

**Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District  
Amityville, NY 11701**

**Regular Meeting Minutes– April 18, 2012**

**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM**

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**LOCATION:** Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School-Auditorium

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur      2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson  
Trustee Nathan King      Trustee Kathleen Ward  
Trustee Ron Moss      Trustee Mark Epps  
Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources  
Dr. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology  
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio  
Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq.,-Guercio & Guercio

**ABSENT:** Dr. Kathleen Gulbin -Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Michael Fusaro, Director-Science  
Claude Irwin, Director-Mathematics  
Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies  
Dana Musso, Director of English  
Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services  
Elizabeth Reveiz, Director-ESL  
Ed Mercurio- Plant Facilities Administrator

**PRINCIPALS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES  
Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elem School  
Ms. Michele Darby, Principal - EWMMS  
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal - PAMES  
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Principal-AMHS  
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal, NW Elem. School

1. **Meeting Called to Order** at 7:13 PM by President Sikhrangkur

- A. **Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement** – *\*In the unlikely event of an emergency, you need to note that exits are clearly marked. Take a moment to note the exit nearest to where you are seated. \*Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. \*As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Board, Administration and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only** –None

**PERFORMANCE:** The Edmund W. Milles Middle School Drama Club performed a piece from their upcoming production of “GUYS & DOLLS JR” under the direction of Mr. Carl Ferrara. Showtimes – April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Amityville Memorial High School Auditorium. *See Attachment #1*

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**PRESENTATIONS:** Dr. Fanning presented the final overview of the budget. He stated that we have reached the point in the development process where the Board is ready to adopt a budget of \$78,211,501. *See Attachment #2.*

Elizabeth Reveiz gave a presentation on the benefits to the students of the ESL Program. Cookbooks written by ESL students were presented to the Board.

*Trustee Epps left at 7:48 P.M.*

Carolyn Dodd spoke about the ATA contract negotiations.

*Trustee Epps returned at 7:55 PM.*

President Sikhrangkur asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Thomas O'Neill.

### **2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**

#### **A. Approval of Board Minutes** –

1. **Draft #1** – Regular Meeting – October 12, 2011
2. **Draft #1** – Regular Meeting – February 8, 2012
3. **Draft #1** – Audit Meeting – February 8, 2012
4. **Draft #1** – Budget Workshop – February 15, 2012
5. **Draft #1** – Special Meeting - March 7, 2012

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-5** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

#### **B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee** – None

#### **C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education**

1. Appointment of Chairperson for Special Meeting – May 15, 2012 - Johnson, Lisa
2. Approval of the AUFSD 2012-2013 Budget

**MOTION to APPROVE** Agenda Items 2C-1 and 2C-2 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

#### **D. Audit Committee** None

### **3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent**

#### **A. Superintendent:** None

#### **B. Personnel**

1. Resignation for Retirement: Special Education Teacher/PA – Aloisio-Nigro, F.
2. Resignation: School Lunch Manager/DW – Rivard-Bowman, L.
3. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Art Teacher/MS – Dibble, J.
4. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Asst/MS – Vrazel, S.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-4** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent**

**B. Personnel (Cont'd):**

5. Tenure Appointment: Assistant Principal/MS – Lindenfeld, S.

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-5** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

6. Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW – Brown, H.

7. Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW – Komsic, K.

8. Tenure Appointment: Music Teacher/PA – Pizzo, C.

9. Tenure Appointment: Reading Teacher/NW – Rabson, J.

10. Tenure Appointment: ESL Teacher/NE – Varas, L.

11. Tenure Appointment: ESL Teacher/PA – Zomback, L.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-6 through 3B-11** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*At this time the Board took a fifteen minute break to celebrate with the newly tenured teachers.*

12. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher/Social Studies – Levine, D.

13. Appointment: Credit Recovery Teacher/Spanish – Castro, E.

14. Appointment: Collegial Inquiry Team Curriculum Writing/Teacher-Schmertzler, D.

15. Appointment: Collegial Inquiry Team Curriculum Writing/Teacher – Starkey, K.

16. Appointment: Collegial Inquiry Team Curriculum Writing/Teacher – Cunningham, B.

17. Appointment: Collegial Inquiry Team Curriculum Writing/Teacher – Power, L.

18. Appointment: Collegial Inquiry Team Curriculum Writing/Teacher – Poulin, A.

19. Appointment: Collegial Inquiry Team Curriculum Writing/Teacher – Metz, C.

20. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Cinelli, A.

21. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – Parent Liaison – Ortiz, A.

22. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – Site Coordinator – Larkin, T.

23. Appointment: Nurse for Sports Physicals/HS – Johnson, M.

24. Appointment: Nurse for Sports Physicals/MS – Bosch, C.

25. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Kearney, K.

26. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Williams, B.

27. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Apergis, S.

28. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Kurthy, D.

29. Appointment: Substitute Nurse – Nehring, A.

30. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Cohen, D.

31. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Fitchett, A.

32. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Stone, L.

33. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist – Thomason, N.

34. Resignation: Art Teacher/PA – Cascio, M.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-12 through 3B-34** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfers – Items 1 through 4
2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 7
3. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 4

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 and 3C-3/2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Lisa Johnson questioned 3C-2/3. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools – Items 1 through 7
5. Bid – Cheese/Pizza
6. Acceptance of Donation

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-3/3** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Kathy Ward questioned 3C-3/3 - Use of soccer field. Dr. Fanning said that the authorization does not include the gymnasium. Trustee Moss said that his name is on the roster but he is not a member and would like his name removed. Dr. Fanning will review the roster to see if they meet residency requirements. Trustee King discussed the condition of the field. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-3/4 through 3C-6** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. Monthly Finance Report**

1. January, 2012
2. February, 2012

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 & 3D-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** floor opened for discussion.. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings**

1. Wantagh UFSD
2. Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3E-1 & 3E-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** floor opened for discussion.. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 13

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** floor opened for discussion.. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**G. Data and Technology – None**

**H. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center – None**

**4. Reports**

- A. **Legal Counsel for the District** -Mr. Steffanetta will report in Executive Session.

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**B. Superintendent of Schools** – Dr. Williams reminded the Board and public that there would be a special meeting to vote on the BOCES Budget and two Trustees on April 24.

President Sikhrangkur appointed Trustee Kathleen Ward as District Clerk Pro Tem.

**MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:47 PM for Employment History of Particular Person, Negotiations and Advice from Counsel** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** floor opened for discussion.. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*Judith O’Neill left at 8:51 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order at 8:55 PM by President Sikhrangkur.

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*Trustee King left at 10:45 and returned at 10:55 PM.*

*Trustee Epps left at 10:55 PM and returned at 11:02 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None .

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 11:02 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** floor opened for discussion.. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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**MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Item 2C-3 Resolution: Appeal of Student Suspension** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss as follows: Resolution to uphold Superintendent suspension. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda 2C-3** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Question by President Sikhrangkur regarding floating Nurse position. Administration confirmed that we still use the floater position and the salary range is in the low \$40’s.

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 11:10 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem