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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2020

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by President Dodd at the Amityville Memorial High School, Auditorium.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Carolyn Dodd, President  
Laura McVeety Pawlewicz, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Juan Leon, Trustee  
Allie McDonough, Trustee  
Jeannette Santos, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Susan Benard-Handler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Dr. Thomas DeNicola, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services  
Sharon N. Berlin, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Barbara Miller, District Clerk  
Christine Kim, Assistant Business Administrator  
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education  
Virginia Figueroa, Assistant Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education  
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health  
Mary Stephens, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages  
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School  
Kathleen Hyland, Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Sonia Rodrigo, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Melissa Wiederhold, Assistant Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Earl Mitchell, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Paul Duguay, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Lurdez Berrios, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Edward Plaia, Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Brian Suckle, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Dr. John Cardone, Dean of Students, Amityville Memorial High School

**AMITYVILLE U.F.S.D.**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED**  
**MINUTES**  
DATE 2/12/20  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
*Barbara Miller*

**COMMUNITY:** 20

President Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, and Karen Gross Amityville Memorial High School Teacher- Update on High School Hero's.
- Park East Construction Corp. and Burton, Behrendt, Smith, PC – Capital Project Update.
- J.C. Broderick And Associates – Update on the Park Ave Cafeteria Floor.
- Edward Plaia, Principal, Amityville Memorial High School- Update on the New CourseCatalog at the Amityville Memorial High School, for the 2020-21 School Year.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2A-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Draft #1- December 11, 2019- Board of Education Regular Meeting

### BOARD ACTION

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-3 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Acceptance of Independent External Audit
2. Acceptance of External Audit Corrective Action Plan
3. Acceptance of Internal Audit Corrective Action Plan

### GENERAL

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Approval of New Courses for the 2020-2021 School Year- High School

### PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-1 through 3B-52 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Rescind Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker- Lowe, R.
2. Resignation: Building Principal Secretary/PA- Costagliola, T.
3. Resignation: Special Education 1:1 Aide/NW- Davis-Augustine, J.
4. Resignation: Food Service Worker/MS- Chervin, W.
5. Resignation: Food Service Worker/PA- Vasquez, M.
6. Resignation: Monitor/NW- Harris, A.
7. Resignation: Monitor/PA- Marquis, Y.
8. Resignation: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- Pope, M.
9. Revised FMLA & Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education Teacher/NW- Carrero, D.
10. Intermittent FMLA: Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics/DW- Farkas, E.
11. FMLA: Special Education Teacher/MS- Azzara, E.
12. FMLA: ENL Teacher/PA- Steinberg, N.
13. Revised Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/NW- Shah, A.
14. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education Teacher/PA- Locher, C.
15. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/NE- Tejada-Torres, R.
16. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/MS- Singh, S.
17. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education 1:1 Aide/NW- Riche, S.
18. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Food Service Worker/NE- Joyner, G.
19. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Food Service Worker/HS- Tejada, J.
20. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Food Service Worker/HS- Quiroz, M.
21. Revised Probationary Appointment: Elementary Teacher/PA- Maurer, L.

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22. Probationary Appointment: Registered Nurse/MS- Russell, C.
23. Leave Replacement Appointment: School Psychologist/NW- Ulahannan, S.
24. Leave Replacement Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/HS/MS- Salemo, J.
25. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education/ Mathematics Teacher/HS- Ghicas, L.
26. ILB
27. Appointment: Security Guard- Sagistano, M.
28. Appointment: Security Guard- Siegel, A.
29. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher: English- Lisle, D.
30. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher: English- Brunson, C.
31. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher: Math- McDermott, M.
32. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher: Math- Fallot, R.
33. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher: Physical Education- McCoy, G.
34. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher: Health- Maloney, T.
35. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher: Science- Castro, N.
36. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher: Social Studies- Mizrachi, D.
37. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher: Spanish- Castro, E.
38. Appointment: Adult Education Program: Kayaking- Dinghy Shop
39. Appointment: Adult Education Program: Notary Class- Notary Public
40. Appointment: Intramural Coach Supervisor: Lacrosse/Elementary- Bass, N.
41. Appointment: Intramural Coach Supervisor: Lacrosse/Elementary- Howard, M.
42. Appointment: Intramural Coach Supervisor: Special Olympics/PA- Feehan, R.
43. Appointment: Intramural Coach Supervisor: Physical Education/MS- Hamilton, I.
44. Appointment: Intramural Coach Supervisor: Physical Education/MS- Karafantis, G.
45. Appointment: Monitor/PA- Brink, D.
46. Appointment: Monitor/PA- McCann, A.
47. Appointment: Monitor/PA- Johnson, E.
48. Appointment: Chaperone- Borja, A.
49. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- Cruz, J.
50. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS- Salemo, J.
51. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide- Phillip, C.
52. Appointment: Substitute Monitor- Cornelia, C.

## **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-12 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Budget Transfer
2. Extend PMA Management Corp. Service Agreement
3. Use of Facilities
4. Motion to Increase 2019-20 Budget
5. Donations
6. Disposal of Fixed Assets
7. Change Order: NE School (Construction Consultants, L1 / Hirsch & Co.)
8. Change Order: NW School (Irwin Contracting / Roland's Electric, Inc.)
9. Change Order: NW School (Irwin Contracting)
10. Change Order: AMHS (Hi-Tech Air Conditioning Service, Inc. / Hartcorn Plumbing & Heating)

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11. Change Order: AMHS (VRD Contracting, Inc.)
12. Health Service Contracts- Other Schools

### **FINANCE**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Treasurer's Report- November 2019

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

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 and 3E-2 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Seaford UFSD
2. University of San Diego Center for Restorative Justice

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences

### **REPORTS**

The following reports were from Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary T. Kelly:

- DECA Club competed in a Regional Competition, at Suffolk Community College on January 8, 2020 and all the winners will go to the State Competition in Rochester in February.
- Completed a Grant from the Children and Family Services, and were awarded a grant over the next 4 years, for an After School Program.
- The Diversity & Inclusiveness Advisory Council Update.
- Budget Process Update.
- Funding for a Pre Kindergarten Program.
- Meeting with Legislative, for Foundation Aide for our Family and Students.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Tara Mazes spoke about her concerns regarding the Varsity Boys Basketball Team.

Madelyn Quintyne McConneyspoke about Diversity outreach and asked to not forget about the L.I.B.E.A.

Carolyn Chickazunga spoke about the Friday night open gym, which she runs through Living Hope Baptist Church.

Susan Heenan would like to know where she could find the DASA Complaint form on the district website. Dr. Kelly responded that she would send her the link.

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Tyron Tillman stated he was a former Basketball player and remembered that benching students also happened. Jeannette Santos, Trustee, stated that it has not always been that way.

Christine Ho wanted to know if the coaches had to follow the same code of conduct that is on the website, also what is the certification that is needed. Dr. Kelly stated that employees must follow all guidelines, regulations, requirements and expectations for professional behavior.

Noah Bullard would like to know when the Community will know who is running for School Board. Ms. Dodd responded that three seats expire on June 30, 2020: her seat, Ms. McDonough, and Ms. Benard Handler. The District will not know who is running until valid petitions are submitted to the district clerk.

Mathew Troche spoke regarding the daily progress reports by teachers for student athletes. He stated that he would like the teachers to put more consideration in it.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the Amityville Teachers Association, CSEA Unit II, and CSEA Building and Grounds Unit, the employment history of a particular person, matters leading to the discipline of a particular person, and seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney, made by Ms. McVeetyPawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.

Motion Carries: 4 Yes; 1 No (Ms. Santos); 0 Abstain.

Executive Session resumed at 8:50 p.m. in the Park Avenue North, Board Room.

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ABSENT: Susan Benard-Handler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Jeannette Santos, Trustee  
ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Sharon N. Berlin, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP

Motion to exit Executive Session and adjourn Open Meeting at 10:30 p.m. made by Ms. McVeetyPawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Motion Carries: 4 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain