

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Business Meeting Minutes – December 8, 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 5:32 p.m. for the purpose of seeking advice from legal counsel made Mr. Heller; seconded by Mrs. Kretz. Motion carries unanimously.

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
Joseph Dragone, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Patricia Unz, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

Open Meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Becker, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 13 Community and 15 Staff Members

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

Dr. Fale and Dr. Lange spoke about the Empire Grant where the district is establishing several after school programs for the students where the students will take a survey of their interests in these programs.

The Board of Education recognized the Students who attended the Black College Tour led by Mr. Reynold Hawkins and Mr. Gerald Asbell. The students spoke on the advantage of this program to help them decide on colleges to apply for and the life lessons learned for their future.

Altaris Consultant, Stephen Barounis, spoke about the security measures for the district.

2A. Approval of Board Minutes

1. November 3, 2021 Special Meeting
2. November 10, 2021 Regular Meeting
3. November 10, 2021 Audit Committee

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mr. Heller. Motion carries unanimously.

3B. Personnel

1. Termination: Monitor/PA- Benci, S.
2. Rescind Appointment: Substitute Custodian- Armstrong, S.

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- 3.Rescind Appointment: Food Service Worker-Pierre, A.
- 4.Resignation for Retirement: Teaching Assistant/NW- Levine, K.
- 5.Resignation for Retirement: Registered Nurse/St. Martin of Tours- Lydon, N.
- 6.Resignation for Retirement: Food Service Worker/MS- Joyner, G.
- 7.Resignation: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- Moreno, B.
- 8.Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education Teacher/HS- Fishman, J.
- 9.Intermittent FMLA: Special Education Teacher/MS- Trotman, J.
- 10.Intermittent FMLA: English Teacher/Department Chairperson/HS- Wilsher, J.
- 11.Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/PA- Mazes, T.
- 12.Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/MS- Brown, S.
- 13.Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/PA- Johnson, E.
- 14.Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Food Service Worker/HS- Tejada, J.
- 15.Probationary Appointment: Consultant Teacher/NE- Ciancarelli, N.
- 16.Probationary Appointment: Dean of Students/MS- Mevs, D.
- 17.Revised Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- English, P.
- 18.Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Lawson, D.
- 19.Leave Replacement Appointment: ENL Teacher/MS- Darbouze, R.- **WITHDRAWN**
- 20.Appointment: Leave Replacement- Monitor/MS- Brown, S.
- 21.Appointment: Parent Liaison- Silva-Cruz, J.
- 22.Appointment: Parent Liaison- Smith, T.
- 23.Appointment: AV Coordinator/DW- Abate, A.
- 24.Appointment: Parent Trainer- Ciancarelli, N.
- 25.Appointment: Parent Trainer- Feehan, R.
- 26.Appointment: Parent Trainer- Lee, D.
- 27.Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class/HS- Khudeja, E.
- 28.Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class/HS- Roy, S.
- 29.Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class/HS- Bueno, R.
- 30.Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class/HS- Henriksen, A.
- 31.Appointment: Teaching an Additional Class/HS- Chery, F.
- 32.Appointment: Home Tutor/HS- Lisle, D.
- 33.Appointment: Home Tutor/PA- Button, K.
- 34.Appointment: Home Tutor/HS- Wilsher, J.
- 35.Appointment: Security Guard/DW- Jangel, A.
- 36.Appointment: Security Guard/DW- Waite, N.
- 37.Appointment: Security Guard/DW-Menendez, S.
- 38.Appointment: Monitor/PA- Bambara, R.
- 39.Appointment: Monitor/NW- Sharma, R.
- 40.Appointment: Food Service Worker/MS- Drayden, P.
- 41.Appointment: Increase in Hours: Food Service Worker/HS- Lowe, R.
- 42.Appointment: Chaperone/DW- Piskorek, L.
- 43.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Rochester, S.
- 44.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Karafantis, G.

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- 45.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Romeo, C.
- 46.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Penick, S.
- 47.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Johnson, G.
- 48.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Scoca, N.
- 49.Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher: Biology 7-12/HS- Collins, K.
- 50.Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher: Childhood 1-6/PA- LaMarca, M.
- 51.Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher: Childhood 1-6/PA- Palmer, M.
- 52.Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide- Schmadtke, M.
- 53.Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aide- Seo, G.
- 54.Probationary Appointment: Speech Teacher- Anaya, A.- **WITHDRAWN**
- 55.Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker- Harris, L.
- 56.Appointment: Substitute Monitor- Petrillo, D.

Reimagining Secondary Education in Amityville Committee

- 57.Appointment: Chairperson: CAC Main Body- Paternostro, P.
- 58.Appointment: Chairperson: AIS/ RTI- Collins, P.
- 59.Appointment: Chairperson: ELA- Figueroa, V.
- 60.Appointment: Chairperson: Math- Lim, N.
- 61.Appointment: Chairperson: Professional Development- Fernandez, F.
- 62.Appointment: Chairperson: Reimagining Secondary Education- Plaia, E.
- 63.Appointment: Chairperson: Reimagining Secondary Education- Hutcherson, R.
- 64.Appointment: Chairperson: Social Emotional Learning- Paternostro, P.
- 65.Appointment: Chairperson: World Language/ENL K-12- Stephens, M.
- 66.Appointment: Teacher: AIS/RTI MS- Dauria, D.
- 67.Appointment: Teacher: AIS/RTI MS- Metz, C.
- 68.Appointment: Teacher: AIS/RTI MS- Harpaul, K.
- 69.Appointment: Teacher: AIS/RTI NW- Karounos, O.
- 70.Appointment: Co-Chair: Math/NW- Naso, K.
- 71.Appointment: Co-Chair: Reading/PA- Ferber, F.
- 72.Appointment: Teacher: AIS/RTI PA- Reiner, H.
- 73.Appointment: Teacher: AIS/RTI PA- Gigante, N.
- 74.Appointment: Teacher: AIS/RTI PA- Smith, T.
- 75.Appointment: Teacher: AIS/RTI PA- Pravata, C.
- 76.Appointment: Teacher: ELA/HS- Rochester, S.
- 77.Appointment: Co-Chair: ELA/HS- Wilsher, J.
- 78.Appointment: Co-Chair: ELA/MS- Katsigioris, J.
- 79.Appointment: Teacher: ELA/MS- Graham, D.
- 80.Appointment: Teacher: ELA/PA- Gigante, N.
- 81.Appointment: Teacher: ELA/PA- Grillo, J.
- 82.Appointment: Teacher: Diversity/MS- Tandy, J.
- 83.Appointment: Co-Chair: Diversity/MS- Trotman, J.
- 84.Appointment: Teacher: Diversity/HS- Tomasi, M.
- 85.Appointment: Teacher: Diversity/NW- Davi-Ortiz, N.

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- 86.Appointment: Teacher: Diversity/NW- Smith, J.
- 87.Appointment: Co-Chair: Diversity/PA- Wolfe, N.
- 88.Appointment: Teacher: Diversity/MS- Graham, D.
- 89.Appointment: Co-Chair: Math/MS- Martin, M.
- 90.Appointment: Teacher: Math/MS- Dieck, P.
- 91.Appointment: Teacher: Math/MS- Harpaul, K.
- 92.Appointment: Teacher: Math/NW- Dady, J.
- 93.Appointment: Teacher: Math/NW- Chandler, R.
- 94.Appointment: Teacher: Math/NW- Geilman, K.
- 95.Appointment: Teacher: Math/PA- Reiner, H.
- 96.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/HS- Fishman, J.
- 97.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/HS- Mizrachi, D.
- 98.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/HS- Gross, K.
- 99.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/HS- Bonny-Rankin, S.
- 100.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/MS- Martin, M.
- 101.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/MS- Ciliotta, L.
- 102.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/NW- Smith, J.
- 103.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/NW- Chandler, R.
- 104.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/NE- Ciancarelli, N.
- 105.Appointment: Teacher: Professional Development/MS- Mejia, C.
- 106.Appointment: Co-Chair: Professional Development/MS- Dieck, P.
- 107.Appointment: Teacher: Reimagining Secondary/HS- Fishman, J.
- 108.Appointment: Teacher: Reimagining Secondary/HS- Mizrachi, D.
- 109.Appointment: Teacher: Reimagining Secondary/HS- Gross, K.
- 110.Appointment: Teacher: Reimagining Secondary/HS- Wilsher, J.
- 111.Appointment: Teacher: Reimagining Secondary/MS- Bonny-Rankin, S.
- 112.Appointment: Teacher: Reimagining Secondary/MS- Dieck, P.
- 113.Appointment: Co-Chair: Reimagining Secondary/MS- Ciliotta, L.
- 114.Appointment: Teacher: Reimagining Secondary/HS-Tomasi, M.
- 115.Appointment: Teacher: SEL/PA- Demauro, A.
- 116.Appointment: Co-Chair: SEL/HS- Gross, K.
- 117.Appointment: Teacher: SEL/NW- Lee, D.
- 118.Appointment: Teacher: SEL/MS- Kearney, K.
- 119.Appointment: Teacher: SEL/MS- Attanasio, D.
- 120.Appointment: Teacher: SEL/MS- Offitto, B.
- 121.Appointment: Teacher: SEL/MS- Trotman, J.
- 122.Appointment: Teacher: SEL/NW- Brodack, M.
- 123.Appointment: Teacher: SEL/NW- Burkhardt-Faber, N.
- 124.Appointment: Teacher: World Language/HS- Castro, E.
- 125.Appointment: Teacher: World Language/MS- Mejia, C.
- 126.Appointment: Teacher: World Language/MS- Zachary, C.
- 127.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Bura, S.

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- 128.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Carrero, D.
- 129.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Driscoll, J.
- 130.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Feliz, J.
- 131.Appointment: Mentor Teacher- McGowan, J.
- 132.Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/MS- Salemo, J.
- 133.Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/MS- Salemo, J.
- 134.Leave Replacement Appointment: Social Studies Teacher HS/MS- Salemo, J.
- 135.Appointment: Staff Mental Health Coach- Beckles, N.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-135 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos.
Motion carries unanimously.

3C. Business

- 1.Health Service Contracts- Other Schools
- 2.Donations
- 3.Motion to Increase the 2021-22 Budget
- 4.Motion to Increase the 2021-22 Budget

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-4 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof.
Motion carries unanimously.

3D. Finance

- 1.Treasurer's Report- October 2021

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof.
Motion carries unanimously.

3E. Contracts for Special Education Services

- 1.Kids in Action of Long Island
- 2.South Huntington Union Free School District
- 3.United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-3 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.
Motion carries unanimously.

3F. Curriculum and Instruction

- 1.Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3F-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.
Motion carries unanimously.

BOARD REPORT/COMMENTS

Dr. Fale spoke about the COVID levels and we plan to resume live performances. He also wished all Happy Holidays.

Dr. Lange spoke about the Curriculum Advisory and the eight subcommittees.

Mr. Dragone spoke about the Budget process and the history. He also remarked on the Transportation situation going forward. One suggestion is adjusting the bell schedule.

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Dr. Fulton reviewed the Administration Report for the period of July 1, 2021 through December 8, 2021 where we are moving in the right direction with major improvements assigned and the Administration exceeded the goals set. Dr. Fulton also highlighted the success of Summer School Program that was put together in a very short amount of time.

Dr. Fulton also updated everyone on establishing the Student Life Committee and fine tuning who will participate on the committee and how to invite people to join. It was decided there would be 13 members to include: 4 students; 3 parents; 2 community (one being an alumni); one teacher; one counselor; one administrator and one Board member. Some thoughts as to how to advertise the committee other than the website but to go out to local churches, community organizations; utilize TIDE and do a robocall. The committee will be appointed annually.

Finally, Dr. Fulton updated the audience on the status of the Superintendent Search. The RFPs went out November 24th with a deadline to respond by December 16th.

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Hobson reminded the Board she is still waiting for a response regarding an issue from April 24th. Mrs. Hobson also spoke about the Student Life Committee and suggested eight students (two from each grade) involved including Special Education students; Honor Roll students; Average students. Also Latinos, Blacks, Caucasians and Asian. She is looking for a true blend of all walks of life.

Mrs. Jones was very pleased to hear about the Student Life Committee. However commented she is disappointed when she calls, she gets a runaround and no returned call. Her concern is what coaches are talking about around the students. Children are influenced by what they overhear.

Ms. Bean spoke about the Student Life Committee and encourages that we truly listen to the students. She is also pleased with the process of a meaningful budget.

Ms. Quintyne-McConney commented on the Student Life Committee and doesn't see the need for Counselors. She would like community involvement and we stay on track to listen to the students. Ms. McConney is also happy about the plans with the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 P.M. made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Ms. Seehof.
Motion carries unanimously.