

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2016

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by President Moss at the Park Avenue School, Art Room

IN ATTENDANCE: Ronald A. Moss, President  
Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Carolyn Dodd, Trustee  
Kathleen Corbett, Trustee  
ABSENT: Terry Fulton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Juan Leon, Trustee  
ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Gary Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

Motion to recess from Open Meeting and enter to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of the employment history of particular persons; pending litigations; advice from counsel made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Corbett. President Moss appointed Trustee Johnson Clerk Pro Tem.  
Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton arrived at 6:41 p.m.  
Oroma Reynolds, Esq., Guercio & Guercio arrived at 6:41 p.m.  
Trustee Leon arrived at 6:43 p.m.  
Mary O’Meara arrived at 6:50 p.m.  
Diane Castonguay arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:11 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Becker, District Clerk  
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services  
Sandra Parmentier, Assistant Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services  
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director Fine Arts Department  
Evan Farkas, Director for Athletics, Health and Physical Education  
Susanne Pena, District Coordinator for ESL/World Languages Department  
Dr. Clinton Grant, Principal AMHS  
Donna DeFreitas, Assistant Principal AMHS  
John Cardone, Dean of Students AMHS  
Ed Plaia, Principal EWMMS  
Kristy Pagliari, Assistant Principal EWMMS  
Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal PAMES  
Dr. Brenda Triplett, Principal NW  
Tim Hellmuth, Assistant Principal NW  
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal NE  
ABSENT: Earl Mitchell, Dean of Students EWMMS  
Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES

COMMUNITY: 50

**PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Kelly introduced Gerald Asbell who spoke about the upcoming EWMMS Drama Presentation “Café Murder”. Part of the cast performed a scene from the play. The play will be May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School.

Mrs. O'Meara introduced Deborah Charles, Science EWMMS Teacher and Dr. Henry from Farmingdale State College to talk about the importance of this program and progress our students have made.

Mrs. O'Meara spoke about the new course proposals for the high school and introduced Dr. Tietje who presented the courses in more details.

### **COMMUNITY INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No community input

#### **ACTION**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-4 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to amend the Agenda to add Agenda Item 2C-2 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton. Discussion: None Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-2 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

#### **GENERAL**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A-1 through 3A-6 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

#### **PERSONNEL**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-4 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-5 through 3B-7 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

The meeting paused to congratulate the employees who received tenure.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-8 through 3B-15 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

#### **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-6 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-7 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Fails: 0 Yes; 7 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-8 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Fails: 0 Yes; 7 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-9 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Fails: 2 Yes (Johnson, Leon); 5 No (Moss, Fulton, Santos, Corbett, Dodd); 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-10 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Fails: 2 Yes (Johnson, Leon); 5 No (Moss, Fulton, Santos, Corbett, Dodd); 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-11 made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Fails: 2 Yes (Johnson, Leon); 5 No (Moss, Fulton, Santos, Corbett, Dodd); 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-12 made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton; seconded by Trustee Corbett.  
Discussion: None. Motion Fails: 0 Yes; 7 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-13 through 3C-26 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Passes: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-27 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Fails: 2 Yes (Johnson, Leon); 5 No (Moss, Fulton, Santos, Corbett, Dodd); 0 Abstain

**FINANCE**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

**CURRICULUM**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-2 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

**REPORTS**

Legal Counsel No Report

Superintendent Dr. Kelly gave an update on the construction regarding the Bond starting with the High School.

Dr. Kelly spoke of the significant coverage in the media pertaining to lead in the drinking water. We presently have no reason for concern and have contracted JCBroderick and Associates to begin testing the water at each building to be proactive and will report the findings to the Board and community upon receipt.

Samantha Lima and Juliette Stack, both students at PAMES, had their astronomy inspired paintings showcased at the Cradle fo Aviation Museum in Garden City.

Gianely McCatty, Mikhail Ankudovych and Orchid Delaleu, all students at PAMES, received the Distinguished award for their portfolio work at the NYSATA Assessment Project.

Last month, more than 25 Amityville alumni returned to AMHS. Alumni included Chemene Pelzer, Class of '91 who is a producer on the "Today" Show. Other alumni were from the Class of 1961 through 2013.

The APTC will host "Meet the Candidates Night" at 7 PM at PAMES

The Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 9 PM at Northeast Elementary School and Amityville High School.

Board of Education No Report.

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No Community Input

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 8:12 p.m. by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Corbett.  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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APPROVED  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 2-13-16  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
*Celia Becker*