

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District
Amityville, NY 11701
Special Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2014
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium – 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: 1st Vice President Ronald A. Moss 2nd Vice President Terry Fulton
Trustee Jeannette Santos Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett
Trustee Nathan King Trustee Carolyn Dodd

ABSENT: President Lisa Johnson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan K. Lange, Interim Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Bridgette Wilson, Director for Human Resources
Mrs. Sydney Freifelder, Interim Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Robert Claps, President, ATA
Ms. Carol Seehof, Vice President, ATA

COMMUNITY: 20 members present

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

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by 1st Vice President Moss at 7:03 PM.

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, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only

Susan Heenan, 2 Matthew Dr., Amityville – Mrs. Heenan said her daughter is in an inclusion class in 5th grade. She came home upset because her teacher was leaving and today was her last day. Parents were not notified. Dr. Kelly said that we r aware that this can be disruptive to students. No notification has gone out because we have to wait until the board approves the appointments We are looking to hire more permanent substitute teachers.

Crystal Rodriguez, 44 Camp Rd., Massapequa - Agenda Item 3B-4, 3B-5. Discussed why teachers are hired outside the district when someone is already available in the District. She was concerned about her son's reaction to his teacher leaving. Dr. Kelly said that the faculty will make sure that his needs are met and that this will be a seamless transition.

Nadene Webb, 12 Corral Dr., Amityville – Spoke about not being notified about her son's teachers leaving his class. She was also angry about the lack of a substitute teacher when the regular teacher was absent.

D. Audit Committee

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 Draft Agenda for December 10, 2014 – There were no questions or comments from the Board.

D. Audit Committee None

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

A. Superintendent

1. Approval of the revised 2015-2016 Course Catalog

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett.

Discussion: Would like to table this item – needs more review.

MOTION to RESCIND Motion to Approve made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Dodd.

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

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel

1. Resignation: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS – Greenbaum, M.
2. RMLA Leave: Social Studies Teacher/MS – Rudden, M.
3. Leave Replacement Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/MS – Johnson, S.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-3 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee King. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Probationary Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA – Grasso, P.
5. Probationary Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA – Nyholm, A.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-4 & 3B-5 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee King. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

6. Appointment: Virtual Academy II/Spanish – Whitney, S.
7. Appointment: Special Education Coordinator/PA – Krepil, M.
8. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/HS – Mosley, S.
9. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Hargwood, N.
10. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide – Brooks, N.
11. Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Kindergarten/NE – Thomas, L.
12. Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Special Ed/NW – Lipowski, L.
13. Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/PA – Darling, K.
14. Appointment: Mentor Teacher/ESL/PA – Zomback, L.
15. Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/PA – Fox, A.
16. Appointment: Mentor Teacher/English/HAS – Wilsher, J.
17. Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Business/HS – Milan, L.
18. Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/PA – Pellegrino, R.
19. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Special Ed/HS – Feehan, R.
20. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Art/HS – Grasso, J.
21. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Library Media/HS – Quinn, T.
22. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/English/MS – Katsigiorgis, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-6 through 3B-22 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Trustee Dr. Corbett wanted assurance that mentors are working with teachers. Trustee King wanted to know if the teachers and mentors are accountable to anyone in the District. Dr. Lange responded that the mentor teachers meet with a coordinator and the coordinator reports to me. Sometimes, we do not have an exact match of mentor to mentee but the teachers are master teachers. Dr. Kelly said that we look to make the closest matches possible. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

23. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/English/MS – Pentangelo, J.
24. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/English/MS – Wilson, K.
25. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Special Ed/PA – Alexander, G.
26. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Special Ed/PA – Button, K.

B. Personnel(cont'd):

27. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/PA – Hyland, K.
28. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Special Ed/PA – Persaud, A.
29. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Special Ed/PA – Peshler, J.
30. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/PA – Ross, D.
31. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/PA – Stein, A.
32. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/NW – Asbell, M.
33. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/NW – Brooks, M.
34. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/NW – Davi-Ortiz, N.
35. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Special Ed/NW – Gonser, M.
36. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/NW – Karounos, O.
37. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/NW – Reddin, M.
38. Revised Appointment: Mentor Teacher/Elementary/PA – Pellegrino, R.
39. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Reyes, M .
40. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Miller, P.
41. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Molina, J.
42. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Peres, M.
43. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – Bocchieri, R.
44. Appointment: Security Guard/DW – Brutus, S.
45. Appointment: Security Guard/DW – Burnett, D.
46. Appointment: Security Guard/DW – Madison, E.
47. Appointment: Security Guard/DW – Manfra, M.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-23 through 3B-47 made b y Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Discussion:** Whether or not the title should be security officer. If changed from guard to officer, it will interfere with pensions according to Civil Service because they are retired police officers. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

1. Use of Facilities – Item 1
2. Workers
3. Budget Transfer – Item 1

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

D. Monthly Finance Report – None

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings/Contract Approval – None

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 16

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/11 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3F-1/12 & 3F-1/13 made by Trustee King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1/14 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Dr. Corbett. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3F-1/15 and 3F-1/16 made by 2nd vice President Fulton, seconded by Trustee King. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 1 No (Trustee Dodd voted no), 0 Abstain.

- 4. Reports - None
 - A. Legal Counsel for the District
 - B. Superintendent of Schools
 - C. Board of Education

COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS – None

1st Vice President Moss appointed Terry Fulton as District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session for Employment History of Particular Person at 8:12 PM made by Trustee King, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by 1st Vice President Moss at 8:15 PM.

LOCATION: Park North Administration Building – Room 107

IN ATTENDANCE: 1st Vice President Ronald A. Moss 2nd Vice President Terry Fulton
Trustee Jeannette Santos Trustee Dr. Kathleen Corbett
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ABSENT: President Lisa Johnson

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NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Fulton, District Clerk Pro Tem

RESUME Open Session at 10:05 PM

LOCATION: PAMES - Auditorium

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CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

3A-1 Approval of the revised 2015-2016 Course Catalog – Remained tabled.

3B-4 Probationary Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA – Grasso, P.

3B-5 Probationary Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA – Nyholm, A.

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3F-1/12 & 3F-1/13 – MOTION to AMEND Agenda Items 3F-1/12 & 3F-1/13 to read not to exceed \$650 per person made by Trustee Dodd, seconded by 2nd Vice President Fulton. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3F-1/15 & 3F-1/16 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee King. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to ADJOURN Special Meeting at 10:14 PM made by Trustee Santos, seconded by 1st Vice President Moss.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

Board Approved: 01/14/15