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MINUTES  
Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
REGULAR MEETING – May 12, 2010  
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 Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Kathleen Ward  
Trustee Nathan King Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

**BOE ABSENT:** Trustee Charles Walters

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Dr. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
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

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

Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS

Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES

Mr. Anthony Cerullo-Director-Physical Education, Health & Athletics

Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem

Ms. Michele Darby, Assist. Principal-EWMS

Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts

Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science

Ms. Patricia Hausfeld, Director Guidance

Mr. Peter Hutchison, Assist. Principal-AMHS

Mr. Claude Irwin, Director of Math

Mr. Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies

Mr. Bruce Kollmar, Interim CSE/CPSE Chairperson

Mr. Steven Lindenfeld, Assist Principal-AMHS

Mr. Peter Paternostro, Asst. Adm. of Pupil Personnel Services

Dr. Mark Pitterson-Principal-EWMMS

Ms. Judy Riordan, Director of English

**COMMUNITY:** 15 members present.

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.**

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur 7:10 PM.
  - A. **Emergency Exit, No Smoking and Cell Phone Statement** – President Sikhrangkur read the following 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.*
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Board, Administration and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Brian Wishin directed the High School Percussion ensemble in a performance.

Dr. Williams introduced Roxanne Roache the President of the National Junior Honor Society and Cindy Morales Vice President of the National Junior Honor Society at the Middle School. They presented a \$2,000 check to the Make A Wish Foundation which they had raised through various fund raisers.

Michael Fusaro, Science Director, showed a video on Science 21 Program and secondary level science.

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

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

1. Draft #2 – Regular Meeting – February 11, 2010

2. Draft #1 – Library Budget and Trustee Election – April 13, 2010

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 2A-1 & 2A-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

**Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee – TBA**

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

1. Approval of Nomination NYSSBA Area 12 Director

2. Approval of Workers for District Budget Vote and Trustee Election

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 2C-1 & 2C-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

**Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. Audit Committee – TBA**

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

**A. Superintendent – None**

**B. Personnel**

1. Resignation: Part-Time Speech Teacher – PAMES – D. Mitchell

2. Resignation for Retirement: Chief Custodian – PAMES – A. Donochod

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3B-1 & 3B-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

**Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Termination: English Teacher – AMHS – L. Cicchetti

4. Termination: Social Studies Teacher – AMHS – S. Maisel

5. Termination: Substitute Custodian – DW – A. Grodin

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3B-3 through 3B-5** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

**Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

6. Appointment: Project Director 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant – DW – R. Hutcherson

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

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

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-6** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

7. Appointment: Nurse – Sports Physicals – AMHS – M. Johnson

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-7** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

8. Appointment: Summer School 2010 – Secretary – J. Pearson

9. Appointment: Summer School 2010 – Nurse – C. Bosch

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3B-8 & 3B-9** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

10. Appointment: Project Director – Compass – R. Velez

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-10** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

11. Appointment: Extra Help & Study Skills Tutoring – K. Hyland

12. Appointment: Extra Help & Study Skills Tutoring – D. Ross

13. Appointment: Extra Help & Study Skills Tutoring – ILB

14. Appointment: Extra Help & Study Skills Tutoring – ILB

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3B-11 & 3B-14** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Dr. Neidell said that 3B-13 & 3B-14 should be ILB instead of TBD. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

15. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – Science Teacher – C. McCready

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-15** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Dr. Neidell said that the regular teacher will be absent for an extended period of time due to an injury and until she returns we do not have anyone else available to teach her class. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

16. Appointment: School Counselor for Summer Work – PAMES – D. Salerno

17. Appointment: School Counselor for Summer Work – PAMES – K. Balducci

18. Appointment: School Counselor for Summer Work – EWMMS – K. Kearney

19. Appointment: School Counselor for Summer Work – EWMMS – T. Coscia

20. Appointment: School Counselor for Summer Work – EWMMS – K. Parisi

21. Appointment: School Counselor for Summer Work – EWMMS – M. Garrison-Dennis

22. Appointment: School Counselor for Summer Work – AMHS – A. Akapnitis

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

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

23. Appointment: School Counselor for Summer Work – AMHS – S. Murphy

24. Appointment: School Counselor for Summer Work – AMHS – J. Noon

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3B-16 through 3B-24** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

25. Appointment: Intramural Coach – EWMMS – T. Tsirigotis

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-25** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

26. Appointment: Replacement Teacher – Science Teacher– Virtual Academy – M. Weber

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-26** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

27. Resignation: Monitor – NE – C. White-Welton

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-27** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

28. Appointment: Circle Gallery Art Show – J. Scott

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-28** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

29. Resolution: Rescind Tenure Appointment

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-29** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

30. Probationary Appointment: Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education – DW – P. Paternostro

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-30** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

31. Resignation: Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education – DW – L. Garofolo

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-31** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

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

32. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class – Special Education – R. Frey

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-32** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Dr. Neidel said that we have additional students from St. Martins requiring our services. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

33. Appointment: Program Site Coordinator – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant – C. Bosch

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3B-33** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfer – Items 1 through 6
2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 3
3. Health Service Contracts – Items 1 through 5
4. Acceptance of Donation
5. Acceptance of Mini Grant – Tobacco Free Schools Program
6. Acceptance of Fund – Suffolk Edge for Technology Funded Project
7. Approval of Budget Amendment
8. Acceptance of Grant – LI Cares Grant

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-8** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

1. Approval – St. Anne Institute
2. Approval – Maryhaven

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3D-1 & 3D-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. Monthly Finance Report**

1. February, 2010

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 3E-1** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 8

**MOTION to Approve Agenda Items 3F-1 through 3F-8** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**G. Data and Technology** – None

President Sikhrangkur congratulated Mark Pitterson on his doctorate.

4. **Reports – Dr. Williams** – The annual Pastors’ Breakfast with the members of the Ministerial Alliance of North Amityville is this Saturday at 9:00 AM at PAMES . Auditorium. We have received a congratulatory letter from NYSSBA stating that our proposal for a presentation at the 2010 Annual Convention and Educational Trade Show has been accepted. Dawn Levine has been selected by the L. I. Council for Social Studies to receive the outstanding new teacher award. Two students from the High School, Hermidia Reyas and Gisele Rebas, have their work on display at the Heckscher Museum. The Girl’s Varsity Track Team has qualified as a New York State Scholar Athlete Team. There were two winners from Amityville in the Iron Chef competition – Nora Walker and the staff of Park Ave. won first place for macaroni and cheese, peas and ham, and Mariane Mascara won a first place award for Grandma’s potato salad. Students Megan Brooks and Cherelle Cruz received perfect scores on their all state solos. Amanda Ramirez received Best Actress Nomination from the Babylon Citizens Council for the Arts for her performance as Princess Winifred in “Once Upon a Mattress”. COMPASS and STOP ACT Groups presented a joint drug and alcohol seminar.

*Trustee Walters arrived at 7:45 PM.*

- A. Legal Counsel for the District** – Gary Steffanetta will report in Executive Session.  
**B. Superintendent of Schools** – TBA

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

The following parents discussed transportation to private schools for their children:

- Bernadette Langford
- Latoya Norton
- Jean Michele
- Nessian Moussa

**Ms. Jackie Allen, Amityville** – Ms. Allen commended the Board for their work on the Budget. Ms. Allen also expressed her desire to see more parental involvement in the school.

**Mr. William Clyde, Amityville** – Mr. Clyde spoke about the Middle School Honor Society Induction last night.

*President Sikhrangkur appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.*

**MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:07 PM for Personnel/Particular Person and Advice from Counsel** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*Judith O’Neill left at 8:10 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O’Neill/District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order by President Sikhrangkur at 8:11 PM.

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Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio  
Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio

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

*Mr. Gregory Guercio arrived at 9:00 PM*

*Trustee King left at 9:08 PM and returned at 9:11 PM.*

*Dr. William Fanning, Dr. Mary Kelly, Dr. Kathleen Gulbin, Dr. Stephen Neidell, Mr. Gary Steffanetta,*

*Ms. Nancy Hark left at 9:08 PM.*

*Trustee King left at 9:25 PM and returned at 9:29 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:11 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Item 2C-3** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education is asked by the Amityville Teachers’ Association to approve an agreement with the Association permitting unit members to donate sick days from their personal accruals for use by the unit member listed on Confidential Attachment “A”.

**Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-3** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 7 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Item 2C-4** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education is asked by the Amityville Teachers' Association to approve an agreement with the Association permitting unit members to donate sick days from their personal accruals for use by the unit member listed on Confidential Attachment "B".

**Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-4** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 7 No, 0 Abstain

*Trustee Walters left at 10:15 PM.*

*Trustee King left at 10:25 PM.*

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:28 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem