on behalf of the Long Island Progressive Coalition and Alliance for Quality Education, spoke about the money available for the Pre-K program and ways to encourage more community involvement. President Johnson spoke about the need for adequate space for the program.

Trustee Mark Epps arrived at 8:23 PM.

Mrs. Kathy Ward, Ireland Pl., Amityville – discussed high school staffing.

Ms. Rose Tejada Torres, 69Maple Dr., Amityville - spoke about the lack of space at Northeast School and she suggested that portables might be a solution to the problem. Mrs. Friefelder responded that the District is looking into renting portables if we need them in the future.

COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: No one commented.

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes

1. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – November 25, 2013
2. Special Meeting – January 24, 2014
3. Special Meeting – January 28, 2014
4. Special Meeting – February 5, 2014
5. Special Meeting – February 11, 2014

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-5 made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee - None

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

1. Appointment of Chairperson – AUFSD Annual Budget/Trustee Election

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Discussion:** Lisa Johnson nominated Nathan King. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Approval of 2014/2015 AUFSD Budget

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-2 in the amount of \$82,940,931 made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

D. Audit Committee - TBA

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. Acting Superintendent

1. Settlement – Notice of Clair - #AM09-003

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel:

1. Resignation for Retirement: Math Teacher/MS – Brooks, G.

2. Resignation for Retirement: Chief Custodian/NE – Brown, W.

3. Resignation for Retirement: Teacher Assistant/NW – Schad, L.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-3 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by 1st Vice President King. **Discussion:** President Johnson acknowledged their dedication to the District. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Rescind Appointment: Spring Coach/JV Softball – Clymer, B.

5. Rescind Appointment: Sub Food Service Worker – Jones, S.

6. Rescind Appointment: Sub Food Service Worker – Monaco, F.

7. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Clerk Typist/NE – Jean-Baptiste, P.

8. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: ESL Teacher/NW – Meisser, P.

9. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Food Service Worker/MS – Garnett, N.

10. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/PA – Marrone, D.

11. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Sub Nurse/PA/MS/HS – Johnson, M.

12. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Sub Nurse/PA/MS/HS – Durr, T.

13. Appointment: Graduation Coordinator/HS – Mizrachi, D.

14. Appointment: Graduation Coordinator/HS – Keenan, K.

15. Appointment: Graduation Cap & Gown/HS – Gastman, F.

16. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work – Akapnitis, A.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-4 through 3B-16 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

17. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work –Murphy, S.

18. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work –Noon, J.

19. Appointment: Spring Coach/Volunteer Baseball Coach – Duguay, P.

20. Appointment: Sub Clerk Typist – Aiello, C.

21. Appointment: Sub Clerk Typist – Medwig, K.

22. Appointment: Sub Clerk Typist – Sicignano, T.

23. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Flyntz, J.

24. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Gastman, S.

25. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Hawkins, J.

B. Personnel (cont'd):

26. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Scott, B.
27. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Spence, J.
28. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Walker-Gouedy, R.
29. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Reynolds, S.
30. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Lyons, L.
31. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Flyntz, J.
32. Resignation for Retirement: Science Teacher/HS – McCready, C.

MOTION to APPROVE agenda Item 3B-17 through 3B-32 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by 1st Vice President King. **Discussion:** Trustee Epps questioned if volunteers were still being screened. Dr. Kelly responded – yes. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

1. Budget Transfers
2. Fund Raising Events
3. Use of Facilities
4. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-4 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

5. Increase Diana Emmolo Kachel Scholarship Fund
6. Dispose of Fixed Assets
7. Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding with WSBOCES
8. Cooperative Bid for Services of Nassau County
9. Increase 2013-14 Budget
10. Accept Donation – Amityville Rotary Club

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-5 through 3C-10 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Monthly Finance Report

1. January, 2014
2. February, 2014

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3D-1 & 3D-2 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by 1st Vice President King. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings

F. Curriculum and Instruction

4. Reports

A. Legal Counsel for the District –

B. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Kelly reported that Amityville School District has been designated as one of 376 districts nationwide to receive the honor of best Communities for Music

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Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation. Congratulations to Mrs. Fran Fernandez, the Director of Fine Arts, our music teachers and our students. Two students, one from the Middle School and one from the High School have been included in the Long Island's Best Exhibition this year at Hecksher Museum. Four sports teams have been recognized for outstanding sportsmanship - League 6 Jr. Varsity Girls' basketball, League 6 Boys' Jr. Varsity Basketball, League 6 Boys Jr. Varsity Wrestling, our B level Boys Varsity Basketball. Update on Memorial for Dr. Williams – 5/17 has been selected with a rain date of 5/18. A committee has been formed and information is being gathered from each school principal about a beautification project for each school.

Robert Claps commended Dr. Kelly for her handling of the responsibilities of Dr. Williams since his passing.

Jackie Allen, 8 Floral Dr., Amityville spoke about a program she is involved with regarding domestic violence. She would like permission to put up posters in the Middle School and the High School. President Johnson said that the Board would discuss it and get back to her.

Maresa Dealy, 40 Cheyenne Trail, Amityville – petitions have been signed to ask the Board to appoint Dr. Mary Kelly as Superintendent of Schools.

Susan Heenan, 2 Matthew Dr., Amityville – spoke in reference to the bullying issue involving her daughter. She wanted an update on the progress of the committee on bullying.

Dr. Kelly said that there have been meetings going on with close to 30 people on the committee. We looked at a curricular initiative and we will be looking at changes to help address the bullying by addressing the underlying cause of bullying.

Mrs. Heenan said that she wanted to know when a plan will be put into place. Playground time is where a lot of bullying takes place. She wanted to know why lunch time cannot be scheduled by grade like the Middle School.

Andrea Nottingham, 89 Dover St., Amityville – discussed how can parents be more involved with the committee on bullying. Dr. Kelly said that the parents were chosen from the APTC and Principal recommendations. Mrs. Nottingham did not know that the committee existed but she would have become involved if she had know as her own son had been bullied. Something must be put in place while you are doing research.

Trustee Santos – we used to have peer mediation and it worked very well. We can look into bringing it back.

C. Board of Education – None

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

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 9:04 PM for pending litigation, a confidential student matter, negotiations with represented bargaining units, pending contract grievances and advice from

