

January 16, 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2019

AMITYVILLE U.F.S.D.  
BOARD OF APPROVED  
EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 2/13/19  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
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The Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Dodd at Park Avenue North, 6664 North

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President  
Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Laura Pawlewicz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Allie McDonough, Trustee  
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee  
Terry Fulton, Trustee

ABSENT: Jeannette Santos, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Andrea Pekar, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Eugene R. Barnosky, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Alyssa Zuckerman, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Pete Sammis (arrived at 7:04 p.m., left at 7:19 p.m).

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing, negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the ATA and AAA, the employment history of a particular person, seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney, and matters that would impact public safety made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:46 p.m.

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Barbara Miller, District Clerk  
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Personnel Services and Special Education  
Ms. Sandra Parmentier, Assistant Administrator for Personnel Services and Special Education  
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Mr. Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health  
Ms. Mary Stephens, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages  
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School  
Ms. Kathleen Hyland, Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Ms. Sonia Rodrigo, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Ms. Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Ms. Wiederhold, Assistant Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School

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Mr. Edward Plaia, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Mr. Earl Mitchell, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Mr. Paul Duguay, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Mr. Brian Suckel, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Mr. John Cardone, Dean of Students, Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 10

President Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Kelly introduced Mr. Zider, Mr. Duguay, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Plaia and Students from Edmund W. Miles Middle School who talked about their experiences when they went on an Adelphi University Tour.

Mr. Daddio from NYSSBA, made a presentation developing the school budget.

Gary Sheide, of BBS Architect, and Derek Knatz from Park East, the Construction Management Co. updated the Board on Capital Projects at the Administration Building, the Roof Replacement and Masonry Reconstruction; at the Edmund Miles Middle School, Window Replacement; at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, the work completed during the December break; and at the Amityville Memorial High School, Additions and Alterations.

They discussed future work at the Northwest Elementary School, Additions and Alterations and at the Northeast Elementary School, Capital Improvements.

Mr. Paternostro, Administrator for Personnel Services and Special Education, reported on an overview on the Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Initiatives and programs that presently exist in Pre K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the Amityville School District.

### Community input on Agenda Items

Sandra Hopkins asked if the District had enough Psychologists and Social Workers. Mr. Paternostro responded yes.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-3 made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Draft #3- Special Meeting- November 27, 2018
2. Draft #1- Special Meeting- December 5, 2018
3. Draft #1- Regular Meeting- December 12, 2018

### ACTION

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2C-1 and 2C-2 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mr. Fulton.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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1. Approval of Facilitator for Board Retreat
2. Approval of Fee to Facilitate a Presentation

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-3 made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

3. ATA Retirement Incentive Program

### **GENERAL**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A-1 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mr. Fulton.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of 2019-2020 Academic Calendar

### **PERSONNEL**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-20 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mr. Fulton.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Resignation for Retirement: Elementary Teacher/PA- Scott, L.
2. Resignation for Retirement: Custodial Worker I/MS- Corporan, R.
3. Resignation: Assistant Superintendent for Technology & Administrative Services- Polney, C.
4. Resignation: Custodial Worker I/NE- Clairborne, A.
5. Resignation: Activity Advisor: Science Society/MS- Lim, N.
6. Resignation: Activity Advisor: Co- Newspaper/HS- Greiss, M.
7. Resignation: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS- Maynard, R.
8. FMLA: Science Teacher/HS- Garofano, C.
9. Intermittent FMLA: Bilingual Teacher/NW- Cottone, M.
10. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher/NW- Bloom, C.
11. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Clerk Typist/MS- Thomas, A.
12. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education 1:1 Aide/PA- King, S.
13. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education 1:1 Aide/MS- Spence, E.
14. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education 1:1 Aide/MS- Spence, E.
15. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/PA- McCabe, M.
16. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/NE- Gray, G.
17. Resignation: Groundskeeper- Dolan, M.
18. Intermittent FMLA: ENL Teacher/NW- Meisser, P.
19. Revised Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/PA- Byrne, G.
20. Probationary Appointment: Spanish Teacher/MS- Ferraiolo, A.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-21 through 3B-101 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

21. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NE- Sicoli, B.
22. Appointment: Virtual Academy: English Teacher- Wilsher, J.
23. Appointment: Virtual Academy: Science Teacher- Ellis, J.
24. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Literature- Rochester, S.

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25. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Language- Wilsher, J.
26. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Seminar- Reichel, A.
27. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Biology- Galasso, J.
28. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Physics- Loiacono, M.
29. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Calculus- Zuar, C.
30. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Psychology- Schulken, J.
31. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Euro-Tomasi, M.
32. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP World- Mizrachi, D.
33. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Human Geography- Howard, M.
34. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP US History- Schulken, J.
35. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Government- Greiss, M.
36. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Spanish- Castro, E.
37. Appointment: AP Review Sessions: AP Computer Science- Milan, L.
38. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Alexander, G.
39. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Altamura, N.
40. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Asbell, M.
41. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Ashe, M.
42. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Boell, J.
43. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Calderon, M.
44. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Cimmino, P.
45. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Colon, L.
46. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Darling, K.
47. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Diot, C.
48. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Driscoll, J.
49. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Graham, D.
50. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Hunter, A.
51. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Kretz, A.
52. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Maccarone, J.
53. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Mejia, C.
54. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Naso, K.
55. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Nyholm, A.
56. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- O'Brien, F.
57. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Poulin, A.
58. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Quinn, T.
59. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Reiner, H.
60. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Rexach, S.
61. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Rosario, K.
62. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Ross, D.
63. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Sanchez, J.
64. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Sarris, K.
65. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Silon, R.
66. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Smith, J.
67. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Tandy, J.
68. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Tesoro, K.
69. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Tricarico, K.
70. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Tsunis, J.

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71. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Williams, N.
72. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Zaratina, S.
73. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Mills, S.
74. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Frenger, J.
75. Appointment: Skin In The Game Technology Learning- Whittier, S.
76. Appointment: Piano Accompanist- Ferrara, C.
77. Appointment: Piano Accompanist- Brooks, M.
78. Appointment: Piano Accompanist- Brooks, M.
79. Appointment: Piano Accompanist- Koraus, M.
80. Revised Appointment: Activity Advisor: Newspaper- Keenan, K.
81. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Science Society/MS- Sanchez, J.
82. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Robotics/HS- Roy, S.
83. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Cap & Gown Coordinator/HS- Donovan, S.
84. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Chorus/Hs/MS- Koraus, D.
85. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/NW- Ramsaywack, R.
86. Resignation: Special Education 1:1 Aide/PA- Sicoli, B.
87. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide/HS- Thornton, S.
88. Appointment: Food Service Worker/NE- Tobin, J.
89. Appointment Security Guard- Pate III, J.
90. Appointment: Home Tutor- Boell, J.
91. Appointment: Bus Monitor- McCabe, A.
92. Appointment: Bus Monitor- Molina, A.
93. Appointment: Chaperone- Pelaez-Shea, G.
94. Appointment: Translator- Pelaez-Shea, G.
95. Appointment: Substitute Custodial Worker- Foskey, J.
96. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide- San Filippo, D.
97. Appointment: Winter Coach: Girls MS Basketball- Jackson, A.
98. Termination: Permanent Substitute Teacher- Spielman, J.
99. Rescind Leave Replacement Appointment: Literacy Teacher/NW- Anderson, K.
100. Termination: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- Anderson, K.
101. Appointment: Leave Replacement: Literacy Teacher/NW- Desiderio, D.

## **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-9 made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz.  
Discussion: Mr. Leon had questions about the Budget Transfer. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Budget Transfer
2. Motion to Increase the 2018-19 Budget
3. Donations
4. Use of Facilities
5. Health Service Contracts- Other Schools
6. Health Service Contracts- St. Martin of Tours
7. Change Order #1 Capital Improvements Park Avenue Elementary
8. Acceptance of Internal Audit Corrective Action Plan
9. Acceptance of External Audit Corrective Action Plan

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## **FINANCE**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Treasurer's Report- November 2018

## **CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-6 made by Ms. Pawlewicz; seconded by Mr. Fulton.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Battaglia & Associates
2. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau (ASEP)
3. Positive Behavior Support Consulting & Psychological Resources, P.C.
4. All About Kids
5. Seaford UFSD
6. Plainedge Public Schools

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences

## **REPORTS**

Dr. Kelly reported on the Long Island String Ensemble, Student Artists being recognized, a partnership with the Sandy Hook Promise to prevent school violence as part of the Say Something Program on school safety. Dr. Kelly also reported on the various awards that our students have received. Dr. Kelly reported on the Amityville Sports programs. Dr. Kelly also reported that we will have a full day pre k program.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Crystal Rodriguez spoke about her son participating in sports and an provided an update on his classroom. Dr. Kelly asked if she had shared the issues with the Principal and the Athletic Director. Ms. Rodriguez replied yes.

Thomas Goddard asked about the Student Advisory Council? Dr. Kelly responded that students from grades 5-12 are represented. Mr. Goddard also asked how often events like Coffee with Dr. Kelly took place. Dr. Kelly responded that they meet throughout the year, and the events are on the District Calendar. Mr. Goddard also asked about why the budget was increased? Dr. Kelly responded that we had received a \$25,000 grant and in accepting the money we have to increase the budget.

Carolyn Chickagunga talked about registration for the After School Program and about seating for the disabled at a Basketball Games.

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Sandra Hopkins had concerns comments at the last Board Meeting, and wanted to make sure that the community concerns are taken seriously. Ms. Hopkins also asked if there was an update on the situation at the High School. Dr. Kelly responded that the issue was addressed and can't be discussed further.

Kathy Ward stated that she was happy about the traffic light at the High School and that there are still quite a few cars that are stopping in front of the high school. Dr. Kelly responded that it is a matter of traffic enforcement. Dr. Kelly also responded that we have asked the Village to have a police presence. Ms. Ward also noted that there are several cars parked at Northwest very late at night. Dr. Kelly responded that if security saw something they would contact law enforcement.

Motion to resume Executive session at 9:41 p.m.

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Motion to exit Executive Session return to the Public Meeting at 10:54 p.m. made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. Pawlewicz. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 10:55 p.m. made by Ms. Pawlewicz; second by Mr. Fulton.  
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.