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

REGULAR MEETING - March 11, 2009

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
Trustee Nathan King 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson  
Trustee Walters Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

**ABSENT:** Trustee Elisabeth La Rosa

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. William Fanning-Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
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Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst.Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O’Neill/District Clerk  
Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS Ms. Patricia Hausfeld, Director, Guidance  
Mr. Steve Lindenfeld, Asst. Principal-AMHS Mr. Mark Pitterson, Principal-EWMMS  
Ms. Michele Darby, Asst. Prin-EWMMS Mr. Robert Burnside  
Dr. Regina Cohn, Interim Principal-PAMES Mr. Scott Bullis, Asst. Prin.-PAMES  
Ms. Jodi Shapiro, Asst. Adm. PPS & Sp. Ed. Mr. Jonathan Klump, Director Social Studies  
Ms. Stacey Fischer, Prin., NW Elem. School Mr. Ed Mercurio, Plant Facilities Administrator

**COMMUNITY:** 40 members present.

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.**

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:15 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. Please turn off all communication devices during the business of the Board of Education.*
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Board, Administration and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

High School Drama Club showcased their production of “High School Musical” for the Board, Administration and attendees. Licensing privileges were obtained from Disney by Melissa Asbell. Show times are 3/27 and 3/28 at 7:30 PM and 3/29 at 3:00 PM.

**Ray Valez, Amityville Social Worker-** Mr. Velez discussed the Peaceful Playgrounds Program.

**Dr. William Fanning** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget Presentation – (See Attachment #1)

*Lisa Johnson left at 8:10 PM.*

- 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 #1 Audit Committee - February 11, 2009
2. Draft #1 Regular Meeting - February 11, 2009

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 & 2A-2** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Trustee King withdrew his motion and Trustee Koza Egglinger withdrew her second.**

*Lisa Johnson returned at 8:15 PM.*

**MOTION to AMEND Agenda Items 2A-1 and 2A-2 to read Michele Sikhrangkur/District Clerk Pro Tem** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 & 2A-2 as amended** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

1. Policy Review - Interscholastic Athletics - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
2. Policy Review - Budget Transfers - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 2B-1 & 2B-2** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

1. Approval of the 2009/2010 School Calendar
2. Appointment of Workers for the Library Registration/Library Election & Budget Vote
3. Notice of Annual District Meeting

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-3** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **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. Rescind Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant - PAMES - M. Pfeffer

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-1** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Social Studies Teacher - EWMMS - M. Rudden
3. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Music Teacher - EWMMS - N. Altamura
4. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Art Teacher - EWMMS - J. Dibble
5. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education Teacher - NW - S. Griffin
6. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: School Nurse - St. Martin of Tours - M. Gero

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

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

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-2 through 3B-6** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

7. Rescind Appointment: Cap & Gown Coordinator - M. Weber

8. Appointment: Cap & Gown Coordinator - A. Hernandez

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-7 & 3B-8** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

9. Appointment: Stop Act Grant - Provider - C. Cammaroto

10. Appointment: Stop Act Grant - Provider - E. Hayes

11. Appointment: Stop Act Grant - Social Worker - D. Lee

12. Appointment: Stop Act Grant - Community Mentor – ILB

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-9 & 3B-12** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Applicants must be well qualified – important program. Will advertise on website for community mentors. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained).

13. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Talent Show Club - PAMES -M. Asbell

14. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Scrapbook Club - PAMES - D. Herz

15. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Home Economics Club - PAMES - N. Finizio

16. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Scrabble Club - PAMES - J. Dady

17. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Dance Club - PAMES - K. Balducci

18. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Current Events Club - PAMES - S. Koopmans

19. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Puppets & Folktales Around the World - PAMES -I. Winter

20. Appointment: Monitor - NW - A. Saavedra

21. Appointment: After School ELA Academy - Teacher - EWMMS - K. Starkey

22. Appointment: After School ELA Academy - Substitute Teacher - PAMES - M. Peragine

23. Appointment: After School ELA Academy - Substitute Teacher - PAMES - A. Persaud

24. Appointment: After School ELA Academy - Substitute Teacher - PAMES - F. Nigro

25. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Spec Ed/PreK to 6 - DW - E. Gambino

26. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Math 7-12/Physics - DW - M. Pepe

27. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Physical Education - DW - M. Trovato

28. Appointment: Substitute Custodian - DW - M. Ortiz

29. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker - DW - P. Colamesto

30. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker - DW - T. Ortiz

31. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker - DW - C. Rund

32. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker - DW - F. Pisarski

33. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Soccer Club - PAMES - K. Hughes

34. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant - PAMES - C. Fudzinski

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

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

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-13 through 3B-34** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfer - Items 1 through 4
2. Fund Raising - Items 1 through 7
3. Use of Facilities - Items 1 through 2
4. Health Service Contracts - Other Schools - Items 1 through 3
5. Athletic Trainer RFP #2009-707

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings** - None

**E. Monthly Finance Report** - None

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences - Items 1 through 43

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**G. Technology** - None

**Trustee King** – Trustee King provided the Board with information he had acquired on state funding during his recent trip to Albany..

**4. Reports**

**A. Attorney for the District** – Mr. Keenan will discuss litigation in executive session.

**B. Superintendent of Schools** – Dr. Williams – Home visits have started for at risk children. The goal is to have families stay in the program for two years. High School Administrators met with Amityville Police Officers to discuss safety and surveillance cameras at the high school. Juliet Jordon-Thompson will receive a community service award at the SCOPE Annual Awards Dinner on March 16.

President Sikhrangkur was concerned about the legal issues involved with surveillance cameras at the high school. Also discussed, the emergency evacuation plan at the high school and a meeting with Village officials and Board regarding removable pylon on Lake Dr.

President Sikhrangkur read a statement from John E. Osborn, Construction Attorney, regarding the Park Avenue lawsuit settlement. More information to follow on the website and in the Amityville Record.

Trustee Koza Egglinger reminded everyone that the Village Elections will be on March 18.

President Sikhrangkur appointed Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.

**MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session at 9:34 PM for Personnel/Particular Person** made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order by President Sikhrangkur at 9:36 PM.

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 11:20 PM** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-2 (tabled earlier)** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 6 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-3 through 3B-6 (tabled earlier)** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 11:21 PM** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O’Neill/District Clerk