

MINUTES  
Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District  
Amityville, NY 11701  
REGULAR MEETING - November 12, 2008  
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson

Trustee Elisabeth LaRosa

Trustee Charles Walters

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson

Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

**ABSENT:** Trustee Nathan King

President Michele Sikhrangkur

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools

Dr. William Fanning-Assist. Supt. Finance & Operations

Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Assist.Supt. Curriculum & Instruction

Ms. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology

Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

Mr. Peter Hutchison, Asst.Principal-AMHS

Mr. Steve Lindenfeld, Asst. Principal-AMHS

Ms. Patricia Hausfeld, Director, Guidance

Mrs. Betsy Gorman Demmers, Principal-PAMES

Mr. Mark Pitterson, Principal-EWMMS

Ms. Michele Darby, Asst. Prin-EWMMS

Ms. Jodi Shapiro, Assist. Adm. PPS & Sp. Ed.

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

**COMMUNITY:** 6 members present.

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.**

**1. Meeting Called to Order** by Vice President Jordon-Thompson at 7:12 PM.

**A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking and 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. Please turn off all communication devices during the business of the Board of Education.*

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

1. Draft #1 Special Meeting - October 8, 2008

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2A-1** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger.

**Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Draft #1 Regular Meeting - October 15, 2008

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 2A-2** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger.

**Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Draft #1 Special Meeting - October 27, 2008

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2A-3** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger.

**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. Approval of decision of Hearing Officer

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 2C-1** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger.  
**Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. Audit Committee** – TBD

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

**A. Superintendent**

1. Approval of the dedication of the Auxiliary Gymnasium/Wrestling Room

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger.  
**Discussion:** Jerry Pollock commented on Norm Maisel's achievements in coaching. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**B. Personnel**

1. Resignation for Retirement: Custodian - NW - A. Henriquez
2. Resignation: Teaching Assistant - PAMES - G. Brewster
3. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay - EWMMS - I. Levine
4. Probationary Appointment: School Social Worker - PAMES - E. Hayes
5. Appointment: P/T Food Service Worker - AMHS - M. Bonilla
6. Appointment: Activity Advisor - AV Coordinator - R. Weber
7. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Home & Careers - J. Dibble
8. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Choir - C. Ferrara
9. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Early Act Club - K. Hyland
10. Appointment: Activity Advisor - Asst Interact - S. Smith
11. Appointment: ELO Teacher - NW - L. D'Iorio
12. Appointment: ELO Teacher - NW - M. Dispenziere
13. Appointment: ELO Teacher - NW - F. Adams
14. Appointment: ELO Teacher - NW - A. Stein
15. Appointment: ELO Teacher - PAMES - D. Herz
16. Appointment: ELO Teacher - PAMES - K. Naso
17. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone - J. Sabbatino
18. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - S. Brown
19. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - L. Berning

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-1 through 3B-19** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

20. Appointment: Chaperone - D. O'Rourke
21. Appointment: Chaperone - C. Roche
22. Appointment: Chaperone - S. Ludwiczak
23. Appointment: Chaperone - A. McCabe
24. Appointment: Chaperone - L. Cesiro
25. Appointment: Chaperone - A. Gray
26. Appointment: Chaperone - C. Ferrara
27. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher - EWMMS - A. Moss
28. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher - EWMMS - B. Baccelliere

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

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

29. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Health Ed - E. Clarke
30. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - English 7-12 - D. Kolanovic
31. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Literacy K-6 - C. Batby
32. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Students W/Disab/Child Ed 1-6 - P. Allen
33. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Social Worker - L. Grant
34. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Childhood 1-6 - B. Ricevuto
35. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Childhood K-6 - K. Rengifo
36. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Biology 7-12 - I. Oronsaye
37. Appointment: Substitute Teacher - Social Studies 7-12 - D. Mendelson
38. Appointment: Substitute Custodian - J. Swift
39. Appointment: After School ELA Teacher - EWMMS - J. Roisman
40. Appointment: After School ELA Teacher - EWMMS - J. Pentangelo
41. Appointment: After School ELA Teacher - EWMMS - A. Llanos
42. Appointment: After School ELA Teacher - EWMMS - S. Mann

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-20 through 3B-42** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Eglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfer - Items 1 through 2
- 1A. Budget Transfer - Items 1 through 2
2. Bid Approval - Printing Bid #2009-030A
3. Fund Raising - Items 1 through 9
4. Use of Facilities - Items 1 through 5
5. Health Services Contracts - Items 1 through 2
6. Donations - Items 1 through 2

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

**D. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings** - Approval of Contracts for Educational Services

1. Martin De Porres School
2. New York Therapy
3. Maryhaven Center of Hope
4. Department of Health - Suffolk
5. Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center
6. The Rehabilitation Institute
7. Bilinguals, Inc.
8. Center for Developmental Disabilities

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3D-1 through 3D-8** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Eglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. Monthly Finance Report**

1. June, 2008
2. July, 2008
3. August, 2008

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

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences - Items 1 through 52

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1 through 3F-52** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**G. Technology**

1. Approval of Western Suffolk BOCES 3 Year Agreement

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3G-1** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**4. REPORTS:**

- A. School District Attorney:** None
- B. Superintendent Reports:** Dr. Williams noted for the audience that there was a student art display in the auditorium. The College Fair was held at the high school on October 30. One hundred colleges were represented. Dr. Williams then shared letters with the Board that were written by students to President Elect Barack Obama.

**Jackie Allen, Amityville** – Ms. Allen discussed the Restorative Discipline Program for Schools. There will be a workshop on the program at Adelphi in December. Ms. Allen will obtain more information for the Board.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jordon-Thompson appointed Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.

**MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session at 7:46 PM for Personnel/Particular Persons/Negotiations** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 7:56 PM** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jordon-Thompson

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Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

Ms. Carolyn Dodd-President ATA

Mr. Theodore Tsirigotis

***Michele Sikhrangkur arrived at 7:58 PM.***

Ms. Dodd & Mr. Tsirigotis departed at 8:04 PM.

Mr. John Osborn, PC-Const. Attorney for P.A. Renovation Project Litigation arrived at 8:06 PM and left at 9:05 PM.

Mr. Tom DeLuca, PC-Const. Attorney for P.A. Renovation Project Litigation arrived at 8:06 PM and left at 9:05 PM.

Mr. Alex Truitt, PC-Const. Attorney for P.A. Renovation Project Litigation arrived at 8:06 PM and left at 9:05 PM.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to Resume Open Session at 10:06 PM** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

**2. MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2A-2 Draft #1 Regular Meeting - October 15, 2008** (tabled earlier) made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**3. MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 Approval of decision of Hearing Officer** (tabled earlier) made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:12 PM** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O’Neill/District Clerk