

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Special Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mr. Fulton at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Art Room for the purpose of discussing updates from Dr. Kelly. Mrs. Castonguay was appointed Clerk Pro Tem.

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Fulton, President
Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Carolyn Dodd, 2nd Vice President
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee
Lisa Johnson, Trustee
Juan Leon, Trustee (arrived 6:30 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

Motion to resume Open Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Park Avenue School Auditorium.

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Lisa Johnson, Trustee
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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
Eileen Becker, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 30 Present

PRESENTATIONS

1. Budget Hearing – highlights included qualified tax payers should expect to continue to receive the tax rebates, Adult Education will be added, the Security vestibules work will begin Summer, 2017, Park Avenue School masonry work out for bid and the work should be done over the Summer, 2017 and completed in Fall, 2017 working after dismissal.

ACTION

Motion to accept Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Discussion: Mr. Leon asked for more detail regarding Item 3C-5, Disposal of Fixed Assets. This is a laminate machine that no longer works or would be repairable. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Review of Draft Agenda – Regular Meeting – May 10, 2017

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE

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

3A-1 Memorandum of Agreement – ATA Retirement Incentive

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-4 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Resignation for Retirement: Special Education Teacher/HS – Agostino, J.
2. Extended Leave of Absence: Elementary Teacher/NW – Dady, J.
3. Leave of Absence w/o Pay: English Teacher/MS – Wilson, K.
4. Appointment: School Monitor/NW – Forte, S.

CURRICULUM

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences

REPORTS

Legal

- No Report

Superintendent of Schools

- No Report

Board of Education

- No Report

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

High School Students Wesley Jean-Pierre and Alijah Thomas Benymon and about 30 other students came up to speak about the lack of diversity in their schools and community. *Dr. Kelly complimented the students for their honesty and asked how many of them are going to college to become teachers. No one in this group responded.*

Ms. Yehudeet Adams spoke to the students to support the need for more diversity in their classrooms and community and asked them to be the ones to change the need for their generation.

Ms. Johnson also spoke of her experience in school but that white teachers had just as much impact on her learning as teachers of diversity.

Carolyn Chikazunga asked how students are evaluated if they opt out.

Maresa Dealy reminded everyone about the Wizards event at the high school Friday, May 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Open Session at 8:08 p.m. made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain