

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2015

Approved: 10/14/15

OPEN MEETING

The Special Meeting at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Moss and read the emergency exit statement and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ronald A. Moss, President
Terry Fulton, 1st Vice President
Jeannette Santos, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Kathleen Corbett, Trustee
Carolyn Dodd, Trustee
Juan Leon, Trustee

ABSENT: Lisa Johnson, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Eileen Becker, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. made by President Moss; seconded by 1st Vice President Fulton to discuss employment history of a particular person(s) and/or to seek advice from Legal Counsel. President Moss appointment 2nd Vice President Santos Clerk Pro Tem. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Eileen Becker left at 6:07 p.m.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and move to the Special meeting made by 1st Vice President Fulton; seconded by President Moss.

OPEN SESSION

The Special Meeting at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, Auditorium was resumed at 7:11 p.m. by President Moss. President Moss read the emergency exit statement and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALSO PRESENT: 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
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 and 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, Assistant Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education (excused)

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DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE
Eileen Becker

ABSENT:

COMMUNITY: 20

COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Nathan King
13 Sunset Avenue
Amityville, NY
- 1) Why is the Policy up for vote tonight not available for the public to see?
 - 2) Expressed concern of the number of resignations and revised appointments at the open of school.
 - 3) What building are the positions for 3B-26 through 28? This information should be disclosed to the community.
 - 4) Why the need to increase hours for 3B-47 through 54? It was explained due to the needs of the students as these positions are Teaching Assistant and 1:1 Aides.
 - 5) The three limit rule for public comments needs to be revisited.
- Maresa Dealy
- 1) Complimented the ATA on the back to school supplies and backpacks
 - 2) Wanted to bring to the attention of the community the donation of supplies listed in agenda item 3C-6

PRESENTATIONS

1. Opening Day Reports
 - a. Dr. Clinton Grant, Principal AMHS
 - b. Ed Plaia, Principal EWMMS
 - c. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES
 - d. Vincent Todisco, Principal NW
 - e. Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal NE
2. Extended Summer School Program for Special Education (Attachment #1)
 - a. Mr. Paternostro
 - b. Ms. Cammaroto
 - c. Ms. Rubin
 - d. Ms. Carmen
3. Textbook Adoption from Mrs. O’Meara (Attachment #2)
 - a. Myers’ Psychology for AP 2nd Edition
 - b. Teacher’s Edition for Psychology for AP 2nd Edition
 - c. Exam View Assessment Suite for Psychology for AP 2nd Edition
 - d. Natural Hazards: Earth Process Hazard Disasters
4. Smart Schools Initiative from Mrs. Volinski (Attachment #3)
 - a. Review of process for grant
 - b. Review of Policies
5. Bond Referendum from Mr. Roger Smith of BBS Architects (Attachment #4)

MINUTES

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-7 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Special Meeting – May 6, 2015
2. Regular Meeting – July 8, 2015
3. Special Meeting – August 5, 2015
4. Regular Meeting – August 12, 2015
5. Special Meeting – August 22, 2015
6. Special Meeting – August 25, 2015
7. Special Meeting – September 2, 2015

POLICY

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2B-1 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Approval of Policy #1500 Public Use Of School Facilities

BOARD ACTION

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 1st Vice President Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Approval of Subscription for The Board

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-8 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to table Agenda Item 3B-9 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded 1st Vice President Fulton. Discussion: None.

Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-10 through 3B-19 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-20 through 3B-55 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by 1st Vice President Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Resignation: Instructional Coach/PA – Persaud, A.
2. Resignation: Teaching Assistant/NW – Cox, J.
3. Resignation: Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach – Maisel, W.
4. Resignation: JV Wrestling Coach – Pollock, D.
5. Revised Probationary Appointment: ESL Teacher/MS – Gomez, N.
6. Revised Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/MS – Scott, S.
7. Revised Probationary Appointment: Art Teacher/HS – Pappas, N.
8. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Clerk/Typist/HS – DiLiberto, D.
9. Probationary Appointment: English Teacher/HS – TBD
10. Leave Replacement Appointment: Monitor/MS – Spence, E.
11. Revised Appointment: Virtual Academy Coordinator – Kilfoil, C.
12. Revised Appointment: Virtual Academy Coordinator – Milan, L.
13. Rescind Revised Part-Time Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/MS – Fallot, R.
14. Rescind Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/PA – Failla, G.
15. FMLA Leave: Bilingual Teacher/NW – Skaliotis, X.
16. FMLA Leave: ESL Teacher/MS – Moore-Kelly, K.
17. Appointment: ENL Lead Teacher/NE – Varas, L.
18. Appointment: ENL Lead Teacher/NW – Meisser, P.
19. Appointment: ENL Lead Teacher/PA – Driscoll, J.
20. Appointment: ENL Lead Teacher/MS – Dillahunt, R.
21. Appointment: ENL Lead Teacher/HS – Carlucci, S.
22. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – Economics/HS – Greiss, M.
23. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – Health/HS – Ammirati, J.
24. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – Science/HS – Fallot, P.
25. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Hawkins, R.
26. Appointment: Activity Advisor/Student Government – Greiss, M.
27. Appointment: Activity Advisor/Debate Club – Greiss, M.
28. Appointment: Activity Advisor/Senior Class – Howard, M.
29. Increase in Hours: Monitor/PA – Goldsmith, D.
30. Appointment: Translator/DW – Herrero, M.
31. Appointment: Translator/DW – Calderon, M.
32. Appointment: Translator/DW – Bueno, R.
33. Appointment: Translator/DW – Whitney, S.
34. Appointment: Translator/DW – Prestano, B.

35. Appointment: Translator/DW – Feliz, J.
36. Appointment: Translator/DW – Driscoll, J.
37. Appointment: Translator/DW – Gomez, N.
38. Appointment: Translator/DW – Germain, P.
39. Appointment: Translator/DW – Huremovic, L.
40. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Gannon, C.
41. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Saunders, K.
42. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Maisel, W.
43. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Fallot, P.
44. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – McGowan, J.
45. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Germain, P.
46. Appointment: Chaperone/DW – Pfaffe, L.
47. Appointment: Increase in Hours – Teaching Assistant/MS – Brooks, N.
48. Appointment: Increase in Hours – Teaching Assistant/MS – Larkin, T.
49. Appointment: Increase in Hours – Teaching Assistant/MS – Liccese, J.
50. Appointment: Increase in Hours – Teaching Assistant/MS – Ross, D.
51. Appointment: Increase in Hours – Special Ed 1:1 Aide/MS – Carpenter, T.
52. Appointment: Increase in Hours – Special Ed 1:1 Aide/MS – Jordan, K.
53. Appointment: Increase in Hours – Special Ed 1:1 Aide/MS – Marrone, D.
54. Appointment: Increase in Hours – Special Ed 1:1 Aide/MS – Williams, K.
55. Revised Appointment: Science Chairperson/HS - Kilfoil, C.

BUSINESS

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-7 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 1st Vice President Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Budget Transfer
2. Fund Raising
3. Transportation Contracts
4. Dispose of Fixed Assets
5. Approval of Omni Service Agreement
6. Donations
7. Use of Facilities

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-8 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 1st Vice President Fulton. Discussion – Trustee Leon asked for clarification of this resolution. President Moss asked for roll call of this resolution – President Moss: YES; 1st Vice President Fulton: YES; 2nd Vice President Santos: YES; Trustee Corbett: YES; Trustee Dodd: YES and Trustee Leon: YES. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

8. Increase 2015-16 Budget

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-9 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion – Mr. Leon asked for clarification of this resolution. President Moss asked for roll call of this resolution – President Moss: YES; 1st Vice President Fulton: YES; 2nd Vice President Santos: YES; Trustee Corbett: YES; Trustee Dodd: YES and Trustee Leon: YES. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

9. Debt Refunding

FINANCE

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Report for the Month of July, 2015

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. Approval of Conferences
2. Approval of Social Studies Textbooks/HS
3. Approval of Science Textbooks/HS

COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bob Claps Expressed concern for the hot classrooms and asked that air conditioning all the rooms be reviewed. And reminded the audience September 17th is wear red to support public education

REPORTS

Legal Counsel Legal Counsel will report to the Board in Executive session collective bargaining units negotiations.

Superintendent Highlights of the Superintendent's Report as follows:

1. Welcome Back. Outlined the work over the summer preparing the buildings, hiring staff and establishing professional development opportunities for the year.
2. Highlights of programs for the students and staff include:
 - adopted and implemented rich curricular resources in ELA and Math, K-12,
 - offering more advanced placement programs opportunities for our students,
 - expanding opportunities for acceleration and advancement at the Middle School,
 - reinstated the 9 period day at the secondary level;
 - outstanding and award-winning arts and music programs, athletics programs, and our student-athletes are as often recognized for their sportsmanship and scholarship as they are for their performance on the field or court;
 - implementing a new Independent Science Research program,
 - implementing a robotics program,
 - increasing opportunities for our students to earn college credits through partnerships with colleges and universities, including SUNY Farmingdale, SUNY Stony Brook, Syracuse University, and our local community colleges, to name a few.
 - We have an outstanding summer enrichment program for our K – 6 students, which include ELA and Math enrichment, exploration opportunities in science, the arts, and music.
 - We have partnered with Columbia University Teachers' College and Reading and Writing Workshop program and our teachers began working with our partners this summer to implement this program.
 - We have partnered with the Urban Learning and Leadership Center to engage in the work of continuous school improvement;
 - Over eighty graduating seniors of the Class of 2015 received more than 200 scholarships and awards at the high school's annual Senior Awards Ceremony last year, and the Class of 2015 received over 1.5 million dollars in scholarship money. Our seniors have also been accepted to top colleges in the region and in the country, including: Columbia, New York University, SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Stony Brook, SUNY Albany, Hofstra, Howard, and Marist, just to name a few.
 - We have worked together to improve our facilities and are continuing to do so through the development of a bond referendum initiative;
 - We have implemented improvements to security and safety and continue to study and evaluate these areas to ensure our schools are safe learning environments for students and staff;
 - We've implemented a new academic eligibility policy at the secondary level to provide support for our athletes and student participants in extra-curricular activities which allows our students to stay focused on the importance of academic performance;

- We've seen some modest gains in the graduation rate and the 3 – 8 assessments, and more of our students our taking advanced Regents courses.
3. Highlights of achievements/upcoming events of students and staff include:
- One of our seniors, Tysheem Griffin, qualified to compete in the 2015 INAS Global Games in Ecuador.
 - Senior Amanda Boegel will perform the Star Spangled Banner at 9/11 Ceremony in the Village and Joseph LaManna will play taps.
 - 2nd Vice President, Jeannette Santos, received the Community Service Ambassador Award from In the Word Ministries.
 - A thanks to Bob Claps and Carol Seehof for the ATA's annual Back to School Backpack and School Supplies Bash.
 - This morning the Historically Black College Tour began their tour of various colleges.
 - The Administrators participated in a Leadership Retreat with the Urban Learning and Leadership Center to focus on long-term strategic planning analyzing the district mission, goals and belief statement, developing a five year strategic plan. Our theme is Planning for Excellence relating to student achievement, school culture and community relations/involvement.
 - Planning is underway for the first Community Forum where information gathers will be used to inform the development of the District's Strategic Plan.
 - October 2, 2015 the Amityville Sports Hall of Fame will be held at the AMHS
 - October 3, 2015 the Homecoming Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. and the game against Rocky Point will be at 3:00 p.m. This year, for the first time, each of the schools Grades 9-12 will have floats.
 - The APTC is hosting a fundraising event at Five Guys on September 28th from 4-10 p.m.
 - Please always consult the District website for upcoming events.

Board No Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss employment history of a particular person(s) and or to seek advice from Legal Counsel made by President Moss; seconded by 1st Vice President Fulton. President Moss appointed 2nd Vice President Santos as Clerk Pro Tem. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Eileen Becker left at 9:26 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion to reconvene Open Meeting at 10:06 p.m. by 1st Vice President Fulton; seconded by Trustee Corbett. No Action Taken. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:07 p.m. by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,


Eileen Becker, District Clerk