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4/18/2012

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes– February 8, 2012**

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson  
Trustee Nathan King Trustee Kathleen Ward  
Trustee Ron Moss

**ABSENT:** President Michele Sikhrangkur  
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:** Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Claude Irwin, Director-Mathematics  
Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies  
Bruce Kollmer, Interim CSE/CPSE  
Lesia Milan, Director 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Ctr. r  
Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services  
Elizabeth Reveiz, Director-ESL  
Dana Musso – Acting Director of English  
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

**1. Meeting Called to Order** at 7:01 PM by Vice President Jordon-Thompson

**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**

**C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only** – Patrick Thomas wanted to access information about the agenda on line. Dr. Fanning told him that the information should be on the public section of the website.

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**PERFORMANCE:** The Amityville Memorial High School Interact Club performed a dance routine for the Board and attendees. Ms. Fran Fernandez thanked the Club and their advisors, Mrs. King and Mrs. Carlucci for the sneak preview which will be performed again at the upcoming Black History Month assembly on Friday, Feb. 17. Ms. Fernandez then presented awards to art students for their works that were featured in various exhibitions throughout the county and state.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Ms. Michele Darby along with Science Teacher Ms. Debbie Charles presented an overview of the Smart Scholars Program and the Step Science Competition. The Smart Scholars Program is a collaboration between the EWMMS and Farmingdale State College brought to us by Ms. Debbie Charles. Students report to Farmingdale College on Saturdays. STEP is an acronym for Science Technology Engineering Program. Students participate in C Step programs throughout the state. All C Step programs are at college level and are offered at SUNY colleges.

Following the presentations, Vice President Jordon-Thompson announced that the Board has tentatively set aside Wednesdays for Budget Meetings. The public is welcome to attend.

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

A. **Approval of Board Minutes** – None

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

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

1. Review of Draft 2012-2013 School Calendar

2. Approval of Conference

3. Approval of Impartial Hearing Officers

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-3 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** – Vice President Jordon-Thompson announced that the Audit Committee would meet in Executive Session.

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

A. **Superintendent** – None

B. **Personnel**

1. Appointment: Spring Coach – Varsity Baseball – Roth, C.

2. Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst Varsity Baseball – Western, I.

3. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Baseball – Valentino, A.

4. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Baseball – Claps, R.

5. Appointment: Spring Coach – Varsity Baseball Volunteer – Akapnitis, A.

6. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Baseball Volunteer – Zider, J.

7. Appointment: Spring Coach – Varsity Boys Track – Hawkins, R.

8. Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst Varsity Boys Track – Pollock, D.

9. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Boys Track – Miller, M.

10. Appointment: Spring Coach – Varsity Girls Track – Duguay, P.

11. Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst Varsity Girls Track – Guild, E.

12. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Girls Track – Graham, D.

13. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Softball – Pesale, T.

14. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Softball – TBD

15. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Softball – Napoli, J.

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

**B. Personnel (contd):**

16. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Tennis – Pellegrino, R.
17. Appointment: Spring Coach – Special Olympics – TBD
18. Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst Special Olympics – TBD
19. Appointment: RCT/Regents Prep – Roisman, J.
20. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Ford, L.
21. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Laviano, C.

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-21 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.

22. *Intentionally Left Blank*

23. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Teague, S.
24. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Heath, L.
25. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Robinson, D.
26. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Sheridan, R.
27. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typists – Wolfe, G.
28. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typists – Hunter, C.
29. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typists – Cruse, N.

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Items 3B-22 through 3B-29 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

30. Resignation for Retirement: Elementary Teacher – NE – Dodd, C.

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Item 3B-30 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Vice President Jordon-Thompson offered her congratulations to Mrs. Dodd. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

31. Appointment: Substitute TA – Kreismer, H.
32. Appointment: Virtual Academy II – English Teacher – Sullivan, K.
33. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Heavey, L.
34. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Stein, A.
35. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Darling, K.
36. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Roddin, L.
37. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Herz, D.
38. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Schwarz, J.
39. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Persaud, A.
40. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Replak, J.
41. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Reiner, H.
42. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Zabicki, S.
43. Appointment: Teachers for Test Prep – Winter, I.
44. Rescind Appointment: Winter Coach – Special Olympics – Karafantis, G.
45. Rescind Appointment: Winter Coach – Asst Spec Olympics – Western I.
46. Appointment: Winter Coach – Special Olympics – Western I.
47. Appointment: Winter Coach – Asst Spec Olympics – Volkomer, K.

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Items 3B-31 through 3B-47 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 8
2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 2
3. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 2
4. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools – Item 1
5. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Dr. Fanning thanked Ron Forman for preparing a list of the AD's that we have. We have \$12,000 budgeted for replacements. The list will be sent out to the Board on Friday. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

6. Acceptance of Donation

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Item 3C-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

**D. Monthly Finance Report**

1. November, 2011

**MOTION to TABLE** Agenda Item 3D-1 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Will discuss in Audit Committee. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

**E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings**

1. Approval of Contract – Wyandanch UFSD

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Item 3E-1 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Trustee King asked about the services we are getting from Wyandanch. Mr. Paternostro said that Wyandanch is paying us for two students because the school does not have the necessary programs. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 9

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Items 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/9 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.

**B. Superintendent of Schools** – Dr. Williams announced that 10 students from PAMES were nominated for the National Young Scholars Program. Congratulations to the students. Dr. Neidell obtained a “Teacher of Tomorrow” grant – a program providing funding for high needs districts. \$149,000 will be divided among approximately 43 teachers. Mr. Barry Entwistle of the New York State School Board Association has sent a letter recognizing the participation of Ron Moss, Nathan King and Mark Epps for their participation in conferences and seminars.



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Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RECESS to Audit Committee Meeting** at 9:11 PM made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

*See separate minutes*

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session** at 9:25 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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**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

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RECESS** to Executive Session at 9:26 PM for Personnel/Particular Person 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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**ACTION TAKEN:** None

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session** at 9:28 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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There was a discussion regarding recent reviews at EWMMS and the NYU Program.

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting** at 9:38 PM made 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