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

Special Meeting Minutes – March 19, 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

BOE ABSENT: Trustee Mark Epps
Trustee Terry Fulton
Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Mary Kelly-Acting Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Sydney Friefelder-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
Ms. Bridgette Wilson, Director for Human Resources
Mr. Robert Claps, President, ATA

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

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

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 The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only - None

BUDGET PRESENTATION #6

Mrs. Friefelder said that tonight is the third component of the budget(program/instructional). We have not addressed the staffing projections in this part of the budget. (See attachment #1 for line by line budget). No salary increase in the teachers lines. We are still negotiating their contract. Parents can send their children to a charter school and we must pay a contractual rate set by the NYS Ed. Dpt. Parents do not have to notify us if they are going to send their child to a charter school. I believe that we should be notified by April 1 so that we can budget for it. If the District decides not to pay it, the state will take it out of the school aid for the District. All of our transportation providers have agreed to renew our contracts for next year at 3%. Otherwise we would have had to go out to bid, and the cost would have been significantly more.

Following the presentation, President Johnson asked if there were any questions. As there were none, President Johnson went on with the agenda.

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education None

A. Approval of Board Minutes None

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee

1. 3rd Reading – Section #8000

2. 3rd Reading – Section #9000

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

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

1. Review Appeal on Superintendent Hearing

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

President Lisa Johnson	Yes
1 st Vice President Nathan King	Yes
2 nd Vice President Ronald A. Moss	Yes
Trustee Jeannette Santos	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

D. Audit Committee

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent None

A. Superintendent

B. Personnel

1. Appointment: Intramural Coach – McCoy, G.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-1 made by 1st Vice President King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Dr. Kelly explained that this is a small intramural wrestling program involving about 14 children in grades 2 through 6. In addition to the coach, there is another volunteer coach, Kyle Cammaroto. They are trying to get kids interested in the program. The boys' wrestling team and their coach also stay to help. Vice President Johnson said that Dr. Kelly can find out if fliers went home to parents create interest. Trustee Santos said that all students should have the opportunity to join. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

D. Monthly Finance Report

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings

F. Curriculum and Instruction

4.Reports

A. Legal Counsel for the District - None

B. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kelly explained for informational purposes, we need to provide you with an update regarding the Veterans' Exemption approved back in February. Mrs. Friefelder explained that the language for school districts to opt out, in case it became too costly, was not included in the resolution. Guercio & Guercio said that should the district decide to opt out, the Board will need to pass a resolution. At this time, the Board does not need to take any action.

C. Board of Education

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS:

Robert Claps, President ATA – Spoke about the proposed state budget that is in the final two weeks of planning. This budget will short change public schools and fund private schools and charter schools at the expense of public schools. It would require the school districts to stay below a 1.46% tax cap. Mr. Claps said there are two rallies against the budge and he urged everyone to attend this weekend – one will be at Senator Flanagan's office in Smithtown and one

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will be at Senator Jack Martin's office in Garden City Park. Both rallies are from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

Kathy Ward, 78 Ireland Pl., Amityville – Asked for information on a grant for \$250,000 that is about to expire. Dr. Kelly said the grant is related to solar energy. Mrs. Friefelder said that we did get the funding. We will receive the money as soon as the State Education Department approves our plans on the project.

President Johnson appointed Ronald Moss as District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 7:56 PM for employment history of particular person made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 1st Vice President King. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O'Neill left at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 8:00 PM by President Johnson.

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Room 120

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

BOE ABSENT: Trustee Mark Epps
Trustee Terry Fulton
Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett

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Ms. Bridgette Wilson, Director for Human Resources

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Moss, District Clerk Pro Tem

Resume Open Session at 8:40 PM.

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Room 120

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MOTION to ADJOURN Special Meeting at 8:41 PM made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Moss, District Clerk Pro Tem