

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Monthly Business Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2021**  
**Edmund W. Miles Middle School Cafeteria**

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Fulton at 5:35 p.m.

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  
Dr. Edward Fale, Interim Superintendent  
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Assistant Superintendent  
Joseph Dragone, Interim Assistant Superintendent  
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

ABSENT: David Heller, Trustee

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 12/8/2021  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
Eileen Becker

A motion to move into Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel made by Mr. Leon seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion Carries Unanimously.

A motion to resume Open Session at 7:30 p.m. made by Mr. Leon seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion Carries Unanimously.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Bridgette Waite, Director for Human Resources  
Eileen Becker, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 9 Community Members in person; 8-10 attended via zoom and 18 Administration Staff were present.

**Presentations**

Dr. Fale congratulated the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team becoming the Long Island Champions, presenting them with certificates and wishing them well as they head for the 2021 NYSPHSAA Championship.

Alan Yu of Cullen and Danowski presented the Audit Report for the period ending June 30, 2021.

Lauren Knudsen presented the Technology Update Report for the district.

Joseph Dragone reviewed the role of the Treasurer and explained a portion of the Finance Report regarding the Claims Auditor's role as well.

**Community Input on Agenda Items**

Toni Bean – appreciated the Technology Presentation and asked that the chromebooks are tracked by the assigned students in case of theft.

Nakie Wolfe – thanked the Board for the approval of donation of sick days.

**Approval of Board Minutes**

1. September 22, 2021 Regular Meeting

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2. September 22, 2021 Audit Committee
3. September 27, 2021 Special Meeting
4. October 6, 2021 Special Meeting
5. October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting
6. October 13, 2021 Audit Committee
7. October 22, 2021 Special Meeting

**Motion to Approve** Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-7 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries Unanimously.

### Policy Committee

1. #6410 Authorized Signatures

**Motion to Approve** Agenda Item 2B-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries Unanimously.

### Board Action

1. Stipulation of Settlement and General Release

**Motion to Approve** Agenda Items 2C-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries Unanimously.

### Superintendent Action

1. Donation of Sick Days
2. Agreement with Employee
3. Agreement with Employee

**Motion to Approve** Agenda Items 3A-1 through 3A-3 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Discussion: None. Motion Carries Unanimously.

### Personnel

1. Termination: Monitor/HS- Focarino, J.
2. Revised Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Substitute Teacher- Grasso, P.
3. Revised Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Substitute Teacher- Smith, J.
4. Resignation for Retirement: Confidential Office Assistant/PN- Gastman, F.
5. Resignation: Special Education Aide/PA- Williams, K.
6. Resignation: Special Education Aide/NW- Hailesilassie, T.
7. Resignation: Monitor/MS- McPherson, S.
8. Resignation: Monitor/PA- Petrillo, D.
9. Resignation: Monitor/HS- Reichert, J.
10. Resignation: Monitor/NE- Christopher, T.
11. Rescind Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/PA- Deery, D.
12. Rescind Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Metaxas, I.
13. Rescind Appointment: Historically Black College Tour Chaperone: Beckles, N.
14. Rescind Appointment: Historically Black College Tour Chaperone: Lee, D.
15. Rescind Appointment: Historically Black College Tour Chaperone: Barnes, S.
16. Extended Leave of Absence: Special Education 1:1 Aide/MS- Garard, P.

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17. Leave of Absence: Cook/NW- Reyes Cruz, A.
18. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/NW- Shah, A.
19. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/MS- Stallworth, L.
20. FMLA: English Teacher/HS- Albano, M.
21. Intermittent FMLA: Elementary Teacher/NE- Dady, J.
22. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Aiello, C.- **WITHDRAWN**
23. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Courtenay, I.
24. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- English, P.
25. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Efstathiou, S.
26. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Johnson, G.
27. Probationary Appointment: Registered Nurse/NE- Graham, L.
28. Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/PA- DelVecchio, A.
29. Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/PA- Tutku, K.
30. Leave Replacement Appointment: ENL Lead Teacher/MS- Mejia, C.
31. Leave Replacement Appointment: Physical Education Teacher/NE- George, B.
32. Appointment: Empire After-School Program Director- McKeon, D.
33. Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class: Teacher/HS- Buonomo, V.
34. Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class: Teacher/HS- Fallot, R.
35. Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class: Teacher/HS- Medici, M.
36. Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class: Teacher/HS- Zwerling, C.
37. Appointment: Home Tutor- Bura, S.
38. Appointment: Home Tutor- Collura, N.
39. Appointment: Home Tutor- Darling, K.
40. Appointment: Home Tutor- Frank, K.
41. Appointment: Home Tutor- Grasso, J.
42. Appointment: Home Tutor- Kuletsky, K.
43. Appointment: Home Tutor- Nyholm, A.
44. Appointment: Home Tutor- Plaia, N.
45. Appointment: Home Tutor- Silva-Cruz, J.
46. Appointment: Home Tutor- Feliz, J.
47. Appointment: Special Education Aide/NW- Fitzgerald, C.
48. Appointment: Monitor/PA- Benymon, M.
49. Appointment: Monitor/PA- Christopher, T.
50. Appointment: Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach- Lawhorne, T.
51. Appointment: MS Girls Basketball Head Coach- Karafantis, G.
52. Appointment: Girls Indoor Varsity Track & Field Assistant Coach- George, B.
53. Appointment: Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach- Reiner, H.
54. Appointment: MS Boys Track Head Coach- Germain, P.
55. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Robotics Club/MS- Sanchez, J.
56. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Drama Club/MS- Abate, A.
57. Appointment: Historically Black College Tour Chaperone- Waite, B.
58. Appointment: Piano Accompanist/DW- Ferrara, C.

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59. Appointment: Piano Accompanist/DW- Abate, A.
  60. Appointment: Interpreter- Davis, C.
  61. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/HS- DiDonna, M.
  62. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/MS- Sanchez, J.
  63. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Piskorek, L.
  64. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Torres, F.
  65. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Casey, A.
  66. Appointment: Guard- Epps, M.
  67. Appointment: Substitute Custodial Worker- Armstrong, S.
  68. Appointment: Substitute Custodial Worker- Rothstein, D.
  69. Appointment: Substitute Special Education Aide- Burgos, G.
  70. Appointment: Food Service Worker- Juna-Loy, R.
  71. Appointment: Food Service Worker- Rodriguez, O.
  72. Appointment: Parent Trainer- Cammaroto, T.
  73. Resignation for Retirement: Teacher/HS- Spatola, C.
  74. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/HS- Castro, E.
  75. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/HS- Meade, C.
  76. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/HS- Reichel, A.
  77. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/HS- Tesoro, K.
  78. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/MS- Attanasio, D.
  79. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/MS- Brunson, C.
  80. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/MS- Delgiorno, A.
  81. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/MS- Feehan, R.
  82. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/MS- Germain, P.
  83. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/MS- Hamilton, I.
  84. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/MS- Karafantis, G.
  85. Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment Teacher/MS- Kretz, A.
- Motion to Approve** Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-85 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries Unanimously.

### Business

1. Budget Transfer
2. Donations
3. Dispose Fixed Assets

**Motion to Approve** Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-3 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Discussion: None. Motion Carries Unanimously.

### Finance

1. Treasurer's Report- September 2021

**Motion to Approve** Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries Unanimously.

**Contracts for Special Education Services**

1. Ellevation Inc.
2. Metro Therapy, Inc.
3. Mill Neck Interpreter Service
4. Plainedge School District
5. Syosset Home Tutoring
6. Seaford UFSD
7. Girls Inc. of Long Island

**Motion to Approve** Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-7 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries Unanimously.

**Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences

**Motion to Approve** Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Discussion: None. Motion Carries Unanimously.

**Reports**

**Legal Counsel**

- Mr. Sheahan reported Guercio & Guercio, LLP represented the Hempstead School District regarding transportation that will benefit other districts going forward.

**Superintendent of Schools**

- The dedication of the Fred Williams/Claude Byer gym was very well received. Mr. Byer was very appreciative.
- Concerts will be planned as virtual and will be reevaluated after Thanksgiving based on COVID-19 cases.
- Curriculum and Instruction – reviewing Police #4200, in December Ms. Stephens will be present the NYSED Seal for Bi-Literacy.
- Finance and Operations – Transportation continues to be a concern and did investigate where the state considers Child Safety Zones where a child does not live within the mileage but the crossing is deemed dangerous, but we failed to meet that criteria. Moving forward, looking into universal transportation or reduce the mileage parameter. Also costs are going up particularly State Health Insurance, retirement rate increase. Looking to refinance energy performance contracts for lower interest rates.

**Board of Education**

- The Board is making headway on the Superintendent Search by selecting companies to come to be interviewed before a selection is made.
- Continue to look for ways to improve Transportation requirements to make sure our students are safe and they get to school.
- Looking to develop committees creating the scope of committees, the audience to participate on these committees, setting a schedule of meetings and submitting minutes.

**Community Input Regarding Non-Agenda Items**

Debbie Magnani – asked if there will be in person concerts rather than virtual. Dr. Fale responded they will make the decision based on COVID-19 numbers.

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Patricia Hobson – regarding the committees, need to take steps to getting people on these committees.

Toni Bean – regarding transportation and crossing guards, the area by Home Depot is also very dangerous.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn open meeting to convene executive session** at 10:10 p.m. made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion Carries Unanimously.

**Motion to return to open meeting and adjourn** at 11:00 p.m. made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion Carries Unanimously.