

December 12, 2018

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2018

AMITYVILLE U.F.S.D.
APPROVED
DATE 11/16/18
CLERK SIGNATURE
Barbara Miller

The Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President Dodd at Park Avenue North, Board Room.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President
Juan Leon, 1st Vice President (arrives at 7:10 p.m.)
Laura Pawlewicz, 2nd Vice President
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee
Jeannette Santos, Trustee
Terry Fulton, Trustee

ABSENT: Allie McDonough, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Eugene R. Barnosky, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP
Lauren Schnitzer, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing, negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the ATA, the employment history of a particular person, seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney, and matters that would impact public safety made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mr. Fulton. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Allie McDonough, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Lois Etzel, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Eugene R. Barnosky, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP
Lauren Schnitzer, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP
Barbara Miller, District Clerk
Ms. Sandra Parmentier, Assistant Administrator for Personnel Services and Special Education
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Mr. Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health
Ms. Mary Stephens, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School
Ms. Kathleen Hyland, Principal, Northwest Elementary School
Ms. Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Mr. Edward Plaia, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Mr. Earl Mitchell, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Mr. Paul Duguay, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Ms. Maria Andreotti, Principal, Amityville Memorial High School

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Mr. Brian Suckel, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School
Mr. John Cardone, Dean of Students, Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 18

President Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts, reported on the Winter Concerts and the Jazz Band.

Mr. Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, reported on the Boys Soccer Team and gave Award Certificates to the players.

BBS and Park East updated the Board on Capital Projects, Gary Sheide, Architect, and Derek Knatz from Park East, the Construction Management Co. updated the Board on the Administration Building, Roof Replacement and Masonry Reconstruction; the Edmund Miles Middle School, Window Replacements; the Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, Masonry Reconstruction Phase II; and the Amityville Memorial High School, Additions and Alterations.

They discussed future work at the Northwest Elementary School, Additions and Alterations and at the Northeast Elementary School, Capital Improvements.

Mr. Edward Plaia, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School, reported on Public Speaking and the Debate Team.

Ms. Maria Andreotti, Principal, Amityville Memorial High School, reported on the partnerships with St. Josephs, Democracy at Risk, SUNY Albany Science Research Program, College Chemistry, History of Science and Advanced Placement Environmental Science.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to table Agenda Item 2A-1 made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Santos.
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Draft #2- November 27, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

GENERAL

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

1. Approval of New Courses for the 2019-2020 School Year- Middle School
2. Approval of New Courses for the 2019-2020 School Year- High School

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-51 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mr. Fulton.
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/PA- Russell, J.

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2. Revised FMLA: Literacy Teacher/NW- Distler, J.
3. Revised FMLA & Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Cook/NE- Hernandez, M.
4. FMLA: Technology Teacher/HS- Cimmino, P.
5. FMLA: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Dambrose, L.
6. Resignation: Security Guard/DW- Pepitone Jr., V.
7. Resignation Special Education 1:1 Aide/PA- Jones, R.
8. Resignation: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- Nicotra, S.
9. Revised Probationary Appointment: Bilingual Teacher/PA- Feliz, J.
10. Revised Probationary Appointment: ESL Teacher/HS- Huremovic, L.
11. ILB
12. Revised Appointment: Translator- Thepenier, K.
13. Revised Appointment: Translator- Mejia, C.
14. Revised Appointment: Translator- Germain, P.
15. Appointment: Translator- Louis, G.
16. Appointment: Interpreter- Louis, G.
17. Appointment: ENL Academy/NW- Basu, S.
18. Appointment: Substitute Custodial Worker- Kelly, J.
19. Appointment: Substitute Custodial Worker- Surlin, J.
20. Appointment: Substitute Custodial Worker- Benymon, T.
21. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Art Club/MS- Dibble, J.
22. Appointment: Curriculum Writing: Math 7/MS- Harpaul, K.
23. Appointment: Curriculum Writing: Math 7/MS- Pfaffe, L.
24. Appointment: Curriculum Writing: Math 7/MS- Golub, R.
25. Appointment: Bus Monitor- Williford, S.
26. Resignation: Monitor/NW- Shelton, L.
27. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS- DeMonda, N.
28. Leave Replacement Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Ali, M.
29. Appointment: Substitute Teacher- Plaia, N.
30. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Broadcasting Club/HS- Greiss, M.
31. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Broadcasting Club/HS- Cimmino, P.
32. Appointment: Girls Varsity Softball Head Coach- Scudero, M.
33. Appointment: Girls JV Softball Head Coach- Reiner, H.
34. Appointment: Boys Varsity Baseball Head Coach- Diot, C.
35. Appointment: Boys Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach- Zider, J.
36. Appointment: Girls JV Lacrosse Head Co-Coach- Bass, N.
37. Appointment: Girls JV Lacrosse Head Co-Coach- Howard, M.
38. Appointment: Boys Track & Field Head Coach- Hawkins, R.
39. Appointment: Girls Track & Field Head Coach- Barnes, S.
40. Appointment: Girls Track & Field Assistant. Coach- Saunders, K.
41. Appointment: Boys Track & Field Assistant Coach- Pollack, J.
42. Appointment: Boys MS Track Head Coach- Germain, P.
43. Appointment: Boys MS Baseball Head Coach- Claps, B.
44. Appointment: Boys Lacrosse Intramural Coach- Maloney, T.
45. Appointment: Girls MS Basketball Intramural Coach- Hamilton, I.
46. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Annese, R.
47. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Kretz, G.

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48. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/HS- Baloga, P.
49. Appointment: Substitute Custodial Worker- Fairley, D.
50. Extend Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Food Service Worker/PA- Vasquez, M.
51. Resignation: Spanish Teacher/MS- Salcedo, L.

BUSINESS

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-10 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mr. Fulton. Discussion: Mr. Leon had questions about the Budget Transfer. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Health Service Contracts- Other Schools
2. Health Service Contracts- St. Martin of Tours
3. Use of Facilities
4. Donations
5. Appointment of Bus Routing Services
6. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets
7. Scholarship/Donation
8. Resolution of Transportation Contracts for 2018-2019
9. Metis Associates Consultant Services
10. Budget Transfer

FINANCE

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

1. Treasurer's Report- October 2018

CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 and 3E-2 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mr. Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Creative Tutoring
2. Positive Behavior Support Consulting & Psychological Resources P.C.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3F-1 and 3F-2 made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences
2. Overnight Field Trips

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REPORTS

Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, reported on Monday December 10, 2018 the school district recognized the accomplishments of Major Lieutenant-Colón USA retired and dedicated the Amityville Memorial High School in her Honor. The Art Students at the High School and Middle School helped decorate the Amityville Village. The Soccer Team participated in the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The APTC had a Holiday Sing-along with Santa; Dr. Kelly thanked Bob Claps for his participation. Dr. Kelly spoke about the continuous increase in the number of students who have been designated as athletic scholars. All student athletes will be honored at the end of the year at an awards ceremony. This Saturday the Boys Basketball will be hosting the Annual Fred Williams Memorial Classic.

Jeannette Santos asked for a timeline on the upcoming Budget. Ms. Dodd responded that it will start in January. Ms. Santos also reported on the new regulation from the State regarding physical education, that Kindergarten through grade 3, must have gym every day. Dr. Kelly responded that Dr. Etzel and Mr. Farkas are working on the information, which will be provided to the Board of Education as part of the weekly transmittal.

Ms. Santos would like to go on the record in reference to the posting that was on the Internet, that she was appalled and as a mother and female she would not want a person who posted that working with her child.

Mr. Leon asked why we have sign in sheets at the entrance of the Auditorium? Mr. Leon also questioned the process for hiring a Consultant. Dr. Kelly responded that it was discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Barnosky responded that there are many ways to obtain a Consultant. Mr. Fulton asked for clarification if an employee can be hired without going before the Board of Education. Dr. Kelly responded that consultants are professional developers and have been hired in this same manner for years. Mr. Fulton asked if there was an amount that could be spent without having the board approval? Mr. Barnosky responded that consultants hired through a BOCES Coser do not go to the local board for approval as they are hired through BOCES.. Ms. Santos stated that we are paying one person \$45,000 for 30 days. Dr. Kelly responded that we get BOCES aid on all consultants hired through this process.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Sandra Hopkins talked about Mental Health of the Children in the District, and commented that it is so important. Ms. Hopkins has a grant that offers free mental health training to School Districts in Suffolk County. Dr. Kelly responded that she would be happy to setup a meeting with her in reference to the program.

Dr. Kelly provided extensive information to the Board in the August transmittal about the consultant and the services she will be providing to the district.

Mary Jane Budde also talked about the Facebook posting. Mr. Barnosky responded that personnel issues cannot be discussed publically. Ms. Budde asked about the Consultant being given a certain amount having to go before the Board and asked that the Board look into it. Mr. Leon asked if the fund spent on the consultant are unrestricted funds? Mr. Barnosky responded that a certain amount is allocated in budgets for professional development. Ms. Dodd also responded that we get weekly transmittals from the Principals and Administrators.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 9:11 p.m. made by Ms. Pawlewicz; second by Mr. Fulton.
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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