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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Monthly Remote Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2020

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Dr. Fulton. At the Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, Gym.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terry Fulton, President  
Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Carol Seehof, Trustee

ABSENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Miller, District Clerk

AMITYVILLE U.F.S.D.  
APPROVED  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 8/12/20  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
Barbara Miller

Dr. Fulton led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to go into executive session at 6:32 p.m. to interview for Claims Auditor made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes, 0 No; 0 Abstain.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terry Fulton, President  
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Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Carol Seehof, Trustee

Motion to exit executive session and return to public meeting at 7:52 p.m. made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes, 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Carol Seehof, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Andrea Pekar, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Thomas DeNicola, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services  
Gregory Guercio, Guercio & Guercio, LLP  
Barbara Miller, District Clerk

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**BOARD ACTION**

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

1. Rescind Appointment: Social Studies Chairperson/HS- Zider, J.

## PERSONNEL

Table Agenda Item 3C-5 Revised Probationary Appointment: Art Teacher/HS- Cimmino, P.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-62 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mr. Kretz .  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Termination: Registered Nurse/MS- Russell, C.
2. Resignation: Assistant Principal/PA- Wiederhold, M.
3. Resignation: Science Teacher/MS- Dittmar, L.
4. Intermittent FMLA: Elementary Teacher/NW- Korounos, O.
5. Tabled: Revised Probationary Appointment: Art Teacher/HS- Cimmino, P.
6. Rescind Appointment: Activity Advisor: Video Announcements/MS- Scoca, N.
7. Rescind Appointment: Activity Advisor: National Jr. Art Honor Society/MS- Scoca, N.
8. Rescind Appointment: Activity Advisor: Tri-M/MS- Ferrante, B.
9. Rescind Appointment: Activity Advisor: Chamber Orchestra/MS- Ferrante, B.
10. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Freshman Class Advisor/HS- Rexach, S.
11. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Co-Advisor Warrior Nation/HS- Tomasi, M
12. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Co-Advisor Warrior Nation/HS- Tesoro, K.
13. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Choral Director/HS- Koraus, D.
14. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Jazz Band/MS- Bonasera, M.
15. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Chamber Orchestra/MS- Klimek, C.
16. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Tri-M/MS- Abate, A.
17. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Asst. Drama Club/MS- Abate, A.
18. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Co-Advisor Band Director/MS- Abate, A.
19. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Co-Advisor Band Director/MS- Bonasera, M.
20. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Choral Director/MS- Ashe, M.
21. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Video Announcements/MS- Colon, L.
22. Appointment: Summer Social Worker/HS- Marrero, K.
23. Appointment: Summer Social Worker/MS- Offitto, B.
24. Appointment: Adult Education: Dance Fun- Daskin, H.
25. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work- Thepenier, K.
26. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work- Brower, T.
27. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work- Kearney, K.
28. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work- Noon, J.
29. Appointment: Transition Coordinator Summer Work- Gross, K.
30. Appointment: Piano Accompanist- Brooks, M.
31. Appointment: Drill Writer- Douglas, R.
32. Appointment: Credit Recovery Coordinator: ELA/Social Studies/MS- Ciliotta, L.
33. Appointment: Credit Recovery Coordinator: Math/Science/MS- Lim, N.
34. Appointment: Credit Recovery Coordinator: Math/Science/MS- Martin, M.
35. Appointment: Credit Recovery Coordinator: ELA/Social Studies/HS- Tomasi, M.
36. Appointment: Credit Recovery Coordinator: Math/Science/HS- Garofano, C.
37. Appointment: Grab and Go Summer Meal Program: Cook- Berry, J.
38. Appointment: Grab and Go Summer Meal Program: Cook- Reyes-Cruz, A.
39. Appointment: Grab and Go Summer Meal Program: Food Service Worker- Higgins, P

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40. Appointment: Grab and Go Summer Meal Program: Food Service Worker- Lopez, S.
41. Appointment: Grab and Go Summer Meal Program: Food Service Worker- Lopez-Maldonado, B.
42. Appointment: Grab and Go Summer Meal Program: Food Service Worker- Radziewicz, C.
43. Appointment: Grab and Go Summer Meal Program: Food Service Worker- Raifer, M.
44. Appointment: Grab and Go Summer Meal Program: Sub Food Service Worker- Brown-Hendricks, K.
45. Appointment: Grab and Go Summer Meal Program: Sub Food Service Worker- Amaya-Gomez, G.
46. Appointment: Substitute Messenger- Alborez, R.
47. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Bright, I.
48. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Bristel, L.
49. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Butler, Q.
50. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Fields, Y.
51. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Gray, A.
52. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Johnson, F.
53. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Kelly, J.
54. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Merritt, G.
55. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Ortiz, T.
56. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Rogers, M.
57. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Surlin, J.
58. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Tobin, J.
59. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Tutt, G.
60. Appointment: Substitute Summer Custodian- Wilsher, K.
61. Appointment: Substitute Office Assistant- Cammaroto, D.
62. Appointment: Substitute Office Assistant- Kuperstein, S.

### **BUSINESS**

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

1. Health Service Contracts- Other Schools

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-2 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Ms. Santos.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

2. Donations

### **FINANCE**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Ms. Seehof.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.  
Discussion: Lisa Johnson will submit questions to Dr. Kelly.

1. Treasurer's Report- May 2020

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

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-16 made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Mr. Leon.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. All About Kids
2. Bilingual Inc.
3. CAPS

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4. Da Vinci Education & Research
5. Dr. Geffner
6. Gayle Kligman Therapeutic
7. Greenburgh - Graham UFSD
8. Health Source Group
9. Horizon Health Care's Staffing
10. Mill Neck
11. MKSA
12. New York Therapy
13. Positive Behavior Support Consulting
14. Seaford Union Free School District
15. Sensational Development
16. West Hills

## **REPORTS**

Gregory Guercio of Guercio and Guercio:

- Reported on the reopening of schools.
- Retrieving the files from previous Counsel.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Lisa Johnson & Carol Seehof

- Credit recovery: Questions will be submitted to the Superintendent.
- Reopening plan for our schools.

Dr. Fulton has a list of questions to submit to Dr. Kelly.

Carol Seehof asked about Academic intervention services.

Dr. Fulton and Lisa Johnson spoke about advertising for the BOE Vacancy.

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

Toni Bean submitted a list of question to the District Clerk.

Ms. Miller, District Clerk read the questions to the Board. (see attached #1).

Nakia Wolf, President of the ATA submitted a statement to the Board. (see attached #2)

Dr. Fulton and the Board made statements to the community in reference to working together with the Community, Unions and Staff.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the selection of Claims Auditors made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

IN ATTENDANCE:    Dr. Terry Fulton, President  
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Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 9:30 p.m. made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Ms. Santos. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

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Motion to amend the agenda to add agenda item 2C-2 which is the Appointment of Claims Auditor made by Ms. Kretz; seconded by Mr. Leon. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

2. Claims Auditor – Cerini Associates, LLP

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-2 made by Ms. Kretz; seconded by Mr. Leon.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 1 No (Ms. Santos); 0 Abstain.

2. Claims Auditor – Cerini Associates, LLP

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 9:40 p.m. made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. Kretz .  
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

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Attachment #1

**To:**

**Dr. Terry Fulton, Juan Leon, Jeannette Santos, Lisa Johnson, Leslie Kretz, Carol Seehof and Dr. Mary Kelly**

There are a number of questions I have regarding the upcoming academic school year 2020-2021. Since the public is not permitted to ask questions, I present the following questions to be answered:

1. How many students can fit in each classroom, with social distancing, at the middle school and high schools?  
At the elementary level?
2. How is block scheduling going to be implemented with social distancing?
3. How are students going to be assessed following virtual distant learning?
4. Is there funding for additional staff to bring all students up to level?
5. Is there funding for additional staff to teach students, with the social distancing, at 100% capacity?
6. With the emotional and psychological impact of the pandemic, have additional social workers and/or psychologist been hired to address the students needs?
7. Will the district be able to open at full capacity in September complying with the social distancing guidelines?
8. What accommodations are being made to educate students virtually with compromised medical conditions?

Thank you in advance for responding to these questions.

Toni Bean

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Attachment #2

Nakia Wolfe

Good evening Amityville board, Dr. Kelly, members of central office and distinguished guest

I'm Nakia Wolfe, president of the ATA. At this time I'd like to thank the previous board for their service and welcome the new members of the board.

The ATA hopes that this is the beginning of a partnership in which we are able to dedicate ourselves to doing what is best for our students. In order to do that, it would behoove us to work as a team and look to establish a system of checks and balances.

Our hope is that student achievement and cultivating productive members of our community and society remains at the forefront of district goals.

The teachers of Amityville have been a stabilizing force. Through the various school boards and administrators, we have remained constants while making children our focus. However, the recent actions of the district has had a detrimental effect on teacher morale.

The district has moved towards filing charges against members involved in fundraising for our students. The most recent occurrence was done without union representation. Absent in this process was the existence of consistent fundraising training, and protocols. Many of these charges have resulted in teacher slander, be it in the district or in the community, fines in order to return to teaching, or teacher resignation to prevent the loss of their licenses.

In spite of aforementioned, the ATA is hopeful that we can renew a relationship that is both positive and professional. This is essential as we plan for the return of our students. Hopefully, as time is of the essence, we can get our reopening committees up and running. The health and safety of our students and all district personal is of the utmost importance as we resume the practice of educating our youth. Let's work to strengthen our communication and the faith that we act as one for the betterment of our district.

Thank you!