

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Fulton at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Art Room for the purpose of advice from counsel. 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
Gary Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Anthony Fasano, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

Motion to resume Open Meeting 7:40 p.m. in the Park Avenue School Auditorium.

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Carolyn Dodd, 2nd Vice President
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee
Lisa Johnson, Trustee
Juan Leon, Trustee
Laura Pawlewicz, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: 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
Gary Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Anthony Fasano, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal NE
Kathleen Hyland, Principal NW
Robyn Santiago, Principal PAMES
Dennis Ricci, Assistant Principal PAMES
Ed Plaia, Principal EWMMS
Kristy Pagliari, Assistant Principal EWMMS
Earl Mitchell, Dean of Students EWMMS
Donna DeFretias, Assistant Principal AMHS
John Cardone, Dean of Students AMHS
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Mary Stephen, Director of ENL and World Languages

Evan Farkas, Director for Physical Education, Health and Athletics
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for PPS and Special Education
Sandra Parmentier, Assistant Administrator for PPS and Special Education
Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal, Virtual Academy
Eileen Becker, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 30 Present

STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

It has recently come to the attention of the Board of Education and Central Administration that due to a printing error by an outside printing company, the return address on some of the absentee ballots for our budget vote and trustee election was incorrect. We are correcting the error. Please be assured that we will continue to do our due diligence to ensure that all absentee ballots are returned to the district in time to be canvassed at the annual meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Dr. Fernandez reviewed the upcoming Spring Concerts and Art Showcases schedule.
2. The Middle School students performed a musical number from the upcoming Lion King Jr. performance that will be held this weekend.
3. Mr. Farkas presented Deonte Wilson with a certificate for his outstanding athletic performance in wrestling.
4. Dr. Etzel presented three students who participated in the Long Island Youth Summit hosted by Northwell Health.
5. Steve Carbo, Technology Teacher at the high school, has been nominated for the Suffolk County Bright Lights award.
6. Dr. Kelly presented certificates to Board Members who achieved level status in their participation in NYSSBA workshops and conferences.
7. The Board president read a statement explaining a printing error in the return envelopes for the absentee ballots. The error has been corrected. Please be assured that we will continue to do our due diligence to ensure that all absentee ballots are returned to the district in time to be canvassed at the annual meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2A-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Special Meeting – March 1, 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.

1. Non-Resident Request

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-21 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. FMLA: Dean of Students/HS: Cardone, J.
2. FMLA: Special Education Teacher/MS – Kretz, A.
3. Appointment: Skill Exam Review – Milan, L.
4. Appointment: Step Coordinator & Liaison – Mizrachi, D.
5. Appointment: Chaperone – Wilsher, J.
6. Appointment: Substitute After-School Detention – Gannon, C.

7. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Pfaff, L.
8. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Napoli, J.
9. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Buckley, J.
10. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Wallenstein, C.
11. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Kilfoil-Garofano, C.
12. Appointment: Regents Review – Takseraas, D.
13. Leave of Absence w/o Pay: Social Worker/HS – Hawkins, R.
14. FMLA: Physical Education Teacher/NW – White, B.
15. Leave of Absence w/o Pay: Teaching Assistant/NW – Clark, C.
16. Leave of Absence w/o Pay: Teaching Assistant/NW – O'Brien, M.
17. Extended Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW – Casey, A.
18. Resignation: Security Guard – Burnett, D.
19. Resignation: Security Guard – DiFilippi
20. Leave of Absence w/o Pay: Music Teacher/PA – Koraus, D.
21. Leave of Absence w/o Pay: Teaching Assistant/HS – Watkins, M.

BUSINESS

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-1 through 3C-9 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Cooperative Bidding Program 2017-18 School Year
2. Fund Raising Events
3. Use of Facilities
4. Health Service Contracts – Other School
5. Dispose of Fixed Assets
6. Donations
7. Budget Transfer
8. Donation – EWMMS
9. Bid – Masonry Reconstruction and Roof Ductwork Replacement – PAMES

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Report for March, 2017

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. Approval of Conferences

REPORTS

Legal Counsel

- Will discuss negotiations in Executive Session

Superintendent of Schools

- Our district was selected by Stony Brook University to partner in a proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation for improving engineering education in the middle and high school.

- The High School Band received numerous honors for their performance at Music in the Parks in Westfield, MA.
- 25 students were recognized by the NYS Public High School Athletic Association for athletes earning at least a 90 average for the 3rd quarter marking period.
- High school students experienced the classroom as teachers at the Northwest Elementary School.
- The Lion King Jr. will be performed by the MS Drama Club this weekend.
- The APTC Plant Sale is being held at NW Elementary School, tomorrow is the last day.
- The APTC will host “Meet the Candidates Night” tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. here in the auditorium for the upcoming Trustee Election.
- The Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on Tuesday, May 16th from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Northeast Elementary School and Amityville Memorial High School. Highlights from the proposed 2017-2018 budget:
 - Provide solid educational program while remaining in the tax cap
 - Supports successful program Columbia University Teachers College Reading and Writing Project for K-8.
 - Expanded Advanced Placement offerings include AP Capstone and Google Classroom initiative.
 - Full day Kindergarten; Half Day Pre-Kindergarten, College course offerings, extracurricular activities, athletic, music and art programs and field trips.
 - Reduction in administrative costs while expanding instructional programs.
 - Added elective courses at the high school and middle school.
 - Expanding the athletic program with varsity cheerleading, co-ed cross county and junior varsity girls’ lacrosse team and elementary intramurals.
 - Also added, after school enrichment activities for the elementary levels.
- Please continue to consult the website for upcoming events such as the Spring Concerts and Honor Society Inductions

Board of Education

- No Report

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Toni Bean

- Are there plans for an on line payment program for school lunch? *The district is looking into this.*

Maresa Dealy

- Thanked everyone for their participation at the Harlem Wizards event, especially those administrators who actually played.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Open Session at 8:15 p.m. made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz.
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. by Mr. Fulton at the Park Avenue School Art Room for the purposes of ACES and ATA negotiation discussions.

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Motion to resume Open Session at 9:25 p.m. made by Mrs. Pawlewicz seconded by Ms. Johnson.
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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