

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mr. Fulton at Park North Administration Building, Board Room.

A motion made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Ms. Johnson to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing student suspension and teacher retirement. Mrs. Castonguay was appointed Clerk Pro Tem.

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Fulton, President
Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Carolyn Dodd, 2nd Vice President – video conference
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee
Juan Leon, Trustee – arrived 6:40 p.m.
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
Anthony Fasano, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

ABSENT: Lisa Johnson, Trustee

Motion to resume Open Meeting 7:38 p.m. in the Park Avenue School Auditorium.

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Fulton, President
Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Carolyn Dodd, 2nd Vice President – video conference
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee
Juan Leon, Trustee
Laura Pawlewicz, Trustee

ABSENT: Lisa Johnson, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Lois Etzel, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Diane Castonguay, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Carole Polney, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services
Eileen Becker, District Clerk
Kathleen Hyland, 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 DeFreitas, Assistant Principal Amityville Memorial High School
John Cardone, Dean of Students Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Evan Farkas, Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics

Mary Stephens, Director of ENL and World Languages
Peter Paternostro, Administrator PPS and Special Education
Sandra Parmentier, Assistant Administrator PPS and Special Education
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal Northeast Elementary School

ABSENT:

COMMUNITY: 18 Present

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Fran Fernandez introduced three students who performed tonight from the music elective, Piano Lab, and learned to play the piano as they learned how to read the treble clef and base clef music notation.

Mr. Ed Plaia, Principal of the Middle School, introduced students to show the latest in the Robotics Program.

Deborah Charles and Dr. Henry of Farmingdale State College together honored students who successfully participated in the Independent Science Research Team and the recipients of the 2017 STEM Diversity Summit Awards.

Ms. Charles continues we could not achieve this without our administrators and presented Mr. Plaia and Dr. Etzel with honors for their cooperation and support.

Mary Stephens, Tina Smith and Megan Martin presented on programs serving the bilingual population in Amityville. The Park Avenue students learned about the Three Kings Day by reading a book about the holiday. They made and exchanged gifts based on the story. The students will be learning more about the French language including Haiti and other countries that speak French. Students worked with Spanish Assemblyman Phil Ramos and also participated in a mock assembly in Albany.

Budget Presentation #6 Budget Overview and Adoption Final and Budget Detail

COMMUNITY INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Keith Hayward

- What is the role of the Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services?
- Regarding the budget, Dr. Kelly previously stated that the board members can ask any questions they may have and Mrs. Santos stated that the board did not work on this budget, that it is Dr. Kelly's budget. Pastor Hayward asked which is correct. *Mr. Fulton responded that this is not a budget the board worked on in collaboration but the board was not privy to everything on the budget was put together. Mrs. Dodd replied the board received what they needed to review and had the opportunity to ask questions as the budget was being compiled at each stage.*

Maresa Dealy

- Asked for an explanation as to what it means to abstain when voting on a resolution.

Toni Bean

- Thanked Mrs. Santos for finally asking for what she had been asking for that was a more detailed budget.
- Asked about the new Co-ed cross country teams – is that different from track?
- What is the after school enrichment program. *This is to offset the loss of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant.*

- Regarding \$200,000 minor repairs and maintenance, is there been a breakdown as to what those repairs are going to be? *It's contingent to the needs of building repairs and are unforeseen and unspent funds go to fund balance.*
- For the adult education program it would be nice but looking at the fact we could use another social worker. *The decision was made last year with the board's support at the request of the community's interest.*

Jacqueline Watkins

- At a previous meeting there was a statement made that there never have been full time social workers in the district. However I do recall there was a full time social worker in each school. The make-up of this community requires a full time social worker and it is essential that we provide the services, not reduce services, that are greatly needed. This is a serious concern and respectfully ask the board to reconsider reinstating full time social workers in each school.
- Congratulated the teachers on their tenure but to see the lack of diversity in the teaching staff is lacking and appalling.

Carolyn Chikazunga

- Ms. Chikazunga pointed out that the summary and resolutions for 2C-3 and 2C-4 were reversed. This has been corrected.
- What are contract services for administrators who already get a salary? *This is not a salary. For example, this would be for various equipment maintenance contracts such BoardDocs, Finance Manager and various other vendors' services.*
- For teacher instructional coaches are those are actual people who are in the classroom as opposed to teaching assistants. *These are teachers who offer instructional and support for Professional Development.*
- Teachers attendance are those are actual people checking on the attendance of teachers or students. *It's for students and correct title is Attendance Teachers. Do they go out the community like the old days? They work with the administrative team and look at attendance and lateness each day, reach out to families, do home visits and work to get the students in school. So they do home visits and social workers do home visits but psychologists don't? Psychologists can do home visits. And counselors, what are kinds of counselors are K-6, or 7-12 - guidance counselors? The actual title is School Counselors and we have one at Park, three each at the high and middle schools. So if there's a catastrophic event these guidance counselors would counsel students who were dramatized? We have a crisis intervention team at the district level as well as in each building.*
- The transfer to capital funds, so is this money that is transferred to the capital funds and takes care of what? *It takes care of things outside of the bond work including fencing, paving repairs, any air conditioning or heating/ventilation work as needs come up beyond the scope of the Bond.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-3 made by Mrs. Santos, seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Draft #1 – February 1, 2017
2. Draft #1 – February 8, 2017
3. Draft #1 – April 4, 2017 Library Election

POLICY COMMITTEE

Motion to approve Agenda items 2B-1 through 2B-3 made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Policy #0115 Anti Bullying and Harassment Policy and Regulation
2. Approval of Policy #4531 Field Trips Policy, Regulation and Exhibit
3. Approval of Policy #6700-E.1 Purchasing Exhibit

ACTION

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 4 Yes; 2 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2C-2 through 2C-4 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Mrs. Santos nominated Mr. Fulton to act as Chairperson of the Budget Vote and Trustee Election. Mrs. Pawlewicz asked if Mr. Fulton did not vote in favor of the budget, how it is that board member is the Chairperson, what are the duties of the Chairperson. Mrs. Becker, the District Clerk, responded that the chairperson oversees the election that the District Clerk is accurately counting the ballots and following all legal protocol with the assistance of Legal Counsel and Chief Inspectors.

1. Adoption of the 2017-18 Budget
2. Appointment of Chairperson
3. Appointment of Election Workers for Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election
4. Establish Date for Annual Reorganization Meeting

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A-1 and 3A-2 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to amend Agenda Item 3A-3 to read Section 71 not Section 713 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion approve Agenda Item 3A-3 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Sick Bank
2. Approval Non-Resident Request
3. Section 71 Employee Termination

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-64 made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. FMLA: Special Education Teacher/NW – Carrero, D.
2. FMLA: School Psychologist/NW – Hansen, E.
3. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: ESL Teacher/HS – Jorgensen, J.
4. Resignation for Retirement: Custodial Worker I/DW – Allen, M.
5. Resignation for Retirement: Monitor/HS – Booth, G.
6. Resignation for Retirement: Clerk/Typist/HS – Lottman, A.
7. Resignation for Retirement: Clerk/Typist/HS – Pollock, L.
8. Resignation: Teaching Assistant/NE – Bauer, G.
9. Resignation: Food Service Worker/HS – Rund, C.
10. Resignation: Monitor/NW – Jackson, C.
11. Revised Probationary Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NE – McCormack, T.

12. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – Collura, N.
13. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – Roslow, B.
14. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – Thompson, K.
15. Intentionally Left Blank
16. Appointment: Chaperone – Tomasi, M.
17. Appointment: Chaperone – Billups-Bellevu, L.
18. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Mazes, T.
19. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Romanelli, A.
20. Appointment: Bus Monitor/MS – Jessup, B.
21. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Gray, G.
22. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Fresnel, E.
23. Tenure Appointment: Assistant Principal – Pagliari, K.
24. Tenure Appointment: Assistant Administrator – Parmentier, S.
25. Tenure Appointment: Principal – Plaia, E.
26. Tenure Appointment: Teaching Assistant – Baum, L.
27. Tenure Appointment: Science Teacher – Ellis, J.
28. Tenure Appointment: Health Teacher – Gannon, C.
29. Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher – Kretz, A.
30. Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher – Kretz, W.
31. Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher – Kuletsky, K.
32. Tenure Appointment: Social Studies Teacher – Morenus, K.
33. Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher – Ramgadoo, S.
34. Tenure Appointment: Social Studies Teacher – Zider, J.
35. Tenure Appointment: Mathematics Teacher – Zwerling, C.
36. Resignation for Retirement: Elementary Teacher/NW – Grzunov, K.
37. Resignation for Retirement: Account Clerk II/PN – Dascoli, B.
38. Resignation for Retirement: Business Office Clerk/Typist/NW – Culotta, T.
39. Resignation for Retirement: Cook/PA – Walker, N.
40. Resignation for Retirement: Teaching Assistant/MS – Durant, L.
41. Extended FMLA: Mathematics Teacher/MS – McLaughlin-DiPietrantonio, D
42. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/PA – Wexler, J.
43. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW – Zider, J.
44. Extend Leave Replacement Appointment: Monitor/PA – Lee, G.
45. Appointment: Security Guard/DW – Melian, D.
46. Appointment: Security Guard/DW – Pepitone, V.
47. Appointment: Regents Review – Science – Castro, N.
48. Appointment: Regents Review – Algebra – Carlucci, S.
49. Appointment: Regents Review – Living Environment – Hurst, Dr. J.
50. Appointment: Regents Review – U.S. History – Jorgensen, J.
51. Appointment: Regents Review – ELA – Scherzinger, P.
52. Rescind Appointment: MS Girls' Track Coach – Germain, P.
53. Appointment: MS Girls' Track Coach – Golding, R.
54. Appointment: Volunteer MS Baseball Coach – Ganz, J.
55. Appointment: MS Boys' Track Coach – Germain, O.

56. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Cammaroto, T.
57. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Greiss, M.
58. Appointment: Regents Prep Algebra I – Dauria, D.
59. Appointment: Bus Monitor – Lee, G.
60. Intentionally Left Blank
61. Appointment: Bus Monitor – Gallo, D.
62. Appointment: Substitute After-School Detention – Fallot, P.
63. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher/NE – Harris, A.
64. Resignation for Retirement: Teaching Assistant/MS – Kaiser, G.

The meeting recessed at 8:55 p.m. to acknowledge those who were given tenure appointments for will wishes with family and friends and refreshments were served. The meeting resumed at 9:40 p.m.

BUSINESS

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-7 made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Donations
2. Fund Raising
3. Use of Facilities
4. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools
5. Dispose of Fixed Assets
6. Accept Audit Report
7. Property Tax Report Card

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Report for February, 2017

CONTRACT SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-3 made by Ms. Benard Handler; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Bay Shore UFSD
2. Half Hollow Hills CSD
3. South Huntington UFSD

CONFERENCES

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences

REPORTS

Legal Counsel

- No Report

Superintendent of Schools

- Announced the Long Island Youth Summit winners for high school students in exploration of important current socio-medical, environmental and socio-economic issues. We had eight finalists who all received \$500 scholarship to St. Joseph's College and three first place winners

who received \$1,000 scholarships. The students attended workshops with top experts in environmental, socio-medical, and socio-economic fields.

- Students were invited by Northwell Health – Spark Challenge to explore careers in the stem field where they were given a unique opportunity to preview clinical and non-clinical career paths in Stem. Eight of our students won \$800.
- The District has been named a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.
- Two high school seniors represented Amityville in the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute. Sandra Benegas and Emily Cisneros were chosen to represent Long Island at the State Leadership Summit in Albany. They met local Assemblyman Phil Ramos and researched and debated four bills on the Assembly floor.
- AMHS Technology Teacher, Steve Carbo, was recognized as an outstanding educator at the annual Bright Lights Luncheon hosted by the Association of Suffolk Supervisors for Educational Technologies.
- Reminder the Harlem Wizards will be May 5th and is hosted by the APTC.
- The National Art and National Junior Art Society Induction Ceremonies will be held on Monday, April 24th at 7:00 PM at the high school. And the National Honor Society Induction will be on Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 PM at the high school.

Board Report

- No report

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Carolyn Chikazunga

- The resolution for Agenda Item 3C-6 title is different from the summary. *This is a typo and will be corrected.*
- How long have we had the 21st century grant and why did it expire? *We have had the program about 8 years. It did not expire, we had to reapply for it. This year a decision was made at the state level to award that money primarily to the city districts and other non-for-profits. No schools on Long Island received this grant.*
- On the school calendar, there was no telephone number for Transportation. *We will make sure it's there for next year.*

Maresa Dealy

- Reminded the audience of the upcoming Wizard's night on May 5th.
- Also the “Meet the Candidates” nigh on May 11th at Park Avenue auditorium.

Toni Bean

- When are the parents going to be notified that the 21st CCLC will not continue and information regarding the summer program? *These letters are going out shortly.*
- Would like the public to have the opportunity to speak to the tenured teachers at the board meetings.
- Would like to see the students have a different night than a board meeting to be acknowledged for their achievements and dedicate the budget meetings to the budget.

Juan Leon

- Is concerned the district was not renewed for the 21st CCLC and that no Long Island schools will receive these funds. We are a high needs district. The administrators who oversee disbursement of funds basically saying Long Island doesn't need the money. Our tax dollars are leaving Long Island and they never come back. Before we got this bad news and as Dr.

Kelly pointed out, our independent auditor and said that this grant money was used absolutely 100% appropriately. We helped so many students with this grant and now we're not going to be able to do it. First of all, it's a real loss for our children. And secondly, that's a big hole to fill in the budget. I don't know why we are not talking more about this.

Sydney Martin

- Regarding co-ed cross county, I don't understand how you can have one coach for two teams. And there needs to be a supervisor in case there is an injury, there has to be another adult with the students. *Dr. Kelly asked he call her and she will have a recap as to how the coach will work the two teams as the logistics of this is still being worked out by the Athletic Director.*

Rose Torres

- When will the public know who are the candidates for the upcoming election?

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:45 p.m. made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz.
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain