

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2017

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Fulton at Park North Administration Building, Board Room.

A motion made by Mrs. Dodd; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz to go into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for the purpose of conducting interviews for Assistant Principal; negotiations regarding the ACES and ATA Units. Mrs. Castonguay was appointed Clerk Pro Tem.

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Fulton, President  
Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Carolyn Dodd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Juan Leon, Trustee  
Laura Pawlewicz, Trustee  
Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Lois Etzel, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Diane Castonguay, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Carole Polney, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services

Motion to resume Open Meeting 7:43 p.m. in the Park Avenue School Auditorium.

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Fulton, President  
Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Carolyn Dodd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Juan Leon, Trustee  
Laura Pawlewicz, Trustee  
Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Lois Etzel, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Diane Castonguay, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Carole Polney, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services  
Gary Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio LLP  
Anthony Fasano, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP  
Eileen Becker, District Clerk  
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School  
Kathleen Hyland, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Dennis Ricci, Assistant Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Ed Plaia, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Kristy Pagliari, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Earl Mitchell, Dean of Students, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Donna DeFretias, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
John Cardone, Dean of Students, Amityville Memorial High School

Peter Paternostro, Administrator, Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education

Sandra Parmentier, Assistant Administrator, Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education

Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal, Virtual Academy

COMMUNITY: 15 Present

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Etzel presented the revised 2016-17 Professional Development Plan for approval this evening.

### **COMMUNITY INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Carolyn Chikazunga, 58 Dover Street, Massapequa. Regarding the Fund Raising activities are the persons responsible for the activity paid for their participation and who oversees the funds. Dr. Kelly responded there is a stipend for participating in school activities and the funds are monitor through the School Treasurer, the Business Office and the Auditors.

### **BOARD ACTION**

Motion to accept Agenda Item 2A-1 through 2A-2 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Dodd.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – December 7, 2016
2. Draft #1 – Regular Meeting – December 14, 2016

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2B-1 through 2B-4 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Dodd.

Discussion: Mrs. Santos asked why we are approving policy at just one reading. President Fulton explained if it is recommended by the Policy Committee, the Board could vote and approve policies on the first reading and that is the recommendation for these policies. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. 2120.1 Candidates and Campaigning
2. 4325 Academic Intervention Services
3. 5100 Comprehensive Student Attendance
4. 5420 Student Health Services

### **PERSONNEL**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-35 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Resignation: Special Education 1:1 Aide/NW – Marcelin, P.
2. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: English Teacher/MS – Kurz, R.
3. Rescind Appointment: Security Guard – Malcolm, B.
4. Rescind Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – Khan, N.
5. FMLA: Special Education Teacher/NW – Wittschiebe, J.
6. FMLA: Special Education 1:1 Aide/PA – King, S.
7. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/MS – Reese, S.
8. Probationary Appointment: Business Teacher/HS – Schweigert, J.
9. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA – Larsen, E.
10. Appointment: Increase in FTE ENL Teacher/HS – Louis, G.
11. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/NE – Interiano, E.
12. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/NW – Romanelli, A.
13. Resignation: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program Coordinator/HS – Tietje, S.

14. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Program Coordinator/HS – Conboy, J.
15. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC SAT/ACT Test Prep/HS – Azzara, E.
16. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC SAT/ACT Test Prep/HS – Prastil, K.
17. Resignation: Activity Advisor/DECA Club Advisor/HS – Tietje, S.
18. Appointment: Activity Advisor/DECA Club Advisor/HS – Tomasi, M.
19. Appointment: Regents Review – Algebra/MS – Przech, U.
20. Appointment: Regents Review – Earth Science/MS – Lettieri, C.
21. Appointment: Regents Review – Living Environment/MS – Lim, N.
22. Appointment: Regents Review – Global & U.S. History/HS – Howard, M.
23. Appointment: Regents Review – ELA/HS – Morenus, K.
24. Appointment: Regents Review – Algebra/HS – Seubert, J.
25. Appointment: Chaperone – Seehof, C.
26. Resignation: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW – Licari, K.
27. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW – Moore, N.
28. Appointment: Substitute Teacher/HS – Khan, N.
29. Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant – Watt, K.
30. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Barnes, M.
31. Appointment: MS Girls Track Coach – Germain, P.
32. Appointment: MS Girls Softball Coach – Ruta, A.
33. Resignation: Cook/HS – Perez, F.
34. Appointment: Intramural – MS Girls Basketball – Germain, P.
35. Appointment: Part-Time ESL Teacher/HS – Isaacson, A.
36. Tenure Appointment: Steinberg, N.
37. Probationary Appointment: Assistant Principal/NW – TBD

Motion to table Agenda Item 3B-36 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Discussion: There was not enough time to review the tenure packet during Executive Session. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to amend Agenda Item 3B-37 to add the name of the Assistant Principal of Northwest as Jaclyn Graham made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mrs. Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-37 made by Mrs. Dodd; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain (Mrs. Santos).

### **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Dodd. Discussion: Mrs. Santos asked why there has to be a fund raising event for the football team to purchase headphones, why isn't this part of the budget. Dr. Kelly explained the headphones were purchased without consent of Central Office and the former Director made the purchase with the intent of using funds from the Football Organization. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 No.

1. Use of Facilities
2. Fund Raising
3. Health Service Contracts – St. Martin of Tours
4. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets

5. Accept Agreement for Genesee Valley BOCES Education Partnership

**FINANCE**

Motion to approve amended Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Dodd.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 1. Treasurer’s Report for November, 2016

**SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Motion to approve amended Agenda Item 3E-1 through 3E-2 made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 1. West Islip UFSD
- 2. Seaford UFSD

**CURRICULUM**

Motion to table Agenda Item 3F-1 (#1 through #13 and #15) made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Discussion: Ms. Johnson wanted to discuss 3F-1 #14 further in executive session.  
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 1 No (Mrs. Dodd); 0 Abstain.

- 1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-2 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 1. Approval of Revised 2016-17 Professional Development Plan as presented earlier to the Board.

**REPORTS**

Legal                   Matters discussed in Executive Session include negotiations.

Superintendent       Dr. Kelly congratulated music students for selected to perform at the upcoming SCMEA All-County Festival in March.

Art students will represent our district in the Regional Advanced Placement Student Art Exhibition. The exhibit will be up from January 28<sup>th</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>

High School art students will represent our district in the annual regional exhibit, Advanced Visions 13: High School Artists of Excellence, sponsored by LIU Post. The exhibit will be run through January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Student Nia Scott (cello, 9<sup>th</sup> grade) will represent our district as a member of the 2016-17 Long Island String Festival Association’s Secondary School Orchestra on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Village of Amityville issued a proclamation to honor several members of the faculty for awards recently received.

As always, please consult the school calendar and website for events during the month.

Board

No Report.

### COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Karla Blakes, 7 Melody Lane, Amityville. On Monday, January 16th, the Northeast School's phone system was not working. Parents should have been notified of this. I tried calling other schools and central administration and was just transferred from phone to phone and still had no answer as to what was happening and no one seemed concerned. Dr. Kelly addressed the situation as Central Office did not know about it until 11:00 am and it was a result of outside work in the area. We certainly are looking into a better way to know of these problems as they happen and communicate appropriately.

Madeline Quintyne, 110 Cedar Road, Amityville. Ms. Quintyne announced on February 9th the Suffolk County Department of Human Services, the Black History Program will be February 9th at the AMHS at 6:00 p.m. and will be honoring Jen Trotman. The national theme for this year is the Black Crisis in Education. We also will be honoring others from Copiague, Wyandanch, and North Babylon.

David Oyaname, 1 Winter Lane, Amityville. He and Zach Tannis, 2012 graduates, has made several calls to Central Office to start a mentoring program. Mrs. Becker will reach out to Mr. Oyaname and Mr. Tannis to schedule an appointment with the Superintendent.

Carolyn Chikazunga, 58 Dover Street, Massapequa. Ms. Chikazunga questioned the Board regarding the testing of our water supply. Dr. Kelly responded we were ahead of this subject before it became mandatory and our results have been favorable.

Ms. Toni Bean, 58 Jefferson Avenue, Amityville. Ms. Bean told the Board, the door right here in the auditorium gets stuck and that is a fire hazard. Dr. Kelly said it will be fixed immediately.

Motion to enter to Executive Session for the purpose of further discussion negotiations at 8:45 p.m. made by Mrs. Dodd; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to resume Open Meeting at 10:48 p.m. made by Mrs. Dodd; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-36 made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mrs. Dodd.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 #14 made by Mrs. Dodd; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 yes; 1 No (Ms. Johnson); 0 Abstain.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:49 p.m. made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mr. Leon. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

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APPROVED  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 2-8-17  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE

Ellen Becker