

June 5, 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Special Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2019

AMITYVILLE U.F.S.D.
BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED
DATE 6/5/19
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE
Barbara Miller

The Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by President Dodd at Park Avenue North, Board Room

- IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President
 Juan Leon, 1st Vice President (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)
 Laura McVeety Pawlewicz, 2nd Vice President
 Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee
 Terry Fulton, Trustee
 Allie McDonough, Trustee
 Jeannette Santos, Trustee (left at 6:22 p.m. – returned at 7:08 p.m.)
- ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
 Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations (arrived at 6:09 pm – 6:15 p.m.)
 Sharon N. Berlin, Esq, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP
 Eugene R. Barnosky, Esq, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation in the matters of Notices of Claim on behalf of C.P., W.A. & L.G., negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the CSEA & Nurses Units, the employment history of a particular person, matters leading to the discipline of a particular person, seeking legal advice from the Board’s Attorney, made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:43 p.m.

COMMUNITY: 15

President Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Juan Leon, 1st Vice President
 Laura McVeety Pawlewicz, 2nd Vice President
 Terry Fulton, Trustee
 Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee
 Allie McDonough, Trustee
 Jeannette Santos, Trustee
- ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
 Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
 Andrea Pekar, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
 Dr. Thomas DeNicola, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services
 Barbara Miller, District Clerk
 Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School

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COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Toni Bean spoke about the appointment of Ed Plaia as Acting Principal of the High School. Judge Bean had concerns about the preparedness of the Middle School for this coming school year.

Dr. Kelly responded that the Middle School and High School will be well prepared to welcome students in September.

Michael McDonald expressed concerns about Mr. Plaia leaving the Middle School and about the curriculum at the Middle School. Mr. McDonald had met with the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum but his issues still haven't been resolved. Mr. McDonald also had concerns that his daughters' math teacher was teaching without a curriculum.

Dr. Kelly responded that she is aware of all of the communications between Mr. McDonald and district personnel and responded that the district has a math curriculum that had been given to Mr. McDonald with all requested materials.

ACTION

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2C-1 to 2C-5 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Appointment of Substitute Worker and Rescission of Appointment of Workers for the Amityville UFSD Budget Vote & Trustee Election on 5/21/2019
2. Service Agreement with West Hills Academy
3. Establish Date for Annual Reorganization Meeting
4. Authorization of Construction Emergency Project
5. 2019-2020 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Review Draft Agenda

6. Review of Draft Agenda for June 12, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion to amend Agenda to add Item 2C-7 made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-7 made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

7. Dedication of Amityville Memorial High School Softball Field

GENERAL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A-1 and 3A-2 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Donation of Sick Days
2. Request for Student to Remain in AUFSD

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PERSONNEL

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

1. Appointment: Acting Principal/HS- Plaia, E.
2. Appointment: Acting Principal/MS- Mitchell, E.
3. Resignation for Retirement: Nurse/MS- Bosch, C.
4. Resignation: Assistant Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education- Parmentier, S.
5. Rescind Appointment: Monitor/MS- Infante, R.
6. Appointment: Monitor/NW- Farkash, A.
7. Appointment: Saturday Regents Review Classes: Social Studies- Kretz, W.

BUSINESS

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 and 3C-2 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Discussion: Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. The Theodora James Bineares Scholarship
2. Reserve for Retirement Contributions TRS

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. Approval of Conferences

COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Juan Leon commended Dr. Kelly on a job well done in providing for the safety of all students during a shooting incident in the village which occurred during dismissal on June 4, 2019.

Lindsey Singer asked the Board of Education to honor her late mother, Sue Amato, a long time teacher and coach in Amityville, by naming the High School Softball Field in her name.

Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz also commented that Ms. Amato was a wonderful teacher.

Judge Toni Bean concurred that the Board should honor Sue Amato.

Michael O'Neill, Diane Egglinger and Jeannette Santos also spoke in support of having the High School Softball Field named in honor of Sue Amato. The Board added agenda item 2C-7 to name the Softball Field in honor of Susan Amato.

Michael McDonald asked for additional curriculum at the Middle School. Dr. Kelly responded that she would verify that it was sent to him. If necessary, the appropriate staff would meet with him to review it and answer any questions.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 8:28 p.m. made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.