

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Special Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2017

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The Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President Dodd at the Park North Administration Building, Board Room.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President  
Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (arrived 5:04 p.m.)  
Laura Pawlewicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Susan Benard Handler, Trustee  
Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Allie McDonough, Trustee  
Jeannette Santos, 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  
Eileen Becker, District Clerk (left at 4:31 p.m.)

### **DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Dodd spoke of the walk through of the buildings highlighting the sparkling windows at Northeast Elementary School. The Board members who participated compiled a list of comments submitted to the Superintendent on little items to be attended to. Mrs. Dodd asked if in the next budget the replacement of the floors in the high school gymnasium and cafeteria could be added. Mrs. Santos mentioned how many clocks are not working, the need to dust the trophy cases and spruce up the entrance to the auditorium as a small fix while the renovations are done.

Mrs. Dodd told the board of an upcoming event sponsored by the Town of Babylon, the Department of Human Services 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and asked the District Clerk to add the information to the next transmittal. Mrs. Dodd acknowledged Rev. Jimmy Jack of the Freedom Chapel with their certificate of appreciation in support of their event during the summer. The board was also invited to their service on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

### **ACTION**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz.  
Discussion: Mrs. Dodd was designated as delegate. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.  
Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-2 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Pawlewicz.  
Discussion: Mrs. Dodd explained the amendment is to for the New York State Black Caucus School Board Members to be able to vote on issues. The Board is in favor and designated Mrs. Dodd to sign the resolution of support.

1. Designate Delegate for NYSSBA Business Meeting
2. Approve Proposed Bylaw Amendment Revision to the NYSSBA Bylaws Recommended for Adoption by the NYSSBA Resolutions Committee

**BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-1 made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mrs. Benard Handler. Discussion: Mrs. Santos felt anything to do with expenditures should be at a meeting the public would usually attend. It was explained the need for the change orders resulted in discovery of additional work needed as the planned projects began which is normal in renovations. The district is still in line with the expenditure working with the construction company on costs. It was further explained it is a time constraint to stay on schedule with the repairs and consider time needed to order and receive materials. The change order will be covered in the September Regular meeting by the Architects in their monthly report. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Bond Project Change Orders

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 4:31 p.m. for the purposes of discussion of negotiations with legal counsel made by Mrs. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mrs. Benard Handler. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain. Mrs. Becker left the meeting and Mrs. Castonguay served as Clerk Pro Tem.

Resumed Open Session at 5:42 p.m.

Mrs. Dodd led the discussion regarding the NYSSBA ESSA Roundtable event on September 8, 2017. The district did not receive any information regarding this and will gather information for discuss at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and to designate a representative to attend on behalf of the district.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

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APPROVED  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 09-13-17  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
Becker