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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2019

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APPROVED  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 12/10/19  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
*Barbara Miller*

The Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Dodd at Park Avenue North, Board Room.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President  
Laura McVeety Pawlewicz, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Susan Benard-Handler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (arrived at 6:53 p.m.)  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Juan Leon, Trustee  
Allie McDonough, Trustee  
Jeannette Santos, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations (7:09 p.m.)  
Sharon N. Berlin, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Eugene R. Barnosky, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the CSEA Custodial Unit and CSEA II Unit, employment history of particular person, and seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney, made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.  
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 7:33 p.m. made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:43 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Andrea Pekar, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Eugene R. Barnosky, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Barbara Miller, District Clerk  
Christine Kim, Assistant Business Administrator  
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education  
Virginia Figueroa, Assistant Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education  
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health  
Mary Stephens, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages  
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School  
Kathleen Hyland, Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Sonia Rodrigo, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Melissa Wiederhold, Assistant Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Earl Mitchell, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Paul Duguay, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School

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Lurdez Berrios, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Brian Suckle, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
John Cardone, Dean of Students, Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 21

President Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Robyn Santiago, Ms. Amy Stein and Mr. Tim Quinn of the Park Ave Memorial Elementary School, provided an update regarding the Skin in the Game grant. Ms. Stein and Mr. Quinn recently showcased their work at the Long Island Technology Summit.

Social, Emotional Learning and Mental Health update.

Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education

Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health

Brian Suckle, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School

Earl Mitchell, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School

Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School

Kathleen Hyland, Principal, Northwest Elementary School

Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School

Mr. Gary Scheide of BBS and Mr. Richard Esposito of Park East Construction updated the Board on the Amityville Memorial High School, Additions and Alterations, the Northwest Elementary School, Additions and Alterations and Northeast Elementary School Capital Improvements.

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

Ms. Madelyn Quintyne McConney asked questions regarding agenda items 3A1-5. Dr. Kelly responded that they refer to fringe benefits which the non-aligned employees receive because they are not part of a collective bargaining unit. Dr. Kelly replied that this includes sick days, personal days, vacation days and health insurance benefits.

Ms. Madelyn Quintyne McConney also asked a question regarding certification status of the basketball coaches. Dr. Kelly responded that she would look into it.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-3 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Draft #1- October 2, 2019- Board of Education Special Meeting
2. Draft #1- October 16, 2019- Board of Education Regular Meeting
3. Draft #1- October 29, 2019- Board of Education Special Meeting

### **BOARD ACTION**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Ms. Benard-Handler; seconded by Ms. Santos.

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Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Nomination of Area 12 Director

### **GENERAL**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A-1 through 3A-5 made by Ms. Benard-Handler; seconded by Ms. McDonough.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Approval of Fringe Benefits for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
2. Approval of Fringe Benefits for Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
3. Approval of Fringe Benefits for Assistant Superintendent for Technology & Administrative Services
4. Approval of Fringe Benefits for Director of Facilities
5. Approval of Fringe Benefits for Assistant Business Administrator

### **PERSONNEL**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 2 Abstain (Mr. Leon and Ms. Santos).

1. Tenure Appointment: Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health- Farkas, E.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-2 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion:

None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

2. Tenure Appointment: Business Teacher/HS- Schweigert, J.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-3 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

3. Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher/NW- Harris, A.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-4 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

4. Tenure Appointment: Teaching Assistant/PA- Byrne, G.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-5 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

5. Tenure Appointment: Teaching Assistant/HS- Baloga, P.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-6 through 3B-76 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by

Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

6. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Social Studies Teacher/MS- O'Brien, F.
7. Appointment: Professional Learning Plan Committee: Co-Chairperson/MS- Ciliotta, L.
8. Appointment: Professional Learning Plan Committee: Teacher/MS- Lim, N.
9. Appointment: Professional Learning Plan Committee: Teacher/HS- Tomasi, M.
10. Appointment: Professional Learning Plan Committee: Teacher/PA- McCormack, M.

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11. Appointment: Professional Learning Plan Committee: Teacher/PA- Maurer, L.
12. Appointment: Professional Learning Plan Committee: Teacher/NW- Smith, J.
13. Appointment: Professional Learning Plan Committee: Teacher/NE- Smith, T.
14. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NE- Palmeri, M.
15. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS- Berten, G.
16. Appointment: Substitute Teacher- Lerikos, K.
17. Probationary Appointment: Food Service Worker/HS- Higgins, P.
18. Appointment: Substitute Custodian- Bristel, L.
19. Appointment: Substitute Custodian- Campbell, J.
20. Appointment: Substitute Custodian- Merritt, G.
21. Appointment: Substitute Custodian- Crenshaw, P.
22. Resignation: Food Service Worker/PA- Newsome, T.
23. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Assistant- Piskorek, L.
24. Appointment: ENL Academy Teacher/NW- Basu, S.
25. Appointment: ENL Academy Teacher/NW- Byrd, J.
26. Appointment: ENL Academy Teacher/NW- Harris, A.
27. Appointment: ENL Academy Teacher/NW- Johnson, J.
28. Appointment: ENL Academy Teacher/PA- Feliz, J.
29. Appointment: ENL Academy Teacher/PA- Silva-Cruz, J.
30. Appointment: ENL Academy Teacher/PA- Tandy, J.
31. Appointment: ENL Academy Teacher/NE- Smith, T.
32. Appointment: ENL Academy Teacher/NE- Varas, L.
33. Appointment: ENL Academy Substitute Teacher/NE- Faber, N.
34. Appointment: ENL Academy Substitute Teacher/NW- Dady, J.
35. Appointment: ENL Academy Substitute Teacher/NW- Davi-Ortiz, N.
36. Appointment: ENL Academy Substitute Teacher/PA- Roddin, L.
37. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Dady, J.
38. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Smith, J.
39. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Faulkner, K.
40. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Geilman, K.
41. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Meisser, P.
42. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Maurer, L.
43. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Faber, N.
44. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Randolph, L.
45. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Darling, K.
46. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Puglisi, J.
47. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Bura, S.
48. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Tricarico, K.
49. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Lim, N.
50. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Science- Quigley, C.
51. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- Ciliotta, L.
52. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- Zider, J.
53. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- James, S.
54. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- Cohen, M.
55. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- Smith, J.
56. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- Maurer, L.

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57. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- Zomback, L.
58. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- Graham, D.
59. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- Pellegrino, R.
60. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: K-6 Social Studies- Randolph, L.
61. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class: LOTE Class- Bueno, R.
62. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class: LOTE Class- Castro, E.
63. Extended FMLA: Special Education Teacher/PA- Nyholm, A.
64. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher/PA- Zanchelli-Tutku, K.
65. Appointment: Food Service Worker/PA- Wolk, C.
66. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/HS- Tejada, J.
67. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/HS- Lopez-Maldonado, B.
68. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/HS- Radziewicz, C.
69. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/HS- Quiroz, M.
70. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/MS- Echeverry, G.
71. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/MS- Brown-Hendricks, K.
72. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/MS- Newsome, T.
73. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/NW- Lopez, S.
74. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/NW- Stewart, F.
75. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/PA- Palmer, U.
76. Revised Increase In Hours: Food Service Worker/PA- Wolk, C.

#### **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-6 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Change Order #3- Arrow Steel Window Corp
2. Late Transportation Request
3. Donations
4. Approval of Interfund Transfer
5. Disposal of Fixed Assets
6. Approval of Return Monies To General Account

#### **FINANCE**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Treasurer's Report- September 2019

#### **CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-7 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. The United Cerebral Palsy Assn. of Greater Suffolk, Inc.
2. Cleary Deaf Child Center
3. Brookville Center for Children's Services Inc.

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4. Alternatives for Children
5. AHRC- Suffolk
6. Tiegerman School
7. Bilinguals Inc. (Achieve Beyond)

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences

## **REPORTS**

Dr. Kelly reported on additional progress the District was making in various areas.

1. Shanti Fund Annual Celebration to promote peace and nonviolence, and celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Gandhi.
2. Students Pathway to Peace program.
3. Diversity and Inclusion Council held its second meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
4. Food pantry with LI Cares
5. Block Scheduling at the Secondary Schools
6. School Business Advisory Council on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mr. Michael McDonald submitted a proposal for a Community Committee. Ms Dodd stated that she was in receipt of his letter.

Mr. Bob Claps, President of the ATA stated that the Mark Engler Memorial Benefit Fundraiser will be held November 22, 2019 from 3-6 p.m. at The Warehouse. The proceeds will go to a scholarship for an Amityville Memorial High School student interested in furthering their education in the Performing Arts.

A student asked when the Black College Tour will be held. Dr. Kelly responded it will be during the February Mid-Winter Recess.

A student asked if the ninth graders are going to move into the High School after the construction, and how will it affect the busing. Dr. Kelly responded the entrance on Bayview Ave will be reopened and a road will connect the east and west parking lots. In addition, the west parking lot will be redesigned to accommodate the buses.

Mr. Jeffrey Reyes asked about the status of his FOIL request. Dr. Kelly responded that the External Audit was just finished and will be presented to the Audit Committee next month.

Mr. Jeffrey Jones asked if Awareness Weekend could be held more than once a year. Dr. Kelly responded that she would look into it.

Mr. Steven Othenstein commented on student eligibility for sports.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 9:59 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employment history of particular person, and seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney, made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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Andrea Pekar, Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction (left at 10:11 p.m.)  
Eugene R. Barnosky, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP

Motion to exit Executive Session and adjourn Open Meeting at 10:12 p.m. made by Mr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain