

December 11, 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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  
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  
Sharon N. Berlin, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Eugene R. Barnosky, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the Amityville Teachers Association, CSEA Unit II, and CSEA Building and Grounds 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 7:28 p.m. made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:42 p.m. in the Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Auditorium.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President  
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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  
Dr. Thomas DeNicola, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services  
Eugene R. Barnosky, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Sharon N. Berlin, 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

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

COMMUNITY: 32

President Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PRESENTATIONS

- Amityville Memorial High School Jazz Band under the Direction of Music Teacher Jolene Maccarone.
- White Coats were presented to students by Eric Flynn from Stony Brook University.
- Park East Construction Corp. and Burton, Behrendt, Smith, PC - Capital Project Update.
- J.C. Broderick And Associates – Update on the Park Ave Gym Floor.

### 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- November 6, 2019- Board of Education Special Meeting
2. Draft #1- November 13, 2019- Board of Education Regular Meeting
3. Draft #1- November 19, 2019- Board of Education Special Meeting

### BOARD ACTION

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

1. Employee Settlement Agreement

### PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-1 through 3B-37 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Resignation for Retirement: Monitor/PA- Walters, D.
2. Resignation: Security Guard- Maldonado, D.
3. Intermittent FMLA: Special Education Teacher/MS- Delgiorno, A.
4. FMLA: School Psychologist/NW- Brijmohan, P.
5. FMLA: Special Education Teacher/NW- Carrero, D.

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6. Revised Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Science Teacher/HS- Garofano, C.
7. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Science Teacher/HS- Galasso, J.
8. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Spanish Teacher/MS- Gonzalez, A.
9. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: English Teacher/HS- Reichel, A.
10. FMLA: Social Studies Teacher/MS- Rexach, S.
11. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Food Service Worker/MS- Echeverry, G.
12. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/NW- Shah, A.
13. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher/NW- Martinez, E.
14. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class/MS- Geiger, D.
15. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Drama Assistant- Collura, N.
16. Appointment: Food Service Worker Additional Hours- Tobin, J.
17. Appointment: Food Service Worker Additional Hours- Tejada, J.
18. Appointment: Monitor/NE- Davis, C.
19. Appointment: Monitor/NE- Hess, R.
20. Appointment: Monitor/HS- Harris, A.
21. Appointment: Monitor/NW- Marcelin, P.
22. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/PA- Velez, M.
23. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS- Fitzpatrick, J.
24. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS- Tullo, F.
25. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Assistant- George, J.
26. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide- George, J.
27. Appointment: Substitute Monitor- George, J.
28. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class: Algebra/HS- McDermott, M.
29. Appointment: Teaching Additional Class: ENL/HS- Scherzinger, P.
30. Resignation: Permanent Substitute Teacher/PA- Dilluvio, J.
31. Resignation: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS- Gonzalez, C.
32. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker- Newsome, T.
33. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker- Lowe, R.
34. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker- Amaya, G.
35. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide- Jones, R.
36. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide- Jones, L.
37. Probationary Appointment: Bilingual Teaching Assistant/PA- Lee, G.

## **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-8 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Health Service Contracts- Other Schools (Seaford UFSD)
2. Donations
3. Change Order #1 (Irwin Contracting)
4. Change Order #2 (VRD Contracting Inc.)
5. Change Order #2 (Hartcorn Plumbing and Heating)
6. Transportation Contracts
7. Disposal of Fixed Assets
8. Mathematic Consultants

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## **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- October 2019

## **CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-4 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Cleary School for the Deaf
2. Top Grade
3. Little Flower UFSD
4. Girls Inc.

## **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**

The following reports were from Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary T. Kelly:

- Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, has been recognized as a Certified Athletic Administrator by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.
- Dr. John Cardone received his doctorate from St. Johns University.
- Superintendent's Conference Day Update.
- The Diversity & Inclusiveness Advisory Council Update.
- Budget Process Update.
- English Language Learning Program Update.
- APTC Coffee with the Superintendent and Painting Night.
- Health and Wellness Night.

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

Michael McDonald read a message to the Board.

Madelyn Quintyne McConney asked about an update on the Coaches' Certification, Diversity Committee, and automated "Robo" calls.

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Noah Bullard had a question regarding class sizes at the Edmund W. Miles Middle School.

Jacklyn Watkins asked if Police Officers are assigned to the Schools.

Bob Claps, President of the ATA stated to the Board that the incident involving the boiler malfunction at Northwest was handled well. Juan Leon also commented on the Northwest School.

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