

April 10, 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2019

AMITYVILLE U.F.S.D.  
APPROVED  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 6/12/19  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
*Barbara Miller*

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Dodd at Park Avenue North, Board Room

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President  
Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Laura Pawlewicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee  
Allie McDonough, Trustee (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)  
Jeannette Santos, Trustee

ABSENT: Terry Fulton, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Eugene R. Barnosky, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Lauren Schrihzer, Esq, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing issues involving a special education student, and seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney, made by Ms. Benard-Handler; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 7:21 p.m. made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President  
Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Laura Pawlewicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee  
Allie McDonough, Trustee  
Jeannette Santos, Trustee

ABSENT: Terry Fulton, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Andrea Pekar, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Dr. Thomas DeNicola, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services  
Lauren Schrihzer, Esq, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Barbara Miller, District Clerk  
Mr. Peter Paternostro, 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. Sonia Rodrigo, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Ms. Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Ms. Wiederhold, Assistant 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

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Ms. Maria Andreotti, Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Mr. Brian Suckle, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Mr. John Cardone, Dean of Students, Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 100

President Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Kelly introduced the Women and Girls in Sports initiative, which was the brainchild of trustees Ms. Pawlewicz and Ms. McDonough, both Amityville Alumni and women athletes, who wanted to do something special for our girls and women athletes. Mr. Farkas, our Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, was part of the planning.

Mr. Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, along with student athletes and coaches, presented on the Girls and Women in Sports event.

Bob Claps, President of the ATA, asked to recognize all of the Tenure Candidates and give the candidates an award from the ATA.

Gary Scheide of BBS and Derek Knatz of Park East updated the Board on the Administration Building, Roof Replacement and Masonry Reconstruction Projects; the Edmund Miles Middle School Window Replacement Project; the Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Capital Improvements Project; and the Amityville Memorial High School, Additions and Alterations Capital Project.

Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, and Ms. Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, presented on our programs for students with Autism. Mr. Paternostro spoke about a book study that took place between December and March with staff on the book, *The Way I See It*, by Temple Grandin.

Dr. Thomas DeNicola, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services, presented information regarding the Smart Schools Bond Act.

Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, presented Budget Workshop #6, the Budget Review and Adoption of the Budget for the 2019-20 school year.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. Draft #1- Special Meeting- March 6, 2019
2. Draft #1- Regular Meeting- March 13, 2019

### ACTION

Motion to add Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Adoption of the 2019-2020 Budget

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Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-2 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

2. Appointment of Workers for the Amityville UFSD Budget Vote & Trustee Election on 5/21/2019

**GENERAL**

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

1. Resolution Agreement

**PERSONNEL**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-24 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Tenure Appointment: Dean of Students/HS- Cardone, J.
2. Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW- Bass, N.
3. Tenure Appointment: Spanish Teacher/HS- Bueno, R.
4. Tenure Appointment: Spanish Teacher/MS- Calderon, M.
5. Tenure Appointment: Elementary School/NE- Chandler, R.
6. Tenure Appointment: English Teacher/MS- Colon, L.
7. Tenure Appointment: Reading Teacher/NW- Distler, J.
8. Tenure Appointment: Earth Science Teacher/HS- Fallot, P.
9. Tenure Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Fallot, R.
10. Tenure Appointment: Bilingual Teacher/PA- Feliz, J.
11. Tenure Appointment: Music Teacher/HS & MS- Ferrante, B.
12. Tenure Appointment: Physical Education/Health Teacher/ HS & MS- Germain, P.
13. Tenure Appointment: Transition Coordinator/ HS & MS- Gross, K.
14. Tenure Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/HS- Howard, M.
15. Tenure Appointment: ESL Teacher/HS- Huremovic, L.
16. Tenure Appointment: ESL Teacher/MS- Jorgensen, J.
17. Tenure Appointment: ENL Teacher/MS- Mejia, C.
18. Tenure Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/MS- Newman, J.
19. Tenure Appointment: Art Teacher/HS- Pappas, N.
20. Tenure Appointment: Art Teacher/HS- Rickard, H.
21. Tenure Appointment: ESL Teacher/HS- Romeo, C.
22. Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA- Scharf, M.
23. Tenure Appointment: Art Teacher/MS- Scoca, N.
24. Tenure Appointment: ESL Teacher/NW- Soto, K.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-25 through 3B-30 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

25. FMLA: Elementary Teacher/NW- Byrd, J.

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26. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/NW- Grayson, S.
27. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Food Service Worker- Agbe-Davies, P.
28. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: English Teacher- Wilson, K.
29. Leave of Absence W/O Pay Teaching Assistant/NW- Mazes, T.
30. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education 1:1 Aide- Spence, J.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-31 through 3B-45 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

31. Resignation for Retirement: School Psychologist/NE- Beckles, N.
32. Resignation for Retirement: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Bielecka-O'Doherty, B.
33. Resignation for Retirement: Special Education Teacher/MS- Budnick, R.
34. Resignation for Retirement: Mathematics Teacher/MS- Golub, R.
35. Resignation for Retirement: Social Worker/HS- Hawkins, R.
36. Resignation for Retirement: ESL Teacher/HS- Hurst, J
37. Resignation for Retirement: Elementary Teacher/NE- Jones, D.
38. Resignation for Retirement: Science Teacher/MS- Napoli, J.
39. Resignation for Retirement: Elementary Teacher/NE- O'Connor, P.
40. Resignation for Retirement: Special Education Teacher/NE- Rubin, J.
41. Resignation for Retirement: Reading Teacher/HS- Seehof, C.
42. Resignation for Retirement: Elementary Teacher/NE- Smith, D.
43. Resignation for Retirement: Reading Teacher/MS- Starkey, K.
44. Resignation for Retirement: Music Teacher/NW- Tannenbaum, R.
45. Resignation for Retirement: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Zuar, C.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-46 through 3B-80 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

46. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA- LaRocco, D.
47. Leave Replacement Appointment: Science Teacher/HS- Adler, T.
48. Appointment: SCEP Team- Brower, T.
49. Appointment: SCEP Team- Clairborne, L.
50. Appointment: SCEP Team- Ciliotta, L
51. Appointment: SCEP Team- Dauria, D.
52. Appointment: SCEP Team- Lim, N.
53. Appointment: SCEP Team- Martin, M.
54. Appointment: SCEP Team- Offitto, B.
55. Appointment: SCEP Team- Pfaffe, L.
56. Appointment: SCEP Team- Rosario, K.
57. Appointment: SCEP Team- Silon, R.
58. Appointment: SCEP Team- Somapeera, U.
59. Appointment: SCEP Team- Starkey, K.
60. Appointment: SCEP Team- Uliano, J.
61. Appointment: Intramural Coaches: MS Girls Soccer- Hamilton, I.
62. Appointment: Intramural Coaches: MS Boys Soccer- Katsigiorgis, J.
63. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Doht, P.
64. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Baloga, P.

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65. Resignation: Monitor/MS- Jessup, B.
66. Revised FMLA & Leave of Absence W/O Pay Science Teacher/HS- Garofano, C.
67. Appointment: STEP Coordinator & Liaison- Mizrachi, D.
68. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: Math- Spatola, C.
69. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: Math- Bates, T.
70. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: ELA- Tesoro, K.
71. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: ELA- Reichel, A.
72. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: ELA- Wilsher, J.
73. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: US History- Rexach, S.
74. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: US History- Schulken, J.
75. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: Global History- Howard, M.
76. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: ENL- Jorgensen, J.
77. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Class: Living Environment- Castro, N.
78. Revised Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/MS- Latty, B.
79. Appointment: Leave Replacement Central Treasurer- Intrieri, C.
80. Resignation: Monitor/MS- Seehof, C.

### **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-7 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program
2. Use of Facilities
3. Donations
4. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools
5. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets
6. Budget Transfer
7. CPNI Security Service Agreement

### **FINANCE**

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

1. Treasurer's Report- February 2019

### **CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

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

1. Sensational Development Occupational Therapy PLLC

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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

1. Approval of Conferences

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## REPORTS

Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, reported on an exploratory initiative on block scheduling at the secondary level. The Student Advisory Committee, which includes parents, students, teachers and administrators, has met to discuss different aspects of the schedule and the needs of the students. She shared that the committee will be visiting the King Park Schools to see how block scheduling works in the Middle and High Schools.

This month, Ms. Pawlewicz, Ms. McDonough, Ms. Santos, and Dr. Kelly met with Mayor Siry, to discuss a request made by Mayor Dennis Siry to honor Mr. William Kretz, a longtime resident, teacher, and administrator in the Amityville School District. A committee will be formed to establish a Hall of Achievement, which will be named in honor of Mr. Kretz.

Last Saturday the District held a Diversity Hiring Fair to fill positions that will be available for the 2019-2020 school year as a result of faculty retirements on June 30, 2019. This event was very successful in identifying candidates to move forward in our hiring process.

Mr. Farkas, Ms. Pekar and Dr. Kelly met with representatives from the Maurer Foundation to discuss ways in which the District can incorporate a Breast Health Program for our schools and community.

At the end of March, Ms. Pawlewicz, Ms. McDonough, Ms. Benard-Handler and Dr. Kelly attended the National School Boards Association Convention, which was held in Philadelphia.

The Amityville School District has received the honor of being named one of the Best Communities for Music Education.

## COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Carolyn Chikazunga asked how many positions were filled as a result of the Diversity Fair. Dr. Kelly responded that we are still in the process. Ms. Chikazunga also asked about a study that was conducted in promoting diversity in the professional staff? Dr. Kelly responded that Dr. Coverdale did a training with the District.

Rev. Alexia B. Huart talked about the use of Smartboards in the classrooms. She also asked if the Black Colleges Tour would continue in the next school year? Dr. Kelly responded yes.

Mr. Goddard had questions about the Diversity Committee. He asked how the public can be made aware of the activities of this committee? Dr. Kelly responded that some ideas include: making a presentation to the School Board, hosting an information night in various schools, and posting information on the District Website.

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 10:12 p.m. made by Ms. Pawlewicz; second by Ms. McDonough.  
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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