

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Special Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2014**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ron Moss, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Terry Fulton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Carolyn Dodd, Trustee  
Nathan King, Trustee  
Jeannette Santos, Trustee

**PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE:** Dr. Kathleen Corbett, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Lisa Johnson, President

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Ass't Sup't for Curriculum and Instruction  
Mrs. Sydney Freifelder, Interim Ass't Sup't for Finance and Operations  
Ms. Bridgette Wilson, Director for Human Resources  
Gary Steffanetta, Esq. Guercio & Guercio  
Victoria Cantrella, Esq. Guercio & Guercio

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Eileen Becker, Deputy District Clerk

**AUDIENCE:** 9 Community/Staff Present

**Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett joined the meeting via video conference at the Indian River College of Florida, Martin County Library in Stuart, Florida. This facility is open to the public.**

1. **Meeting Called to Order by Ron Moss, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 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** – There were no comments from the audience regarding agenda items. Ron Moss, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President continued with the agenda items for review.
2. **Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**
  - A. **Approval of Board Minutes**
    1. Special Meeting – April 27, 2014
    2. Special Meeting – June 18, 2014
    3. Special Meeting – August 13, 2014 @ 10:00 AM
    4. Special Meeting – August 13, 2014 @ 5:00 PM
    5. Special Meeting – September 3, 2014
    6. Regular Meeting – September 10, 2014

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**MOTION TO APPROVE** Agenda Items 2A1-6 made by Jeannette Santos, Trustee seconded by Terry Fulton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. **DISCUSSION:** Floor opened for discussion. **MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- B. Approval of Board Policy – None
- C. Board Action – None
- D. Audit Committee – None
- 3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

- A. General

- 1. Review of Draft Agenda – Regular Meeting – October 8, 2014

The following were items of discussion regarding the Regular Meeting for October 8, 2014:

- a) Personnel – Rescind Appointment 3B1 – Mr. Fulton asked why this item is being rescinded. Dr. Kelly turned the question over to Ms. Wilson, it was a mistake. That person did not apply for or is qualified for the position. It was a clerical error.
- b) Personnel – Rescind Appointments 3B12, 13, 14 – needs to be changed
- c) Personnel – Bench Substitute Appointments 3B33, 38, 50 – Dr. Corbett asked who are they replacing and asked for a recap of how many bench substitute teachers are in each building. This information is attached to these minutes.
- d) Personnel – Extended LOA w/o Pay 3B36 – Mr. King asked if we are in compliance with policy to grant this extended leave. Dr. Kelly assured the Board we are in compliance.
- e) Business – Use of Facilities – Mr. Fulton asked are we sure only those who have put in applications to use our facilities are the only groups at our schools. Mr. Fulton felt in driving through the district, there were many more groups using our fields than approved. Mrs. Freifelder will have our security check activities on Saturdays.
- f) Curriculum and Instruction – Dr. Kelly pulled the course catalog from the October agenda and will be submitted for the November agenda. Dr. Corbett asked will the course catalog be on the website, as of now the old information is still on the website.

**MOTION TO APPROVE** Agenda Item 3A1 made by Jeannette Santos, Trustee seconded by Carolyn Dodd, Trustee. **DISCUSSION:** Floor opened for discussion. **MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 2. Approval of Language Access Procedures Agreement

**MOTION TO APPROVE** Agenda Item 3A2 made by Jeannette Santos, Trustee seconded by Carolyn Dodd, Trustee. **DISCUSSION:** Floor opened for discussion. **MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 3. Approval of Revision to 2014-2015 Academic Calendar

**MOTION TO APPROVE** Agenda Item 3A1 made by Jeannette Santos, Trustee seconded by Carolyn Dodd, Trustee. **DISCUSSION:** Floor opened for discussion. Mr. King questioned the change for November 4 from a Superintendent Conference Day to teachers will have off. Dr. Kelly explained this is due to their contract and will also include Friday, May 22 for the Memorial Day weekend. Should we have additional snow days or other reasons for closing school unexpectedly, we will be able to draw from the May 22 day as well as two other days built into the Academic Calendar. **MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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### B. Personnel

1. Rescind Appointment: Step Coordination & Liaison – Whitney, S.
2. Appointment: Step Coordinator & Liaison – Mizrachi, D.
3. Part Time Appointment: Music Teacher/HS – Dickson, K.
4. Appointment: Bench Substitute Teacher/HS – Dickson, K.
5. Appointment: Virtual Academy – ELA Virtual II – Wallenstein, C.
6. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Physical Education Virtual II – Cammaroto, C.
7. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Physical Education Virtual I – Cammaroto, C.
8. FMLA Leave: Special Education Teacher/PA – Platt, E
9. FMLA Leave: Teaching Assistant/NE – McDougall, S.
10. Appointment: Instructional Coach/PA – Elementary Teacher – Persaud, A.
11. Appointment: Security Guard/DW – Altschuler, M.
12. Appointment: Security Guard/DW – Burns, C.
13. Appointment: Security Guard/DW – Rashed, T.
14. Revised Appointment: Bench Substitute Teacher/HS – Governanti, B.
15. Revised Part Time Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/HS – Governanti, B.

**MOTION TO APPROVE** Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-15 made by Jeannette Santos, Trustee, seconded by Carolyn Dodd, Trustee. **DISCUSSION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Fulton asked why 3B-1 was being rescinded. Ms. Wilson explained the original resolution was an error.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

### C. Business

1. Use of Facilities
2. Employee Retirement Reserve Fund

**MOTION TO APPROVE** Agenda Items 3C-1 and 3C-2 made by Carolyn Dodd, Trustee, seconded by Jeannette Santos, Trustee. **DISCUSSION:** Trustee Corbett asked for more information as to what the reserve fund is and Mrs. Freifelder explained. **MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

### D. Monthly Finance Report – None

### E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings – None

### F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 23

**MOTION TO APPROVE** Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Carolyn Dodd, Trustee, seconded by Terry Fulton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. **DISCUSSION:** Trustee King asked why Mr. Wilkins, Associate Principal/HS was not attending the LIASCD Fall Conference and the Interim Principal was. Why an interim vs. an appointed employee. Dr. Kelly explained it was so that an administrator is in the building, “coverage” not a good answer. Dr. Lange explained Mr. Wilkins paperwork was received late but will be attending. Trustee Dr. Corbett asked why seven people attending one workshop. Trustee Dr. Corbett asked about agenda item 3F-1 #20. It would be beneficial for the students who work on the yearbook to attend the workshop. It was later resolved that someone from Jostens will be coming to the school to show the students new ideas for their yearbook. **MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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4. Reports
  - A. Legal Counsel for the District
  - B. Superintendent of Schools
  - C. Board of Education

The floor was opened to the public for comments on non-agenda items.

Stephanie Yancey, 18 Smith Street, Amityville, NY concerned the Guidance Counselors at the High School are not getting children ready for college. Dr. Kelly would look into it.

Malcolm Mathis, 21 West Jefferson Street, Amityville, NY and Senior Class President asked why none of their fund raiser requests were approved. Dr. Kelly said she would look into it and it was determined that their requests will be on the October 8, 2014 agenda.

Jackie Allen, 8 Floral Drive, Amityville, NY invited all to attend COMPASS meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. She also raised her concern we need more education on domestic violence.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN OPEN SESSION** at 8:35 PM made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ron Moss; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Terry Fulton. **MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eileen Becker, Deputy District Clerk

Board Approved: 01/14/15