

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2016

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APPROVED: 03/09/16

**OPEN MEETING**

The Regular meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. at the Park Avenue School, Auditorium by President Moss who read the emergency statement and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AMITYVILLE U F S D**  
**APPROVED**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
DATE 3-9-16  
**DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE**  
Eileen Becker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ronald A. Moss, President  
Terry Fulton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Kathleen Corbett, Trustee  
Carolyn Dodd, Trustee  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Juan Leon, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Gary Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio LLP  
Oroma Reynolds, Esq., Guercio & Guercio LLP  
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for PPS/Special Education  
Sandra Parmentier, Assistant Administrator for PPS/Special Education  
Dr. Clinton Grant, Principal AMHS  
Donna DeFreitas, Assistant Principal AMHS  
John Cardone, Dean of Students AMHS  
Ed Plaia, Principal EWMMS  
Earl Mitchell, Dean of Students EWMMS  
Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES  
Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal PAMES  
Dr. Brenda Triplett, Principal NW  
Tim Hellmuth, Assistant Principal NW  
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal NE  
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director for Fine Arts Department  
Evan Farkas, Director for Athletics, Physical Education and Health  
Susanne Pena, District Coordinator for ESL  
Mike Butler, Director of Facilities  
Eileen Becker, District Clerk

**COMMUNITY PRESENT:** 30 members present

**PRESENTATIONS**

President Moss turned the meeting over to Dr. Kelly.

Dr. Kelly introduced Bianca Ferrante, MS Music Teacher, who led the 9th Grade Orchestra in a tribute to Black History Month by playing The Entertainer by Scott Joplin.

Mrs. O’Meara introduced Katie Dodd, Janine Katsigiorgis and Kara Keenan and several of the MS students volunteered to show and share the impact of Chromebooks and its benefits to preparing them to be college ready.

**COMMUNITY INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No Community Input

**GENERAL**

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

**PERSONNEL**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-88 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Resignation: Custodial Worker/NE – Araujo, F.
2. Resignation: Permanent Sub Teacher – Parpas, I.
3. Rescind Appointment: JV Girls Softball Coach – Western, A.
4. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Activity Advisor – Nat'l Honor Society – Wilsher, J.
5. Revised FMLA and Leave of Absence W/O Pay: ESL Teacher/HS – Huremovic, L.
6. Revised FMLA Leave & Leave of Absence W/O Pay: School Monitor/MS – Reese, S.
7. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Monitor/MS – Spence, E.
8. Revised Leave of Absence: Monitor/MS – Spence, E.
9. FMLA: Elementary Teacher/NW – Grzunov, K.
10. FMLA: English Teacher/HS – Meyer, S.
11. Revised FMLA: English Teacher/HS – Wilsher, J.
12. FMLA: Music Teacher/PA – Koraus, D.
13. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Music Teacher/PA – Koraus, D.
14. FMLA: Science Teacher/HS – Kilfoil, C.
15. FMLA: Special Education Teacher/PA – Koopmans, S.
16. FMLA: Building Principal Secretary/NW – Eastwood, M.
17. Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW – Flyntz, J.
18. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PAMES – Wilson, L.
19. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher – Tricarico, K.
20. Leave Replacement Appointment: English Teacher – TBD
21. Leave Replacement Appointment: ESL Teacher/HS – Louis, G.
22. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Brooks, N.
23. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Brooks, M.
24. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Brown, S.
25. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Carey, L.
26. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Carrero, D.
27. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Cesiro, L.
28. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Dady, J.
29. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Ferguson, J.
30. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Gambella-Bloom, C.
31. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Herz, D.
32. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Karniewich, A.
33. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Lee, D.
34. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – McCabe, A.
35. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – McCormack, T.
36. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Meisser, P.
37. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Pariser, R.
38. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Quinn, T.
39. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Reddin, M.
40. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Robinson, L.
41. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Roman, J.
42. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Romanelli, C.
43. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Roslow, B.

44. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Seehof, C.
45. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Sicoli, B.
46. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Starkey, K.
47. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Tejada-Torres, R.
48. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Varas, L.
49. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Wahl, M.
50. Appointment: Winter Wonderland Activities/NW – Wittschiebe, J.
51. Appointment: JV Girls Softball Coach – Spatola, C.
52. Appointment: Cap and Gown Coordinator – Gastman, F.
53. Appointment: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Writing Teacher – Duguay, P.
54. Appointment: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Writing Teacher – Rudden, M.
55. Appointment: NYS Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Curr. Writing – Brower, T.
56. Appointment: Activity Advisor – National Honor Society – Aversano, C.
57. Appointment: Chaperone – Garofalo, C.
58. Appointment: Chaperone – Albano, M.
59. Appointment: Chaperone – Fallot, P.
60. Appointment: Chaperone – Fallot, R.
61. Appointment: Chaperone – Leon-Pineros, M.
62. Appointment: Chaperone – Morenus, K.
63. Appointment: Chaperone – Murray, R.
64. Appointment: Chaperone – Prastil, K.
65. Appointment: Chaperone – Seehof, C.
66. Appointment: Chaperone – Whitney, S.
67. Appointment: Chaperone – Wilson, T.
68. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Dolan, M.
69. Appointment: Translator – Dillahunt, R.
70. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/MS – Wilsher, K.
71. Appointment: Intramural Coach/HS – Drost, A.
72. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Spence, E.
73. Resignation: Monitor/MS – Spence, E.
74. Resignation: Security Guard – Borda, S.
75. Appointment: Chaperone – Milhaven, M.
76. Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class/English – Rochester, S.
77. Revised Part-Time Appointment: English Teacher/HS – Kurz, R.
78. Revised Appointment: ENL After School Academy Teacher/NE – Herz, D.
79. Revised Appointment: ENL After School Academy Teacher/NE – Varas, L.
80. Revised Appointment: ENL After School Academy Teacher/NW – Carrero, D.
81. Revised Appointment: ENL After School Academy Teacher/NW – Murphy-Ferro, S.
82. Revised Appointment: ENL After School Academy Teacher/NW – Reddin, M.
83. Appointment: NYS Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Curriculum Writing – Brower, T.
84. Appointment: Security Guard – Kabol, L.
85. Appointment: Security Guard – Nugent, D.
86. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist – Rosen, L.
87. Appointment: Substitute Monitor – Rosen, L.
88. Rate Increase Substitute Teachers

#### **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-7 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Trustee Dodd.

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

1. Dispose of Fixed Assets

- 2. Fund Raising
- 3. Health Service Contracts – Other School Districts
- 4. Health Service Contracts – St. Martin of Tours
- 5. Approval of Genesee Valley BOCES Education Partnership Agreement
- 6. Use of Facilities
- 7. Worker Compensation

**FINANCE**

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

- 1. Report for December, 2015

**SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-6 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 1. Westbury UFSD

**CURRICULUM**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 1. Approval of Conferences

**REPORTS**

Legal Counsel

Items to be covered in Executive Session include ACES and UPSEU/CSEA Negotiations and pending litigations.

Superintendent

The Valedictorian for 2016 is Casey Terbaniesingh with a weighted average of 104.628 and this year’s Salutatorian is Vanessa Nevers Ottey with a weighted average of 104.296 and will be honored at a luncheon in June.

The Boys’ Varsity Track Team won the League 4 Suffolk County Title. The Boys and Girls Varsity Track Team are at the County Qualifiers.

The Boys’ Varsity Basketball Team will play its first playoff game against Comsewogue tomorrow at 4 PM at the High School.

Members of the Amityville Boys’ Varsity Wrestling Team will be participating in the Suffolk County Finals this weekend at Hofstra University.

James Carey (9<sup>th</sup> Grade), Michael Gordon (9<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Tristan Angus (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) all Middle School French Horn players represented Amityville in the Annual SCMEA Day of Horn Festival.

Mikhail Ankudovych and Gianely McCatty from Park Avenue will represent the district in the NYSATA Legislative Exhibit. This is a statewide exhibit sponsored by the New York State Art Teachers Associate and the New York State United Teachers. Their art will be displayed in the Legislative Office Building in Albany.

President Moss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos, Mrs. Castonguay and Ms. Shingleton participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Program to advocate for the appropriate funding for public education.

A group of concerned resident and I met with Senator Venditto and Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre to advocate for Amityville’s fair share of State Aid.

I had the opportunity to participate in an event hosted by the Roosevelt School District featuring a presentation and roundtable discussion with White House Deputy Director Khalilah M. Harris and Roosevelt High School students. The discussion centered on several points including the role of educators in increasing and improving access to high quality learning opportunities while also finding ways to support students; efforts to increase the number of African-American and minority teachers and administrators; investment in high-quality early care and education programs.

On January 11, 2016, the NYS Division of Human Rights issued a Determination and Order in which it found there was no probable cause to believe that the district engaged in any unlawful discriminatory practice, and found that Mr. Wilkins had falsified his employment background on his application and resume.

As part of our work to inform residents about the scope of the Bond Referendum, the district hosted tours at each of the schools over the past two weeks both in the evenings and weekends. There is a wealth of information on the District Website and an email address for residents to ask questions. We are hosting a Bond Community Forum on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Amityville Memorial High School will host the Town of Babylon’s Annual Black History Month celebration Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The Jazz Band will be performing as well.

Congratulations to Amityville’s Shining Stars who will be recognized at the Annual SCOPE Awards on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>:

- School Board Service – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jeannette Santos
- Teacher Service – Ms. Colleen Kretz
- Administrator Service – Ms. Susanne Pena
- Support Staff Service – Mrs. Jeanne O’Neill
- Community Service – Mrs. Laura McVeety Pawlewicz

I am please to introduced to you Dr. Brenda Triplett the new Principal for Northwest and Mr. Evan Fargas, the Director for Athletics, Physical Education and Health.

We are grateful to have had Mr. Frank Garcia serve as interim which the district conducted the search for a Principal. We also congratulate Mr. Tsirigotis on his retirement.

Board of Education                      No Report

**COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Bob Claps, President ATA, attended the 10th SCSSA Advocacy Workshop. (Attachment #2)

Maresa Dealy, President APTC, spoke the upcoming Harlem Wizards event in April.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn Open Session at 7:21 p.m. made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Moss for the purpose of discussion contract negotiations and pending litigation. President Moss appointed Trustee Johnson as Clerk Pro Tem.

No Action Taken.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. made by President Moss.

Respectfully submitted,



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Eileen Becker, District Clerk