

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Special Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2021
Edmund W. Miles Middle School Cafeteria

Dr. Fulton called the Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. for the purpose of seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Ms. Kretz. Motion Carried: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terry Fulton, President
Juan Leon, 1st Vice President
Jeannette Santos, 2nd Vice President
David Heller, Trustee
Lisa Johnson, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Carol Seehof, Trustee
Dr. Edward Fale, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
John Sheahan, Guercio & Guercio, LLP

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APPROVED
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
DATE 12/8/21
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE
Eileen Becker

Open Meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Becker, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 15 Community Members in person; 3 ATA Members attended.

Dr. Fulton led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the safety statement.

With no community input on Agenda items, Dr. Fulton and the Board reviewed the Draft Agenda for the Regular Business Meeting – November 10th.

Mr. Leon questioned the Home Tutors – 3B-37 through 3B-46 – do the tutors actually visit homes. The answer is no, it is done virtually.

Ms. Johnson asked when 3B-32 Empire After School Program Director would begin. The answer is the next day, November 5th.

Mrs. Santos asked if there will be a presentation regarding 3D-1 at the next meeting. The answer is yes as well as a presentation on the role of the Treasurer.

Returning to the November 3rd agenda:

3A. General

1. Agreement With Employee
2. NuEnerg Agreement

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A-1 and 3A-2 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Ms. Seehof.
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

3B. Personnel

1. Probationary Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW- Moreno, B.
2. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Social Worker- Buzzerio, J.
3. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: General Ed/Special Ed- Davi-Ortiz, N.
4. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Special Education Teacher- Herz, D.
5. Tenure Appointment: Special Education/Mathematics Teacher/HS- Collura, N.
6. Tenure Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/HS- Rexach, S.
7. Tenure Appointment: Special Education/ELA Teacher/HS- Tesoro, K.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-7 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Discussion: Mrs. Santos asked if the teachers who earned tenure were present; they were not but will be honored at the end of year meeting and Dr. Fale announced their names with the Board's congratulations.

BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS

Mr. Leon and Mr. Heller shared the essay contest "Patriots Pen" for grades 6-8. Last year they had about 30; this year it is about 50. These essays will be reviewed and the top 3 will receive a cash award and the essays will be submitted to the State and then Nation-wide.

Mrs. Santos encouraged the audience to attend games and show their support. This soccer team is outstanding and very much appreciative of the support they receive.

Ms. Johnson asked about the progress of working on the various committees which will be discussed further at the November 10th meeting. The need for Facilities Planning Committee was suggested by Mr. Heller and DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) committee was suggested by Mrs. Santos. Dr. Fulton is working on how many committees to start with; the descriptive and how many people on the committee.

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Nakia Wolfe – ATA President.

While we are seeing a lot of changes in rebuilding, the job not done and we need to continue to stay on track and move forward and keep the focus on what is best for our students.

Felix Aiglewi

Again spoke about Transportation. He met with Mr. Dragone and discussed several options but real change has to wait for the May Vote on this proposition for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Leon stressed that the Transportation issue must be changed so that more students are able to attend, getting their due education.

Cynthia Tarpley and Tori Coppedge

Wanted to discuss a matter that is not for public discussion. The Board is aware of the situation and are dealing with all the aspects to resolve the matter privately.

Dina Rosenberg

Asked if the Winter Concerts will be in person or virtual. Dr. Fale answered it is at this time virtual along the lines of other school districts but will keep reviewing the COVID stats. She asked why are there contact sports then. Dr. Fale answered the sports are dictated by Section XI.

Rose Torres

Asked about a receipt for college application, Dr. Lange will get back to her. Ms. Torres also asked if there will be a spectator bus for the boys' soccer game. Dr. Fale answered there is one bus.

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Susan Heenan

Brought up the disruptive behavior at the high school cafeteria.

Toni Bean

Also spoke regarding the cafeteria where adequate staffing is important.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

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