

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Special Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2021**  
**Edmund W. Miles Middle School Cafeteria**

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Dr. Fulton called the Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m. for the purpose of seeking advice from legal counsel made Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion carries unanimously.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terry Fulton, President  
Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
David Heller, Trustee  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Carol Seehof, Trustee  
Dr. Edward Fale, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Open Meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Becker, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 7 Community Members

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

With no community input on Agenda items, Dr. Fulton and the Board reviewed the Draft Agenda for the Regular Business Meeting – December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Johnson asked about 3B-57 through 3B-65 Reimagining Secondary Education in Amityville Committee. There is a grant to fund these committees.

Mr. Heller asked regarding 3B-21 and 3B-22 Parent Liaison Appointments. Mrs. Santos asked if they are Spanish Speaking.

Returning to the December 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda:

**PERSONNEL**

- 1.Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Bade, J.
- 2.Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Miller, P.
- 3.Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment/HS- Twomey, D.
- 4.Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment/HS- Penick, S.
- 5.Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment/MS- Tandy, J.
- 6.Appointment: Extra Duty Assignment/MS- Trotman, J.
- 7.Appointment: Parent Support Group Facilitator/DW- Hawkins, R.

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**Motion to approve** Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-7 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz. Motion carries unanimously

### BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS

Dr. Fale

- Closely monitoring the new variant relative to in person concerts. They are resuming the Reopening Committee.

Dr. Lange

- Empire State Grant renewed by SED they will introduce the Director at the next board meeting.
- A list of the program for the students to pursue was read. Ms. Johnson felt some of the programs do not encourage the student to pursue higher education. Dr. Lange said there are opportunities for students to work as Interns in the medical field to which Ms. Johnson replied that is affected by COVID where actual student-interns are not be allowed to intern.
- Mrs. Santos asked about Driver's Education. There are no plans to add at this time.

Mr. Dragone

- Mrs. Kretz brought to Mr. Dragone the Suffolk Share Cooperating Agency that we are pursuing participation.
- Receiving proposals for the RFP for the Energy Performance Contract.
- Congratulations – the district received a grant from E-Rate Services to purchase 300 touch Chromebooks for the younger grades.

Dr. Fulton

- Updated the audience on the Superintendent Search. The RFP went out 11/24/21 due to receive proposals by 12/16. Mr. Dragone outlined the sequence steps leading to the appointment of a permanent Superintendent to be in place by July 1, 2022.
- The status of the committee progress was discussed. Ms. Johnson asked about the progress of working on the various committees that will be discussed further at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board agreed to two committees at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting but the descriptive, who will be invited to participate and how that invite will be handled, the need for a set schedule and content needs to be determined.

### COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Jeminy Fernandez spoke about the threat of guns in the Middle School and how poorly it was handled by the Administration. Ms. Fernandez filed her own police report. In light of the incident in Michigan, she feels this kind of threat and behavior needs to be addressed before a tragedy.

Ms. Hobson spoke in support of Ms. Fernandez's concerns and reprimanded the Board for their behavior amongst themselves at a public meeting.

**Motion adjourn Open Meeting and enter Executive Session** for the purpose of seeking advice from legal counsel at 9:30 p.m. made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Motion carries unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to resume Open Meeting and adjourn** at 10:00 P.M. made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion carries unanimously.