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**Board of Education**  
**Amityville Union Free School District**  
**Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes– March 14, 2012**

**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM**

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**LOCATION:** Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School-Auditorium

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur      2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson  
Trustee Nathan King      Trustee Kathleen Ward

Trustee Ron Moss

**ABSENT:** Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
Trustee Mark Epps

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

**ALSO ABSENT:** Dr. Kathleen Gulbin -Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Anthony Cerullo Director PhysEd/Health/Athletics/DW  
Michael Fusaro, Director-Science  
Claude Irwin, Director-Mathematics  
Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies  
Dana Musso, Director of English  
Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services  
Elizabeth Reveiz, Director-ESL  
Ed Mercurio- Plant Facilities Administrator

**PRINCIPALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES  
Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elem School  
Ms. Michele Darby, Principal - EWMMS  
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal - PAMES  
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Steven Lindenfeld, Asst. Principal, EWMMS  
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal, NW Elem. School

1. **Meeting Called to Order** at 7:10 PM by President Sikhrangkur

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 you are seated. \*Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. \*As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*

B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Board, Administration and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only** –None

Vice President Jordon-Thompson announced that we have tentatively set aside each Wednesday for Budget Meetings and we welcome the public to come. There will be a presentation next Wednesday, in this auditorium at 7:00 PM.

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**PERFORMANCE:** The Amityville Memorial High School Drama Club under the direction of Roxanne Tannenbaum performed. This year's show - "The Sound of Music". Performances will be on March 30, March 31 and April 1.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Dr. Fanning gave a brief update on the status of the budget. Revenues will determine what the budget will be. We made numerous cuts and dealt with issues related to staff. We are unable to continue all positions. The state is considering the possibility of an increase in state aid of \$140,000.

### **2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**

#### **A. Approval of Board Minutes –**

1. **Draft #1** – Regular Meeting – January 11, 2012
2. **Draft #1** – Special Meeting – January 24, 2012
3. **Draft #1** – Audit Meeting – January 24, 2012
4. **Draft #1** – Special Meeting – February 1, 2012

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-4** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

#### **B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee – None**

#### **C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education**

1. Nominations for WSBOCES Trustee
2. Workers for Amityville Public Library Election
3. Intentionally Left Blank
4. Notice of Annual Meeting

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-4** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **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 MOA – ATA Grievances #2010-03

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

#### **B. Personnel**

1. Tenure Appointment – Assistant Principal/MS-Lindenfeld, S.
2. Tenure Appointment - Director PhysEd/Health/Athletics/DW-Cerullo, A.

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-1 and 3B-2** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent**

**B. Personnel (Cont'd):**

3. Resignation for Retirement: Reading Teacher/MS-Ahern, K.
4. Resignation for Retirement: Clerk/Typist/HS- Heller, L.
5. Resignation for Retirement: Custodial Worker I/HS-Shotts, J.
6. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Music Teacher/MS-Altamura, N.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-3 through 3B-6** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

7. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: School Lunch Manager/DW-Rivard-Bowman, L.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-7** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

8. Leave Replacement: Appointment: Teaching Assistant/MS-Kreisler, H.
9. Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant/NE-Carey, L.
10. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/MS-Larkin, T.
11. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep-Arrington, S.
12. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – Allen, E.
13. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – Metz, C.
14. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – McLaughlin, D.
15. Appointment: RECT/Regents Prep – Wilson, K.
16. Appointment: ELA/Math Prep Classes/ELA – Katisgiorgis, J.
17. Appointment: ELA/Math Prep Classes/ELA – DelGiorno-Fishman, A.
18. Appointment: ELA/Math Prep Classes/ELA – Castagna, S.
19. Appointment: ELA/Math Prep Classes/Math – Valla, L.
20. Appointment: Spring Coach/JV Softball – Volkomer, K.
21. Appointment: Spring Coach/Special Olympics – Agostino, J .
22. Appointment: Spring Coach/Asst Special Olympics – Lynch, B.
23. Appointment: Spring Coach/Volunteer Baseball – Diot, C.
24. Appointment: Activity Advisor/Cap & Gown Coordinator – Gastman, F.
25. Appointment: Activity Advisor/Cap & Gown Coordinator – DiLevo, D.
26. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Drost, A.
27. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Drost, A.
28. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Vonforst-Pisarski, F.
29. Appointment: Substitute Teacher/Social Studies 7-12 – Bethay, N.
30. Appointment: Substitute – Gonzalez, E.
31. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist – Hargwood, N.
32. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Epps, M.
33. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Cestra, E.
34. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Graham, D.
35. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Cuva, M.
36. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Maisel, W.
37. Appointment: Curriculum Writing – Rudden, M.

**3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent**

**B. Personnel (Cont'd):**

38. Appointment: Curriculum Writing – Clairborne, L.
39. Appointment: Curriculum Writing – O'Brien, F.
40. Appointment: Curriculum Writing – Buckley, J.
41. Appointment: Curriculum Writing – Katsigorgis, Janine
42. Appointment: Curriculum Writing – Attanasio, D.
43. Appointment: Curriculum Writing – Katsigorgis, John
44. Appointment: Curriculum Writing – Wilson, K.
45. Resignation: JV Softball Coach – Pesale, T.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-8 through 3B-45** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

46. Appointment: JV Softball Coach – Western, B.
47. Resignation for Retirement: Custodial Worker I/NW – Echevarria, E.
48. Resignation for Retirement: Custodial Worker I/PA – Echevarria, M.

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-46 through 3B-48** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfers – Items 1 through 6

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

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-1/2** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 1 No, (Trustee Ward voted no), 0 Abstain.

2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 2
3. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 7
4. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools – Items 1 through 9
5. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Items 1 through 2

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

**D. Monthly Finance Report**

1. December, 2011

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

**E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings None**

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 16

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**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Items 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/16 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No 0 Abstain

**G. Data and Technology** – None

**H. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center** – None

### 4. **Reports**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District** -Mr. Steffanetta will report in Executive Session.

**Superintendent of Schools** – Dr. Williams announced that fourteen Suffolk County School Board members had received Board Excellence Awards from NYSSBA and four of them were our own - Juliet Jordon-Thompson, Lisa Johnson, Michele Sikhrangkur and Kathleen Ward. This year Amityville high school student Kara Enriquez received honorable mention for her fashion design entry in the annual Cornell University Design Award Competition. Congratulation to Ms. Debra Charles who has, with the assistance of parents she recruited, set up a stem cell surgical laboratory in the gym at the Middle School.

Trustee Moss spoke about his trip to Albany. Amityville was represented in the house. He and Mr. King had met with Senator Fuschillo, Owen Johnson, Bob Sweeney and Joseph Sardino and we discussed our budget needs with them.

President Sikhrangkur said that we will be hearing about an update and what the legislatures' intentions are as a result of that visit. Amityville hosted a meeting of black school board members and all our board members are members of that organization. Two of our members are on their Board – Lisa Johnson and Ron Moss. This organization looks into the issues that affect minority students and we strongly support that.

President Sikhrangkur appointed Trustee Kathleen Ward as District Clerk Pro Tem.

**MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 7:57 PM** for Negotiations with Bargaining Units, Employment History of Particular Individuals that are the subject of action items on tonight's agenda and Employment History of particular individuals that are not on the agenda for action tonight made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No 0 Abstain

*Judith O'Neill left at 8:00 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order at 8:15 PM by President Sikhrangkur.

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**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O’Neill/District Clerk

*Dr. Williams left at 10:40 PM and returned at 10:42 PM.*

*President Sikhrangkur, Lisa Johnson, Trustee King and Dr. Kelly left at 10:40 PM and returned at 10:45 PM.*

*Trustee Moss left at 10:40 PM and returned at 10:46 PM*

*Dr. Neidell left at 11:32 PM and returned at 11:35 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 11:37 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No 0 Abstain

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**3B-1 - Tenure Appointment – Assistant Principal/MS-Lindenfeld, S.**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-1** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion FAILED:** 2 Yes (President Sikhrangkur and Trustee Ward voted yes); 2 No, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson and Trustee King voted No); 1 Abstain Trustee Moss abstained).

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**3B-2** - Tenure Appointment - Director PhysEd/Health/Athletics/DW-Cerullo, A.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-2** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion FAILED:** 2 Yes (President Sikhrangkur and Trustee Ward voted yes); 2 No, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson and Trustee King voted No); 1 Abstain Trustee Moss abstained).

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-7** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 4 No (President Sikhrangkur, Trustee Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson and Trustee King voted No); 1 Abstain Trustee Moss abstained).

Dr. Williams advised that the budget meetings originally scheduled for March 21 and March 28 would be cancelled. The next budget meeting will be on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

**MOTION to ADJOURN at 11:46 PM** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem