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**Board of Education
Amityville Union Free School District
Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Meeting Minutes- October 10, 2012
Park Avenue Elementary School - Auditorium - 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice President Lisa Johnson 2nd Vice President Ron Moss
Trustee Michele Sikhrangkur Trustee Jeannette Santos

BOE ABSENT: President Juliet Jordon-Thompson
Trustee Mark Epps
Trustee Nathan King

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
Mr. Ed Mercurio-Plant Facilities Administrator

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Anthony Cerullo-Director-Phys. Ed., Health & Athletics
Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science
Mr. Claude Irwin, Director of Mathematics
Dana Musso, Director of English
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz – Director – ESL

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES
Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem. School
Ms. Michele Darby, Principal-EWMS
Dr. Mary DeRose, Principal-AMHS
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal – NW Elementary School
Mr. Ted Tsirigotis, Assistant Principal, EWMMS
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal, AMHS

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

COMMUNITY: 40 Members present

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Vice President Lisa Johnson at 7:00 PM.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Fran Fernandez introduced Anthony Abate, the All County Honoree. He will play tenor sax accompanied by his teacher, Mr. LaMarca.

Peter Paternostro presented an overview of the programs at Northeast Elementary School and the Special Ed. Program. (see attachment #1)

Ray Velez, COMPASS Project Director – Mr. Velez spoke about the college tour and its positive impact on the students.

Reynolds Hawkins – Mr. Hawkins spoke about how the students are chosen for the college tour. The students must fill out an application and obtain two letters of recommendations from two teachers and compose a 150 word essay on why they want to participate in the tour. Part of the process for the students is turning in all paperwork by the deadline. Then, some of the students who attended the tour spoke about their feelings about the tour.

Trustee Epps arrived at 8:15 PM.

Vice President Johnson thanked everyone for sharing their experiences on the tour.

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Approval of Board Minutes – None

B. Board Policy Committee

1. 2nd Reading – District Credit Card Policy

Vice President Johnson stated that the Board will vote on the District Credit Card Policy at the next Board meeting.

C. Board Action

1. Approval of Proposed Stipulation of Settlement and Release

2. Approval of Change in Work Day for Confidential Secretaries

3. Approval of Attendance for FRN Conference

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

D. Audit Committee – None

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent

1. Approval of agreement with Via Evaluation

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

B. Personnel

1. Rescind Appointment: Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator/HS – Cardone, J.

2. Creation of STAR (Students Taking Active Roles) Club

3. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Student Gov't/HS – Takseraas, D.

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

B. Superintendent (cont'd):

4. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Sophomore Class/HS – Feehan, R.
5. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Sophomore Class/HS – Trotman, J.
6. Appointment: Activity Advisor – STAR Advisor/HS/MS – TBD
7. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Girls Basketball – TBD
8. Appointment: Winter Coach – JV Girls Basketball – TBD
9. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS (Late) Girls Basketball – TBD
10. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Volunteer Girls Basketball – TBD
11. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Boys Basketball – TBD
12. Appointment: Winter Coach – HS Volunteer Boys Basketball – TBD
13. Appointment: Winter Coach – JV Boys Basketball – TBD
14. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS (Early) Boys Basketball – TBD
15. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Boys Track – TBD
16. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Girls Track – TBD

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-1 through 3B-16 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

17. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Volleyball – TBD
18. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Wrestling – TBD
19. Appointment: Winter Coach – Asst V Wrestling – TBD
20. Appointment: Winter Coach – JV Wrestling – TBD
21. Appointment: Winter Coach – HS Volunteer Wrestling – TBD
22. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Wrestling – TBD
23. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Asst Wrestling – TBD
24. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Volunteer Wrestling – TBD
25. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Cheerleading – TBD
26. Appointment: Interscholastic Athletic Coordinator/HS – Maisel, W.
27. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Newsome, T.
28. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Kretz, C.
29. Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor – Grant C.
30. Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor – Schwarz, J.
31. Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor – Ferencik, D.
32. Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor – O'Brien, M.
33. Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor – Riordan, K.
34. Appointment: 21st CCLC HW/Club Advisor – Weber, R.
35. Appointment: Monitor/NW – Church, C.
36. Appointment: Monitor/MW – Mizsak, D.
37. Appointment: Chaperone/DW – Kretz, C.
38. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Std w/d 1-6/Chld Ed 1-6 – Morello, D.
39. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Social Studies 7-12 – Barritt, D.
40. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Chld Ed 1-6 – Sheehan, M.

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

B. Personnel (con't):

41. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Std w/d Eng 7-12/Literacy 5-12/ELA 7-12 – Blocker, A.
42. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Early Chld B-2 – Carey, L.
43. Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant – Santos, O.
44. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist – Heffron, P.
45. Appointment: Substitute Monitor – Smith, L.
46. Appointment: Substitute Monitor – Turrito, B.
47. Appointment: Substitute Monitor – Riccio, D.
48. Appointment: Substitute Monitor – Boldizar, B.
49. Appointment: Substitute Monitor – Jackson, C.
50. Appointment: Substitute Monitor – DeRudder, T.
51. Appointment: Substitute Monitor – Watson, T.
52. Appointment: Substitute Monitor – Linzer, J/
53. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Brown, S.
54. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Bamundo, J.
55. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Lee, N.
56. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Smith, T.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-17 through 3B-56 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

57. Tenure Appointment: Principal/PA – Bullis, S.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-57 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

58. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher/NW – Pellegrino, J.
59. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Darden, M.
60. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Andrews, C.
61. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Mazes, T.

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

B. Personnel (con't):

62. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Hyman, D.
63. Appointment: Senior Custodian-HS – Surlin, J.
64. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - Cammaroto, K.
65. Appointment: Translator/DW – Whitney, S.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-58 through 3B-65 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

1. Budget Transfer – Items 1 through 4
2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 12

C. Business and Finance (cont'd)

3. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 5

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

4. Transportation Request – Freire

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-4 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain.

5. Approval for Translation Services Contract

6. Senior Citizen Tax Exemption

7. Persons with Disabilities Tax Exemption

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-5 through 3C-7 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Monthly Finance Report – None

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings/Educational Service Contracts

1. The Daytop Preparatory School

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

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 22

2. Approval of Contract – Dr. Arlene Mullin

3. Approval of Consultant – Ms. R. Sandra Cavanagh

F. Curriculum and Instruction (cont'd):

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

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District – Mr. Steffanetta said that he had some legal matters for discussion in Executive Session.

B. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Williams said that he recently received a letter written by Lawrence Farrell, the Western Suffolk BOCES Network Team Representative to Albany for mathematics. The letter addressed a session he had with Claude Irwin, Patti Dieck and Christopher Sarlo. He stated in the letter that we have an opportunity for an In-District Professional Development conducted by them. Their work is as good as the work from the company hired by the State. Dr. Williams said that we are very proud of Mr. Irwin, Mrs. Dieck and Mr. Sarlo. Also, Bernadette Kraljic's proposal was selected to receive a \$1,000 grant for the 12/13 academic year. Her proposal was called Bring the Aids Quilt Project Home. 2 of the 53 aids quilt panels made by Amityville students will be brought back to

Amityville to raise awareness for HIV Aids prevention. Amityville High School will host a Rotary sponsored concert on November 11 to honor our veterans from WW II, Korea, Viet Nam, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan.

C. Board of Education – None

Vice President Johnson appointed Trustee Sikhrangkur District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:50 PM to discuss pending contract grievances and arbitrations; negotiations with clerical, nurses and administrators’ bargaining units; the employment history of particular individuals; a pending complaint before the Division of Human Rights; proposed litigation regarding Tax Certiorari Proceedings in Nassau County and advice from counsel. The motion was made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O’Neill left at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

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ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Sikhrangkur, District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:50 PM made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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MOTION to AMEND Agenda to Include Agenda Item 2C-4 – Appointment of Independent Investigator made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda 2C-4 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-57 – Tenure Appointment: Principal/PA – Bullis, S.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-57 (Tabled Earlier) made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 1 No (Santos), 0 Abstain.

MOTION to Adjourn Regular Meeting at 11:03 PM made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Sikhrangkur, District Clerk Pro Tem