

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Special Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2021

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Fulton, at the Edmund W. Miles Middle School Cafeteria

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Fulton, President
Juan Leon, 1st Vice President
Jeannette Santos, 2nd Vice President
David Heller, Trustee
Lisa Johnson, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Carol Seehof, Trustee

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APPROVED
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
DATE 11-3-2021
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE
Eileen Becker

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward Fale, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Joseph Dragone, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

A motion to move into Executive Session at 5:36 p.m. for the purpose of advice from Legal Counsel made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mr. Heller.

Discussion: None. **Motion Carries:** 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to resume Open Session at 7:30 p.m. made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

Discussion: None. **Motion Carries:** 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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Dr. Bridgette Wilson, Director for Human Resources
Eileen Becker, District Clerk
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

COMMUNITY: 7 Community Members attended

Dr. Fulton led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the emergency exit statement.

COMMUNITY INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Amanda O'Connor asked do the mentor teachers handle any school funds. Dr. Fale answered they do not.

BOARD ACTION

1. Draft Agenda Review for October 13, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2C-1 made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Ms. Johnson.

Discussion:

- Ms. Johnson asked if there would be minutes on the October 13th agenda, the District Clerk responded yes.

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- Mr. Leon asked what the duties are of the Lead Nurse (3B-49). Dr. Lange responded this position will keep track of all COVID matters i.e. who is out, who has returned, who is quarantined and keeps track of the staff's vaccinations.
- Ms. Johnson asked about 3B-115 was on the original submission but has been removed. It was a TBD and the position was not filled.
- There were no more questions about the draft October 13th agenda.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

PERSONNEL

- 1.Appointment: Historically Black College Tour Chaperone- Hawkins, R.
- 2.Appointment: Historically Black College Tour Chaperone- Beckles, N.
- 3.Appointment: Historically Black College Tour Chaperone- Lee, D.
- 4.Appointment: Historically Black College Tour Chaperone- Sage, S.
- 5.Appointment: Historically Black College Tour Chaperone- Asbell, G.
- 6.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Altamura, N.
- 7.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Asbell, M.
- 8.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Ashe, M.
- 9.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Bausano, H.
- 10.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Bianco, J.
- 11.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Brooks, M.
- 12.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Calderon, M.
- 13.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Carlucci, S.
- 14.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Chandler, R.
- 15.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Darling, K.
- 16.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Dauria, D.
- 17.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Gannon, C.
- 18.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Garofano, C.
- 19.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Gomez, S.
- 20.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Graham, D.
- 21.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Iannotta, L.
- 22.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Katsigiorgis, J.
- 23.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Krepil, M.
- 24.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Lee, D.
- 25.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Lievano, M.
- 26.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Martine, C.
- 27.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- McCormack, M.
- 28.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- McCormack, T.
- 29.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Mejia, C.
- 30.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Metaxas, I.
- 31.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Offitto, B.
- 32.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Pepe, J.
- 33.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Postiglione, M.
- 34.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Seubert, J.
- 35.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Silon, R.
- 36.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Somapeera, U.
- 37.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Stein, A.
- 38.Appointment: Mentor Teacher-Thorn, K.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-38 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mr. Leon.

Discussion:

- Mrs. Santos asked why the chaperones (3B1-5) being paid, she thought this were volunteer positions. Dr. Fale responded it is an actual high school activity that requires supervision and they will be paid the supervisory rates.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

BUSINESS

1.2021-2022 Tax Anticipation Notes

2.Athletic Trainer Contract

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 and 3C-2 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

Discussion:

- Ms. Johnson asked regarding the Tax Anticipation Notes are loans until we get the tax funds from the Towns of Babylon and Oyster Bay. Mr. Dragone confirmed that.
- Ms. Johnson asked regarding the Athletic Trainer contract that mentions Concussion Policy and we have all the proper documentation as outlined in our policy. Mr. Dragone confirmed that.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1.Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3F-1 made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Mrs. Santos.

Discussion: None **Motion Carries:** 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

REPORTS

- A. Legal Counsel for the District – No Report
- B. Superintendent of Schools
 - Outstanding Homecoming Parade and exciting game
 - Unfortunately the incident among visiting students caused the police to be called and resulted in no arrests but ongoing investigation
- C. Board of Education
 - Mr. Leon commented on the visitors from LeMoyne-Owens College and inspiring presentation along with Dr. Fulton and Mr. Heller.
 - Mr. Leon also mentioned the issue of cell phones in classes and Dr. Fale acknowledged the use of cell phones has changed drastically as a result of COVID.

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Nakia Wolfe

- Was happy to see Dr. Fulton is back and wants to see an open and respectful climate in addressing issues going forward.

Mikhail Ankudovych

- While COVID is a serious pandemic, it is not an excuse and is being used as one.
- Last minute Pep rally limited to only Seniors and Varsity. However students and staff rate of Covid is low. The parade had no limitations and included the public where the higher rate of Covid is being reported. Dr. Fale said the decision was made to err on the side of caution rather than take a chance with public health and safety.

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- Hand sanitizers and water fountains not working properly
- Our college fair was changed to virtual last minute but we hosted LeMoyne-Owens College
- Not consistent with the rules when to cancel an event or not; same with wearing masks

Amanda O'Connor

- Dr. Lange did not get back to her as promised at the last meeting.
- Some events that are being cancelled and that they are cancelled at the last minute. These are once in a lifetime events
- If everyone is required to wear masks on school grounds, why not at the football game
- Because of the incident involving the police, why was there not a robo call out to the parents
- The SUNY research class does that have a teacher yet or is it being used as a study hall. The answer is the teacher slotted for that assignment pulled out last minute due to illness. A substitute was assigned and also became ill and another substitute was assigned and the posting for the permanent position was issued.
- Why can't her child use the bathroom during class changes but has to leave her classroom during class. Any administrator, monitor or guard would help a student and unlock a bathroom when needed.

Mikhail Ankudovych

- They are told the bathrooms are locked the first 10 minutes and last 10 minutes of class and during passing periods and what you were told seems to be a miscommunication from Mr. Plaia. Dr. Fale will look into the bathroom policy.
- Also the hand sanitizers not working are only in need of batteries, why can maintenance fix this.

Mr. Bullard

- After school activity buses not available and his daughter stays until 4:30 for a late bus when she is done at 2:30. Mr. Dragone answered not enough drivers and the bus companies have scaled back.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz

Discussion: None **Motion Carries:** 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain