

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2015

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Approved: 12/09/15

**OPEN MEETING**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos at the Park North Administration Building and read the emergency statement and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Kathleen Corbett, Trustee  
Carolyn Dodd, Trustee  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Ronald A. Moss, President  
Terry Fulton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Juan Leon, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Mary O'Meara, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Diane Castonguay, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Carlos Perez, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Karenann Volinski, Director for Data and Instructional Technology  
Eileen Becker, District Clerk

**OPEN MEETING**

President Moss resumed Open Session at 7:07 p.m. and read the emergency exit statement and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Gary L. Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP  
Oroma Reynolds, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP  
Eileen Becker, District Clerk  
Dr. Clinton Grant, Principal/AMHS  
Donna De Freitas, Assistant Principal/AMHS  
John Cardone, Dean of Students/AMHS  
Ed Plaia, Principal/EWMMS  
Kristy Middleton, Assistant Principal/EWMMS  
Earl Mitchell, Dean of Students/EWMMS  
Scott Bullis, Principal/PAMES  
Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal/PAMES  
Vincent Todisco, Principal/NW  
Tim Hellmuth, Assistant Principal/NW  
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal/NE  
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services/Special Ed.  
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director for Fine Arts

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
DATE 12-9-15  
**DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE**  
Eileen Becker

Ted Tsirogitis, Director for Athletics, Physical Education and Health  
Susanne Pena, District Coordinator for ESL and Bilingual Programs  
Sandra Parmentier, Ass't Administrator for PPS/Special Education  
Mike Butler, Director of Facilities

COMMUNITY PRESENT: 20 plus the Soccer Team and Coaches

There was no Community input on agenda items.

### PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Moss introduced Dr. Kelly who began the presentations for the evening as follows:

1. Mary O'Meara, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented High School Student Sandra Banegas certificates from the district and the Black Caucus School Board Members for her participation on the student panel as part of the NYSSBA 2015 Convention. Ms. Banegas represented the Amityville School District with poise and confidence. She also appeared in the October 26<sup>th</sup> issue of NYSSBA's On Board Newspaper (Attachment #1)
2. Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of the Fine Arts Department, presented certificates to students for their achievement in Art and Music. (Attachment #2)
3. Dr. Grant introduced the Coaches to congratulate the high school boys' varsity soccer team for claiming the title of Suffolk County and Long Island Class A Champions and present them with certificates. The Team Roster is attached. (Attachment #3)

The soccer team will play Grand Island High School on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11:15 a.m. at Middletown High School, 24 Gardner Ave. Extension, Middletown, NY, at the Faller Field Complex.

4. Mary O'Meara, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented to the audience a report on the 2014-15 school year report cards. (Attachment #4)
5. Mary O'Meara, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented to the audience a report on the Academic Eligibility Policy. Ted Tsirogitis, the Director for Athletics, Physical Education and Health, John Cardone, Dean of Students at the High School and Earl Mitchell, Dean of Students at the Middle School took the audience through the process and explained how the policy will be carried out. We have already seen significant improvements. (Attachment #5)
6. Dr. Mary Kelly, Superintendent of Schools, shared with the audience the status of the Bond Committee and where we go from here. Each Building Principal spoke of the needs in their assigned buildings. (Attachment #6)

At 9:15 p.m., President Moss continued with the agenda as follows:

### PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-17 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Rescind Appointment: MS Head Basketball Coach – Brooks, N.
2. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/MS – Baloga, T.
3. Appointment: Monitor/PA – Augustus, R.
4. Appointment: Mentor Teacher – Quinn, T.
5. Appointment: Winter Coach – Volunteer Girls Varsity Basketball – Abbondandolo, Sr., M.
6. Appointment: Winter Coach – Assistant Varsity Boys Track – Brooks, N.
7. Appointment: Winter Coach – Assistant Varsity Girls Track – Jackson, D.
8. Appointment: Food Service Worker/NW – Diaz, J.
9. Appointment: Food Service Worker/NE – Vasquez, M.
10. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist – Spinelli, M.

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12. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Ortiz, M.
13. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Stewart, F.
14. Revised Appointment: Chaperone – Tietje, S.
15. Revised Resignation: Principal/NW – Todisco, V.
16. Appointment: Interim Principal/NW – Garcia, F.
17. Appointment: Coach/MS Boys Basketball – Miller, M.

#### **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-6 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by Trustee Dodd.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Transportation Contracts for 2015-2016
2. Fund Raising
3. Use of Facilities
4. Donations
5. Disposition of Fixed Assets
6. Approval of External Audit Report

#### **FINANCE**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 the Finance Report for September, 2015 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

#### **CONSULTANT SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-4 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Trustee Corbett.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Bilinguals, Inc.
2. United Cerebral Palsy Association
3. ACDS, Inc.
4. The Center for Developmental Disabilities

#### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 Conferences made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton; seconded by Trustee Dodd.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3F-2 through 3F-4 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

2. Approval of Local Assistance Plans – 2015-16/PA
3. Approval of Local Assistance Plans – 2015/16/MS
4. Approval of Local Assistance Plans – 2015/16/NW

#### **REPORTS**

Legal Counsel Will report in Executive Session status of pending litigations

Dr. Kelly Boys Varsity Soccer Team won the L.I. Championship and advanced to the semi-finals in Middletown on Saturday, November 14, 2015.

Thanks to the Amityville Alumni Football Association, the Soccer team have been riding in style to their local L. I. Championship contests donated funds to make up the difference upgrading to a coach bus.

Dr. Kelly spoke of the participation of the AMHS Marching Band and Terrance Hinds at the Veterans' Day Remembrance.

Several 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students have been selected to participate in the Suffolk County Music Educators' Association PEAK Music Festival on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Dr. Kelly reminded everyone to check the district's website for upcoming events and news.

Finally, Dr. Kelly thanked Vincent Todisco for his contribution to the Northwest Elementary School and our appreciation as we say good bye.

Board None

**COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Maresa Dealy APTC Ms. Dealy reminded the Board and Administration volunteers are needed to help serve food at Awareness Weekend.

Eileen Becker left at 9:10 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to move to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. for discussions for particular person employment history and advice from legal counsel made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain. President Moss appointed Trustee Johnson as Clerk Pro Tem.

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**OPEN SESSION**

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and resume Open Meeting at 10:30 p.m. made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

T. Fulton left at 10:31 p.m.

Motion to amend the Agenda to add 3A-1 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3A-1 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

**3A-1 Non-Resident Request**

Motion to amend the Agenda to add 2C-1 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

**2C-1 Approval of Witness Fee**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:35 p.m. made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen Becker, District Clerk