

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District
Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2014
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Lisa Johnson 1st Vice President Ronald A. Moss
Trustee Jeannette Santos Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett
Trustee Nathan King Trustee Carolyn Dodd

ABSENT: 2nd Vice President Terry Fulton

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

ABSENT: Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Mary DeRose, Interim Principal, AMHS
Mr. Rod Wilkins, Interim Assistant Principal, AMHS
Mr. Ed Plaia, Principal, EWMMS
Ms. Kristy Middleton, Asst. Principal, EWMMS
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator PPS/SP. Ed/ Central Reg./Nurses
Mr. Ted Tsirigotis, Director of Phy. Ed., Athletics & Health
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School
Ms. Suzanne Pena, District Coordinator ESL
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director, Fine Arts
Scott Bullis, Principal, PAMES
Mrs. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal, PAMES
Mr. Vincent Todisco, Asst. Principal, Northwest Elementary School
Ms. Sandra Parmentier, Asst. Administrator PPS & Sp. Ed.

COMMUNITY: 20 members present

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

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Johnson at 7:03 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 – The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only

D. Audit Committee

PRESENTATIONS:

Reynolds Hawkins, Social Worker, AMHS- Mr. Hawkins invited everyone to attend the Oct. 24 Hall of Fame Presentation. Mrs. Jeannette Santos and Mr. Reynolds Hawkins are among this year’s honorees.

Mr. Donald Flynn presented an overview of Amityville’s Safety & Security.

Gary Steffanetta arrived at 7:15 PM.

Dr. Kelly called for a moment of silence for the 9/11 victims and their families.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes

1. Draft #1 Special Meeting – July 29, 2014
2. Draft #1 Special Meeting – August 6, 2014 @ 3:00 PM
3. Draft #1 Special Meeting – August 6, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
4. Draft #1 Regular Meeting – August 13, 2014

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-4, with corrections made by the Clerk, made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

D. Audit Committee

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. Superintendent

1. Request for Non-Resident Student to remain in AUFSD

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by 1st Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

2. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement – ATA

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-2 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee King.
Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel

1. Appointment: Step Coordinator & Liaison – Whitney, S.
2. Intentionally Left Blank
3. Intentionally Left Blank
4. Intentionally Left Blank
5. Intentionally Left Blank
6. Intentionally Left Blank
7. Appointment: Instructional Coach – Elementary Teacher/NE – TBD
8. Appointment: Instructional Coach – Elementary Teacher/NW – TBD
9. Appointment: Instructional Coach – Elementary Teacher/PA – TBD
10. Appointment: Instructional Coach – Secondary Teacher/MS – TBD
11. Appointment: Instructional Coach – Secondary Teacher/HS – TBD
12. Appointment: Activity Advisor – National Art Honor Society/HS – Grasso, J.
13. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Assistant to Interact/HS – King, S.
14. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Assistant to Drama/HS – Asbell, G.
15. Appointment: Activity Advisor – AV Coordinator/HS – Carbo, S.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-15 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Dodd. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B – Personnel cont'd:

16. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Band Director/HS – Wishin, B.
17. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Boys to Men/HS – Hawkins, R.
18. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Central Treasurer/HS – Gastman, F.
19. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Class – Junior/HS – McCaffrey,
20. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Class – Senior/HS – Garofalo, C.
21. Intentionally Left Blank
22. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Drama Club/HS – Asbell, M.
23. Appointment: Activity Advisor – ECHO/MS – Ramos, S.
24. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Flag & Dance Team/HS – Wishin, B.
25. Appointment: Activity Advisor – National Honor Society/HS – Wilsher, J.
26. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Interact/HS – King, B.
27. Intentionally Left Blank
28. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Key Club/HS – Mizrachi, D.
29. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Math Club/HS – Pfaffe, L.
30. Appointment: Activity Advisor – SAAD/HS – Governanti, B.
31. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Stage, HS – Carbo, S.
32. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Student Government/HS – Greiss, M.
33. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Tri-M/HS – Wishin, B.
34. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Warrior Awareness Club/HS – McGowan, J.
35. Appointment: Activity Advisor – World Language Honor Society/HS – Castro, E.
36. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Yearbook/HS – Keaveny, N.
37. Intentionally Left Blank
38. Appointment: Activity Advisor – AV Coordinator/MS – Rodriguez, J.
39. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Band Director/MS – Sciolino, J.
40. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Book Store/MS – O'Rourke, D.
41. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Central Treasurer/MS – Paul, K.
42. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Drama Club/MS – Ferrara, C.
43. Intentionally Left Blank
44. Intentionally Left Blank
45. Appointment: Activity Advisor – National Junior Honor Society/MS – Wallenstein, C.
46. Appointment: Activity Advisor – National Art Junior Honor Society/MS – Dibble, J.
47. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Photography/MS – O'Brien, F.
48. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Student Council Co-Advisor/MS – Pepe, J.
49. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Student Council Co-Advisor/NMS – O'Rourke, D.
50. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Tri-M/MS – Altamura, N.
51. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Yearbook/MS – Cesiro, L.
52. Appointment: Activity Advisor – HIV Peer Aides Club/MS – Kraljic, B.
53. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Milestones/MS – Dodd, K.
54. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Book Club/PAMES – Ross, D.
55. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Student Council/PAMES – Bellezza, E.
56. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Student Council/PAMES – Litras, Victoria
57. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Current Events/ PAMES – Thorn, K.
58. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Debate Club/HS – Greiss, M.
59. Resignation for Retirement: Clerk/Typist – Jean-Baptiste, P.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-16 through 3B-59 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B – Personnel cont'd:

60. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aides – Spero, J.
61. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aides – Alexander, M.
62. Appointment: Substitute Teacher/MS – Mahoney, E.
63. Appointment: Part-Time Music Teacher – TBD
64. Intentionally Left Blank
65. Appointment: Bench Substitute Teacher/HS – Happ, C.
66. Intentionally Left Blank
67. Appointment: 21st Century Grant Consultant – Milan, L.
68. Appointment: 21st Century Grant Consultant – Zider, J.
69. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher – English – Pentangelo, J.
70. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher – Mathematics – Romeo, R.
71. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher – Science – Napoli, J.
72. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher – Social Studies – Kretz, A.
73. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher – Guidance Counselor – Murphy, S.
74. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher – Spanish – Whitney, S.
75. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher – Special Education – Jackson, D.
76. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher – Psychologist – Bausano, H.
77. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher – ESL – Mussen, L.
78. Appointment: Virtual Academy I Teacher, Substitute – Stratman, A.
79. Appointment: Virtual Academy II Teacher – Special Ed/Social Studies – Hovorka, A.
80. Intentionally Left Blank
81. Appointment: Virtual Academy II Teacher – Mathematics – Romeo, R.
82. Intentionally Left Blank
83. Appointment: Virtual Academy II Teacher – ESL – Mussen, L.
84. Appointment: Virtual Academy II Teacher – Guidance – Murphy, S.
85. Appointment: Virtual Academy II Teacher – Psychologist – Bausano, H.
86. Appointment: Virtual Academy II Teacher – Spanish – Stratman, A.
87. Appointment: Virtual Academy II Teacher – Sub Coordinator Virtual I – Agostino, J.
88. Appointment: Virtual Academy II Teacher – Sub Coordinator Virtual H – Kilfoil, C.
89. Revise Appointment: Bench Substitute Teacher/HS – Governanti, B.
90. Revise Appointment: Bench Substitute Teacher/HS – Levy, R.
91. Appointment: Part Time Social Studies Teacher/HS – Governanti, B.
92. Revise Appointment: Part Time Physical Education Teacher/MS – Levy, R.
93. Appointment: Jazz Band Advisor – Maccarone, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-60 through 3B-93 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 1st Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2nd Vice President Fulton arrived at 7:30 PM.

C. Business and Finance

1. Budget Transfer

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

2. Fund Raisers

3. Use of Facilities

4. Donations

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

C. Business and Finance (cont'd):

5. Tax Levy

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-5 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** The Board is obligated to adopt the tax levy for both the Town of Oyster Bay and the Town of Babylon. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Monthly Finance Report

1. July 2014

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3D-1 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings

1. Maryhaven Center of Hope – SEDCAR
2. Variety Child Learning Center – SEDCAR
3. Summit School – SEDCAR
4. Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc. – SEDCAR
5. ADCS, Inc. – SEDCAR
6. Dept. of Health- Suffolk – SEDCAR
7. Hagedorn Little Village School – SEDCAR
8. Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center – SEDCAR
9. Bilinguals, Inc. – SEDCAR
10. Rockville Centre UFSD

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3E-1 through 3E-10 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Mr. Steffanetta had reviewed all contracts. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences –

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1 through 3F-20 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Teachers have to attend – only one day offered. All classes will be covered. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Reports

A. Legal Counsel for the District – Items for Executive Session discussions.

B. Superintendent of Schools

School opening was successful. Inspiring talk given at the Superintendent's Conference day by John Hodge of Urban Center for Leadership. Thanks to all staff and parents for help during opening. Some glitches with scheduling at the EWMMS. The Board conducted its annual inspection of all buildings prior to opening to make sure student needs were met. Enrollment is on the increase. Trustee Dr. Corbett and 1st Vice President Moss received Certificates from NYSSBA. Two employees Mrs. Brenda King, Educator of the Year, and Reynolds Hawkins, Youth Motivator, were honored for their dedication and commitment to the community. Ms. Fran Fernandez is now Dr. Fran Fernandez. Check calendar for upcoming sports events.

The Building Principals then said a few words about opening day at their schools. Trustee King was impressed with the job done by the grounds and custodial staff.

C. Board of Education

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Jessica Bernius, 79 Stuart Ave., Amityville – Reminded everyone about the 9/11 Memorial Service at 5 PM.

Madelyn Quintyne, 127 Columbus Blvd., Copiague – Would like to see schedules available prior to school opening day.

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

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:06 PM for matters leading to the appointment of a Particular Person and status of Negotiations made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O’Neill left at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by President Johnson at 8:23 PM.

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ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Moss, District Clerk Pro Tem

RESUME Open Session at 10:25 PM.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 1st Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Discussed in Executive Session. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to AMEND Agenda Item 2C-1 as follows: Nassau/Suffolk Resolution Dinner for school board members and Superintendent on 9/29/14. The motion was made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 made by 1st Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Discussions: Steps to improve development of master schedule.

1. Training in e-school – principal, assistant principal, school counselors and any other administrators.
2. Work with administrators to provide professional development on how to build the schedule. Provide hands on with demonstration and physically manipulating the system.
3. Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to view the schedule.
4. Start the building of schedule in November and use the course catalogue.

Asbestos update at Park North basement - Park North has asbestos in the area around the pipes and insulation - air monitoring before, during and after. Things in the basement have to be sanitized and mold removed.

Whole abatement of basement – the cost is \$61,745 – Boyle. Building will be closed Thursday, 9/25 and Friday, 9/26 so the building can reopen on Monday. The length of warranty is lifetime of no more asbestos.

Boilers in the high school – the basement in the high school flooded in the last huge rain storm. Pumps failed in last storm due to high rain. The insurance company will be contacted. Check with boiler company. Check on how old is sump pump. Do we have the right sump pump?

BOE request to put the NYSSBA Leadership Academy for November 14 on the Agenda.

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:40 PM made by 2nd Vice President Fulton, seconded by 1st Vice President Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald A. Moss, District Clerk Pro Tem

Board Approved: 10/01/14