

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Special Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2015
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Lisa Johnson Trustee Jeannette Santos
 Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett Trustee Carolyn Dodd

ABSENT: 1st Vice President Ronald Moss
 2nd Vice President Terry Fulton
 Trustee Nathan King

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Mary Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
 Dr. Joan K. Lange, Interim Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
 Ms. Bridgette Wilson, Director Human Resources
 Mrs. Sydney Freifelder, Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
 Mr. Robert Claps, President, ATA
 Ms. Carol Seehof, Vice President, ATA

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Steffanetta, Esq. & Victoria Cantrella, Esq. Guercio & Guercio
CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

1. Meeting Called to Order 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 are 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

This meeting will also be video-conferenced at the Marriot Hutchinson Island in Stuart, Florida where Trustee Carolyn Dodd will participate. The meetings will be open to the public.

At this time President Johnson turned the meeting over to Dr. Kelly who in turn turned it over to Mrs. Freifelder for her 2nd budget presentation –

PRESENTATION: The governor has not sent out information on the budget yet, and it looks like a 2.5% increase in state aid but that is a guesstimate. This year the tax cap is 1.62%. Spending can be increased by about \$900,000. It looks like the tax levy will not go up that much this year – just a guesstimate. If districts come in under the tax cap, the taxpayers will receive a rebate check from the state equal to the difference in their taxes from last year to this year. This coming year in addition to being under the tax cap freeze, in order to get that rebate check, the governor said districts have to show savings on the tax levy of 1% in every year of five years in the future. Reducing the amount of staff will not count toward meeting the 1% requirement unless enrollment drops. School districts are getting together to look at ways to save such as joint purchasing on school supplies, collaborating on transportation, collaborating on special education services totaling an additional \$550,000. This is the first time we have not received a governor’s run. We will report more information to the community as soon as we hear from the governor. School districts on Long Island have been seeing a decline in state aid. Amityville has realized a loss of \$14.5 million in state aid over the life of GAP. This year, \$620 per student in state aid will be lost. Next week, the capital component of the budget will be discussed. (*See attachment for details on the budget presentation.*)

At this time President Johnson announced that Trustee Dodd will join us on video conference.

COMMUNITY INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

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. Review of Draft Agenda for Regular Meeting, February 11, 2015

2A-1 – January 15 minutes must be corrected – the spelling of Dr. Lange’s name.

Also, correction to Trustee Dr. Corbett’s attendance.

2B-1 – 2B-28 – Policy #1900 and policy #3210R must come back to the Policy Committee. Waiting for information on policies 2B-14 through 2B-16. Items 2B-26 through 2B-28 must be reviewed again by Policy Committee.

3A-1 – Question about if we were able to procure the Western Suffolk BOCES calendar. Dr. Kelly responded that this calendar was done in consultation with Western Suffolk BOCES as well as the 18 component districts. We are aligned with them but we have more days in our year so there are some discrepancies.

3B-11 - Question about 3B-11 - the individual is also requesting FMLA and is being appointed as a spring coach. President Johnson said we will discuss in Executive Session.

3C-1 – Question about 6 out of 8 items. Dr. Kelly said sweets are not being sold during the day but selling sweets is allowed during after school hours.

3D-1 – President Johnson asked for clarification on the in-service training. Mrs. Freifelder responded that this year the salary codes were separated so they could be followed more easily. President Johnson asked about the treasurer’s monthly report on page 4 – school lunch. Mrs. Freifelder said that we generally run in the negative on school lunch but this year we have a positive. President Johnson asked about the internal controls for cash disbursements. Mrs. Freifelder explained that the claims auditor is new and it will take time for us to get to know each other.

February 4th Agenda:

2. Stipulation of Agreement

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 2C-2 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Dr.

Corbett. **Discussion:** More information required. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Audit Committee – TBA

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. General – None

B. Personnel

1. Revised Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS – Governanti, B.

2. Revised Appointment: Regents Review/Earth Science/HS – Kilfoil, C.

3. Revised Appointment: Regents Review/Chemistry/HS – Aversano, C.

4. Resignation for Retirement: Special Education Teacher/MS – Schmertzler, D.

5. Probationary Appointment: Special Education Teacher/MS – Kretz, A.

6. Resignation for Retirement: Account Clerk/PPS – Klein, V.

3. Personnel(cont'd):

7. Resignation: School Monitor/NW – Chang, K.
8. Resignation: 21st CCLC – Parent Liaison/PA – Brower, V.
9. Resignation: 21st CCLC – Club Advisor/PA – O’Hara, M.
10. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Social Studies/MS – Rudden, M.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-10 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

11. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/MS – Johnson, S.
12. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Club Advisor/PA – Velez, R.
13. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Homework Tutor/PA – Velez, R.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-11 through 3B-13 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Discussion:** Trustee Dr. Corbett asked about the letter of recommendation being dated 2/5/15. Dr. Kelly said we will amend it. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

14. Appointment: Part-Time Art Teacher/NE/NW – Ciancarelli, P.
15. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – Crisci, M.
16. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Dobby, D.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-14 through 3B-16 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

17. Revised Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – Levy, R.
18. Revised Part-Time Appointment: Physical Education Teacher/HS – Levy, R.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-17 & 3B-18 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business

1. Fund Raising – 1 Item

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-1 made by seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Trustee Dr. Corbett noted that 3C-1 was identified as Use of Facilities when it is Fund Raising . **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- D. Finance – None
- E. CSE/CPSE Contracts – None
- F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Conferences – Items 1 through 15

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/16 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Reports

- A. Legal Counsel for the District – None

B. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Kelly will report next week.

C. Board of Education – TBA

COMMUNITY COMMENTS – NON AGENDA ITEMS: None

President Johnson appointed Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett as District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 7:41 PM for personnel particular person's employment history made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O'Neill left at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk Pro Tem

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EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 8:07 pm by President Johnson.

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NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Steffanetta, Esq. & Victoria Cantrella, Esq. Guercio & Guercio
Mrs. Freifelder, Dr. Lange and Ms. Wilson left at 8:40 pm.

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Dr. Corbett, District Clerk Pro Tem

RESUME OPEN SESSION at 9:26 pm.

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Agenda Item 2C-2 remained tabled.

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to Include Agenda Item 2C-3: RFP for legal service made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-3: RFP for legal service made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to ADJOURN Special Meeting at 9:30 pm made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Dodd. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Dr. Corbett, District Clerk Pro Tem

Board Approved: 03/11/15