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Board of Education
Amityville Union Free School District
Amityville, NY 11701

Regular Meeting Minutes- December 12, 2012
Park Avenue Elementary School - Auditorium - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Juliet Jordon-Thompson Vice President Lisa Johnson
2nd Vice President Ron Moss Trustee Jeannette Santos
Trustee Nathan King Trustee Mark Epps

BOE ABSENT: Trustee Michele Sikhrangkur

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. John R. Williams, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
Dr. Mary Kelly-Asst Supt. Technology
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq. Guercio & Guercio
Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Mr. Claude Irwin, Director of Mathematics
Daniel Noviello-Director Social Studies
Dana Musso, Director of English
Mr. Peter PaterNostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Ed Mercurio-Plant Facilities Administrator
Ms Nancy Hard, Esq. – Guercio & Guercio

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES
Dr. Mary DeRose, Principal-AMHS
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal – NW Elementary School
Mr. Ted Tsigotis, Assistant Principal, EWMMS

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 25 members present

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by President Jordon-Thompson at 7:00 PM.

President Jordon-Thompson appointed Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.

A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement

**In the unlikely event of an emergency, you need to Note that exits are clearly marked. Take a moment to Note the exit nearest to where are you are seated. *Smoking is Not allowed on school grounds. *As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only - None

D. PRESENTATIONS

Fran Fernandez invited everyone to the winter concert series. The Park Ave. concert will be tomorrow night at the high school. The Middle School concert will be on Tuesday night and the high school concert will be on Wednesday night. All evening concerts are at 7:00 PM. Also, Northwest will present its series of concerts next week – the first grade concert will be on Tuesday afternoon, the second grade concert will be on Wednesday afternoon and the third grade concert will be on Thursday afternoon. All daytime concerts will begin at 2:00 PM.

Performance - The High School Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Jessica Recher performed holiday songs.

Dr. William Fanning, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations – Dr. Fanning said that last year was the first year of the tax cap. We still have the problem of insufficient state aid and we had to make significant cuts this year to staff. There have been increases in TRS and ERS and health insurance. *See attachment #1 for details.*

Mr. Gary Steffanetta arrived at 7:20 PM.

Dr. Neidell & Mr. Steffanetta left at 7:25 PM

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- A. **Approval of Board Minutes** – None
- B. **Board Policy Committee** - None
- C. **Board Action**
- D. **Audit Committee** – TBA

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent

- 1. Approval of Consultant for 21st CCLC

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Trustee Santos expressed concern that if we do not receive the grant, we will have to pay for it out of District funds. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 1 No (Trustee Santos), 1 Abstain (Trustee King).

B. Personnel

- 1. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Ed Teacher/PA – Gandarillas, T.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 2. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher/PA – McCormack, M.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-2 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** This agenda item will be discussed in Executive Session. 2nd Vice President Moss pulled his motion and Trustee Santos pulled her second.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-2 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 3. Extended Leave Replacement: Elementary Teacher/PA – Colavito, J.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-3 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** This agenda item will be discussed in Executive Session. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Leave Replacement Appointment: Music Teacher/PA/HS – Ramirez-Giglio, E.
5. Preferred Eligibility Appointment: Music Teacher/PA/HS – Klimet, C.
6. Probationary Appointment: Teacher Assistant/NW – Skaliotis, X.
7. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Hamilton, I.
8. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Katsigiorgis, J.
9. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Abbondandolo, M.
10. Appointment: Intramural Coach- Cromarty III, W.,
11. Intentionally Left Blank
12. Appointment: Teacher to work on Master Schedule – J. Noon
13. Appointment: Translator – Jean-Baptiste, J.
14. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Special Education – Arrington-Penick, S.
15. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Mathematics – Buonomo, V.
16. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Social Studies – Levine, D.
17. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Science – McCready, C.
18. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – English – Roisman, J.
19. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Mathematics – Romeo, R.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-4 through 3B-19 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

20. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Mathematics – Spatola, C.
21. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Mathematics – Takseraas, D.
22. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Special Education – Trotman, J.
23. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Mathematics – Valla, L.
24. Appointment: Regents/RCT Prep – Social Studies- Western, B.
25. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HS/Club Advisor – Gambino, E.
26. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HS/Club Advisor – O’Hagan, J.
27. Appointment: COMPASS Grant – Youth Coordinator – Western, I.
28. Appointment: COMPASS Grant – Youth Coordinator – Brewster, B.
29. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Bryant, K.
30. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Agostino, J.
31. Appointment: Monitor/NE – Davis, M.
32. Appointment: Bus Monitor – Annitto, L.
33. Appointment: Bus Monitor – Intentionally Left Blank
34. Appointment: Bus Monitor – Lee, B.
35. Appointment: Bus Monitor – Intentionally Left Blank
36. Appointment: Bus Monitor – McDougall, S.
37. Appointment: Bus Monitor – O’Connor, T.
38. Appointment: Bus Monitor – Rousseau, K.
39. Appointment: Bus Monitor – Sbarra, E.
40. Appointment: Bus Monitor – Turitto, B.

41. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Child Ed 1-6 – Gomez, R.
42. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Std w/dis 1-6/Child Ed 1-6 – Reilly, E.
43. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Child Ed 1-6 – Gandolfo, A.
44. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Rogers, Michael
45. Appointment: 21st CCLC - Club Advisor – Balducci, K.
46. Appointment: 21st CCLC - Club Advisor – Gomez, S.
47. Appointment: 21st CCLC - Club Advisor – Velez, R.
48. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Jazz Band – Carter, B.
49. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Stage Advisor – Carbo, S.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-20 through 3B-49 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** When questioned by Trustee King why two monitor positions were intentionally left blank, Dr. Fanning explained that two applicants did not complete the required course. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

1. Budget Transfer – Items 1 through 3
2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 4
3. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 2
4. Health Service Contracts – Items 1 through 10
5. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Items 1 through 7

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Monthly Finance Report :

1. August, 2012

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings/Educational Service Contracts - None

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 7

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Trustee Santos asked if the Singapore Model Drawing Method will help the students who are struggling with math. Dr. Gulbin responded yes but the state has not given us what we need. We are hoping that we will have everything in place by February. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District –

B. Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Williams announced that last spring, Amityville took first place out of 16 teams in Conference 3 for sportsmanship. The boys' varsity track team, the varsity baseball team and the junior varsity baseball team took first place in league. Also, Fran Fernandez a note from

her announced that that one of our eleventh grade saxophonists, Anthony Abate, has been selected to represent the District as a member of the 2012-2013 Suffolk County Music Educators Associations All County Instrumental Jazz Ensemble. We received a grant for a Virtual Advanced Placement Program. Dr. Gulbin said that the grant will pay for every 9th grader to take SPAT this year. It is a 2 year grant. Dr. Kelly spoke about the Learning Technology grant that integrates technology with math. It is for grades 7, 8 & 9. The grant is for 3 years.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Rose Torres, Amityville – Ms. Torres talked about the changes to the February break due to Storm Sandy.

Mr. Claps was concerned that the virtual class will be the beginning of the privatization of education.

Lisa Johnson noted that all classes cannot be taught on line. Interaction between student and teacher is very important.

Susan Heenan, Amityville – Ms. Heenan spoke about the addition of August school days. Also, her daughter is in third grade in a portable without speakers to hear announcements.

Dr. Kelly said that she shared Ms. Heenan's concerns. There have been issues with the speakers that were previously ordered and delivered. Today, speakers were put in the classrooms attached to the phones. This is a temporary solution and additional speakers will be provided as soon as possible.

Trustee King spoke about the PLI Program and asked if the Board would consider sending information home to the parents regarding this program.

President Jordon-Thompson responded that the Board and Dr. Williams will discuss the program with legal counsel when they receive more information.

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:38 PM for negotiations with the teachers, administrators, and clerical units, employment history of particular persons and advice from counsel made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O'Neill left at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 8:50 PM.

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ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:20 PM made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Item 2C-1 as follows:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the memorandum of agreement dated December 12, 2012 between the board and the Amityville Teacher’s Association regarding February recess calendar change. The motion was made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 as read made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-1 Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Ed Teacher/PA – Gandarillas, T.

3B-2 Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher/PA – McCormack, M.

3B-3 Extended Leave Replacement: Elementary Teacher/PA – Colavito, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-3 (tabled earlier) made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 10:28 PM for employment history of particular persons made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 11:25 PM made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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MOTION to ADJOURN regular meeting at 11:26 PM made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem