

OPEN MEETING

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Moss. President Moss read the emergency exit statement and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronald A. Moss, President
Jeannette Santos, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Kathleen Corbett, Trustee
Carolyn Dodd, Trustee
Lisa Johnson, Trustee
Juan Leon, Trustee

ABSENT:

Terry Fulton, 1st Vice President

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Mary O'Meara, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Diane Castonguay, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Carlos Perez, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Karenann Volinski, Director for Data and Instructional Technology
Gary L. Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Oroma Reynolds, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Eileen Becker, District Clerk
Dr. Clinton Grant, Principal/AMHS
Donna De Freitas, Assistant Principal/AMHS
John Cardone, Dean of Students/AMHS
Ed Plaia, Principal/EWMMS
Kristy Middleton, Assistant Principal/EWMMS
Earl Mitchell, Dean of Students/EWMMS
Scott Bullis, Principal/PAMES
Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal/PAMES
Vincent Todisco, Principal/NW
Tim Hellmuth, Assistant Principal/NW
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal/NE
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services/Special Education
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director for Fine Arts
Ted Tsirigotis, Director for Athletics, Physical Education and Health
Susanne Pena, District Coordinator for ESL and Bilingual Programs
Sandra Parmentier, Ass't Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services Special Ed.

AMITYVILLE U F S D
APPROVED
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
DATE 12-9-15
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE
Eileen Becker

COMMUNITY INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no Community input on agenda items. President Moss introduced Dr. Kelly who began the presentations for the evening as follows:

PRESENTATIONS

1. Peter Paternostro, Sandra Parmentier, Kristy Middleton, N. Kearney presented certificates to students who participating in a Bullying Prevention video showing how bullying affects people and what they do to change that.
2. Peter Paternostro presented the video the students worked on.
3. Reynolds Hawkins and several students spoke of the appreciation for the Historical Black College Tour and the impact it has on their goals to strive for college.
4. Mary O'Meara, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, spoke to the audience about the success of the first Community Forum. Many of the local eateries donated food for the evening. The

Music Department – orchestra and choral – entertained the guests as they travelled from the various events. The people who attended were a blend of community residents, parents, students, board members, teachers and administrators. While parents enjoying the displays, the children who attended with their parents were minded some of our monitors and created character t-shirts with a list of character traits that could ascribe. Parents were able to see the programmatic initiatives that are going on. The contribution of the teachers showcasing what they do every day were presented with pride. Students spoke for their teachers on what they are enjoying in the classroom. The district's goal and them is "Planning for Excellence" by looking at three major areas: student achievement, cultural climate and community involvement. Together with feedback, we have a blueprint of where to start. The community let us know what they would like to see moving forward as we received over 120 responses of feedback collected. They took great care and detail on what they would like to see as we move forward. Some of the comments we already have in place such as the district pay for AP exams. The request for more AP exams which we have added. Another request is after school regents tutoring which we will have in place in beginning in November in every area that Regents are offered. The Awareness Weekend is a huge success every year and two requests were to add Awareness Weekend for the Middle School and have follow ups when the students make these connections to keep that momentum going. Also noted from the feedback are the need for more clubs that represented diversity which we have done for this year. And from our senior citizens, more cross generational programs. Coming soon we will host Parent Universities inviting parents to get specific training on the new initiatives how to help with common core math at home and embark on a community read on a character education novel for the parents and engage our local library to come together and discuss a book around character education.

Dr. Kelly turned the meeting over to President Moss who resumed with the agenda.

MINUTES

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A-1 and 2A-2 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Draft – Regular Meeting – September 9, 2015
2. Draft – Special Meeting – October 7, 2015

ACTION

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-1 Attendance at the NSBA Annual Convention made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion: President Moss reminded the Board to let the District Clerk know if they want to attend. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

GENERAL

At this time, Dr. Kelly presented the Board of Education certificates and a token of appreciation for their service on the Board during the NYSSBA Annual Board Recognition Week (3C-1).

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-2 Approval of 21st Century Community Learning Center – Via Evaluation Agreement made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-56 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Rescind Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Bradshaw, S.
2. FMLA Leave: Elementary Teacher/NW – Maurin, K.
3. Probationary Appointment: ESL Teacher/HS/MS – Romeo, C.
4. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW – Byrne, G.
5. Resignation: Teaching Assistant/NE – Byrne, G.
6. Appointment: Part-Time ELA Teacher/HS – Kurz, R.
7. Revised Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – Kurz, R.
8. Appointment: Part-Time Special Education Teacher/HS – Roslow, B.
9. Revised Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – Roslow, B.

10. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class/ESL English – Keenan, K.
11. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Alexander, G.
12. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Button, K.
13. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Carlucci, S.
14. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Castro, E.
15. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Darling, K.
16. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Davi-Ortiz, N.
17. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Dodd, K.
18. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Feehan, R.
19. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Graham, D.
20. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Grasso, J.
21. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Harpaul, K.
22. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Herz, D.
23. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Hyland, K.
24. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Karounos, O.
25. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Katsigiorgis, J.
26. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Keaveny, N.
27. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – McGowan, J.
28. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Maisel, W.
29. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Milan, L.
30. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Mizrachi, D.
31. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – O’Connor, P.
32. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – O’Brien, F.
33. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – O’Hagan, J.
34. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Bisulca, J.
35. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Peshler, J.
36. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Pfaffe, L.
37. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Puglisi, J.
38. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Reddin, M.
39. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Robinson, L.
40. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Romeo, R.
41. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Ross, D.
42. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Seehof, C.
43. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Starkey, K.
44. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Stein, A.
45. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Thomas, L.
46. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Thorn, K.
47. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Wilsher, J.
48. Appointment: Intramural Coach/HS – McCoy, G.
49. Appointment: Intramural Coach/HS – Drost, A.
50. Appointment: Intramural Coach/HS – Germain, P.
51. Appointment: Intramural Coach/HS – Mosley, S.
52. Appointment: Chaperone – Jorgensen, J.
53. Appointment: Chaperone – Tietje, S.
54. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW – Dobby, D.
55. Appointment: Substitute Teacher/Spanish 7-12/ESL – Isaacson, A.
56. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Governanti, B.

BUSINESS

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-4 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-5 and 3C-6 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Discussion: None. Motion failed: 0 yes; 6 no; 0 abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-7 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-8 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Dr. Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-9 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Budget Transfer
2. Fund Raising
3. Use of Facilities
4. Scholarship/Donation
5. Late Transportation Application
6. Late Transportation Application
7. Joint Municipal Cooperative Bid
8. Approval Consulting Services Agreement
9. Late Transportation Application

FINANCE

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 Finance Report for August, 2015 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

CONSULTANT SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-14 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Maryhaven Center of Hope
2. Metro Therapy, Inc.
3. New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.
4. Leeway School
5. Variety Child Learning Center
6. Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
7. Developmental Disabilities Institute
8. The Hagendorn Little Village School
9. Plainedge School District
10. DeVinci Education Research
11. Hicksville UFSD
12. Rockville Centre UFSD
13. Bethpage UFSD
14. Cleary School for the Deaf

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3F-1 and 3F-2 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences Part 1
2. Approval of Conferences Part 2

REPORTS

Legal Counsel Legal Counsel will report in executive session the status of negotiations for collective bargaining units.

Superintendent Tysheem Griffin, a senior at AMHS competed in the 2015 International Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability Global Games in Quito, Ecuador. Tysheem placed first in the 200-meter race and earned second in the 100-meter.

Shiloh Bennet and Christian Morgan have been selection to sing in the mixed chorus at the 2015 NYS Council of Administrators in Music and Education and the Suffolk County Music Educators Association at the All County Music Festival. The students are chosen based on their proficiency score achieved at the festival as well as teacher recommendations.

The art work of Jeoprey DeloSantos (Grade 12) and Kenyi Zelaya (Grade 11) will be on display at the NYSSBA Convention.

A special thanks for the APTC, Maresa Dealy, Dina Shingleton, Laura Pawlewicz, and Kimberly Bethea and the entire APTC for coordinating our dinner at the Community Forum. Their contribution was truly outstanding.

Also please support the following eateries in Amityville who contributed as well to the Community Forum. Amity Ales Brew Pub and Eatery, Blue T Pizza, Bulldog Grille, Carney's Irish Pub and Restaurant, Carolyn's Cuisine, The Kitchen Coop, KJ's Deli, Little Jamaica, Park Avenue Grille, Poppy's Bagels, Ramios Pizzeria, Sofia Italian Bistro, Vittoria's Restaurant and Wine Bar and WaWa's Kitchen.

October is Hispanic Heritage Month where students and staff pay tribute in many engaging and informing way. Please consult the calendar for various events.

Some of our parents participated at Columbia Teachers' College in Manhattan in workshops designed to help them work with their children at home as readers and writers. The parents saw examples of students' work and watched demonstrations on to work with their children at home as well as viewed video of actual classroom instruction in action coming away with a better understanding of literacy instruction. We will be hosting additional workshops in the district in the near future.

The Amityville Marching Band will participate in the Newsday Marching Band Festival which highlights their competitive band talent and it's an enjoyable celebration of their talent as musicians and band.

The Bond Communication Committee has met at the different buildings participating in a walk through to see what and where the needs are. They will be preparing a presentation for the Board on their summation of their findings.

The Sports Hall of Fame was held October 2nd. Those honored were Billy Maisel, Curtis Hollerman, Dale Pescatelli, George Budde, Fred Thomson, Edmund Jones, Tristian Smith, Jessica Bernius, Ernie Wyatt, the 1946/47 Long Island Champion Field Hockey Team, the 2002/03 Boys NYS Champion Relay Team that included Omar Logan, Nurate Brooks, Jerod Gatlin, Max Rose, Ian Morgan and David Jackson.

Homecoming is Saturday, October 24th. The parade begins at 1:30 p.m. and the game against East Islip kicks off at 3:00 p.m. We are expecting a big turnout for the parade. Each of the schools, clubs as well as organization such as the APTC are diligently working on floats. This is going to be a great event to celebrate Warrior Pride.

The APTC is hosting a fund raising event at US Skates America on Thursday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m. This is always a fun and popular event.

As always, please consult the website for upcoming events and news.

Board

Jeannette Santos spoke of the College Fair at the HS on October 8th and the great turnout of the students and their families gathering information

Kathleen Corbett talked about the Breast Cancer Walk the ATA is sponsored October 1st.

Carolyn Dodd complimented the Superintendent and Team on the first Community Forum and all the students that participated in the event.

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Maresa Dealy
50 Broadway
Amityville, NY

Mrs. Dealy had a question regarding Roberts Rules of Order and the when a member abstains it means there is a conflict of interest. Mr. Steffanetta explained it is a parliamentary procedure and to abstain means there was not sufficient information for that member to cast a vote.

Bob Claps
ATA, President

Reminded the Board and the audience of the fundraiser for Breast Cancer at the Bulldog on Friday, October 16th starting at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. in the Park Avenue School Art Room to discuss employment history of a particular person(s) and/or to seek advice from Legal Counsel made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain. President Moss appointed 2nd Vice President Santos as Clerk Pro Tem.

Mrs. Becker left at 8:42 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion to resume Open Session at 10:13 p.m. made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Trustee Leon. No Action Taken. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:15 p.m. made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Trustee Leon. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen Becker, District Clerk