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Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District  
Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2011  
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      Trustee Nathan King  
Trustee Kathleen Ward      Trustee Mark Epps  
Trustee Ronald Moss      2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson

**ABSENT:** Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson

**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  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin-Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio  
Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq.,-Guercio & Guercio

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES  
Mr. Anthony Cerullo, Director-Phys Ed./Health/Athletics  
Mrs. Pauline Collins, Principal – NE Elementary School  
Ms. Michele Darby, Principal - EWMMS  
Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science  
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal - PAMES  
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Claude Irwin, Director-Mathematics  
Mr. Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies  
Mr. Steve Lindenfeld, Asst. Principal-EWMMS  
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal- NW  
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz, Director-ESL  
Ms. Judy Riordan, Director of English  
Mr. Ed Mercurio- Plant Facilities Administrator

**COMMUNITY:** Approximately 40 members present.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:05

A. **Emergency Exit, No Smoking, Cell Phone 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, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

C. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only**

**Presentations:**

The high school chamber ensemble performed under the direction of Mrs. Jessica Recher. .

Ms. Fran Fernandez presented awards to students who participated in various regional, state and county music events. Ms. Fernandez then recognized the high school marching band and teacher, Brian Wishin.

Mr. Paternostro introduced Mr. Nicholas Villani, President/CEO. Mr. Villani said his company focuses on the transition needs for special education students. *See attachment #1.*

Dr. Fanning then discussed the budget problems facing the district due to the loss of state aid. *See attachment #2.*

**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. Approval of Employment Agreement – Gulbin, K.

2. Approval of Employment Agreement – Kelly, M.

3. Approval of Donation of Sick Days

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-3** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** The Board needed to discuss these items further before making a decision. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. Audit Committee** – TBD

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

**A. Superintendent** – None

**B. Personnel**

1. Retirement: Business Teacher – EWMMS – Macukiewicz, S.

2. Termination: Special Ed 1:1 Aide – AMHS – Robinson, L.

3. Resignation: Virtual Academy II – English Teacher – Reichel, A.

4. Probationary Appointment: TA – PAMES – Schwarz, J.

5. Appointment: Intramural Coach – EWMMS – Hamilton, I.

6. Appointment: Intramural Coach – EWMMS – Katsigiorgis, J.

7. Appointment: Chaperone – Pentangelo, J.

8. Appointment: Chaperone – Meyer, S.

9. Appointment: Chaperone – Piccirilli, J.

10. Appointment: Stop Act Grant – Provider – Redding, M.

11. Appointment: Stop Act Grant – Provider – Brower, T.

12. Appointment: Stop Act Grant – Supervisor – Lorenzana, A.

13. Appointment: Stop Act Grant – Supervisor – Kraljic, B.

14. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Flyntz, J.

15. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Valentino, A.

16. Intentionally Left Blank

17. Intentionally Left Blank

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-17** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

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

18. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Epps, M.

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-18** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Epps abstained).

19. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Darden, M.

20. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – ELA 7-12 – Gross, J.

21. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Bullock R.

22. Appointment: Clerk/Typist – PAMES – Brown, B.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-19 through 3B-22** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

23. Resignation for Retirement: Director of English – DW – Riordan, J.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-23** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** President Sikhrangkur thanked Ms. Riordan for her years of dedication to the students of Amityville. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfers – Items 1 through 9

2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 8

3. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 4

4. Health Services Contracts – St. Martin of Tours – Items 1 through 6

5. Health Services Contracts – Other Schools – Items 1 through 3

6. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets – Items 1 through 2

7. Motion to Excess Textbooks – Items 1 through 8

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-7** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. Monthly Finance Report**

1. July, 2011

2. August, 2011

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3D-1 & 3D-2** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Financial reports will be discussed in Executive Session. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings – Approval of Contracts**

1. St. Anne Institute – SEDCAR

2. The Hagedorn Little Village School – SEDCAR

3. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk - SEDCAR

4. The Center for Developmental Disabilities – SEDCAR

5. Seaford Union Free School District

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

- F. **Curriculum and Instruction** – None
- G. **Data and Technology** – None
- H. **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center** – None

4. **Reports**

A. **District Legal Counsel** –Mr. Steffanetta had several items for discussion in Executive Session.

B. **Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Williams recognized several students for their accomplishments in sports and Chris Taylor, Division 4 Coach of the Year. The NYS DOT will set timers in the flashing beacon light at the high school.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS NON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

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

**MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session at 8:41 PM** for negotiations, Status of Labor Agreement, Advice from Counsel and Audit Committee made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O’Neill left at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order by President Sikhrangkur at 8:46 PM.

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*Dr. Gulbin and Dr. Kelly left at 8:55 PM and returned at 9:15 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

*The Audit Committee did not meet during this session.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem

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**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:43 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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**2C-1** -Approval of Employment Agreement – Gulbin, K.

**2C-2** -Approval of Employment Agreement – Kelly, M.

**2C-3** - Approval of Donation of Sick Days

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**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:45 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem