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**MINUTES**  
**Board of Education**  
**Amityville Union Free School District**  
**Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Meeting – May 11, 2011**  
**Park Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur      2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson  
Trustee Kathleen Ward      Trustee Nathan King  
Trustee Charles Walters

**BOE ABSENT:** Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
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Dr. Mary Kelly-Asst Supt. Technology  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources  
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio  
Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio

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

Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS  
Ms. Doreen Buckley, Asst. Administrator  
Mr. Anthony Cerullo-Director-Physical Education, Health & Athletics  
Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem  
Ms. Michele Darby, Asst. Principal-EWMS  
Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science  
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal - PAMES  
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Asst. Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Claude Irwin, Director of Mathematics  
Mr. Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies  
Mr. Steven Lindenfeld, Asst Principal-AMHS  
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal – Northwest Elementary School  
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz – Director - ESL  
Ms. Judy Riordan, Director of English  
Mr. Ed Mercurio- Plant Facilities Administrator

**1. Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:10 PM.

- 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.
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Board, Administration and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Trustee Koza Egglinger arrived at 7:08 PM.*

President Sikhrangkur announced that she was turning the meeting over to Dr. Williams and he introduced Ms. Fran Fernandez.

**Ms. Fran Fernandez** acknowledged the students who had won awards in various art and music competitions.

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only None

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes – None

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee – None

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

1. Review of Preferred Charges pursuant Section 3020-a New York State Education Law

a. Executive Session

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 2C-1** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Approval of Consent to Change Attorney – SAANYS v AUFSD et al

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-2** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Audit Committee – TBD

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. Superintendent – None

B. Personnel

1. Abolish Position of Director of Guidance

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-1** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward.

2. Tenure Appointment: Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction – Gulbin, Dr. Kathleen

3. Tenure Appointment: Asst. Superintendent for Technology – Kelly, Dr. Mary

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-2 & 3B-3** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** The Board congratulated Dr. Kelly and Dr. Gulbin. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Retirement: Physical Education Teacher – PAMES – Bernius, J.

5. Retirement: Business Teacher – AMHS – Fisher, L.

6. Retirement: Custodial Worker I – PAMES – Latinski, M.

7. Extended Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher – PAMES – Sheerin, B.

8. Appointment: Summer Bilingual Curriculum Writing – Teacher – Brown, H.

9. Appointment: Summer Bilingual Curriculum Writing – Teacher – Cottone, M.

10. Appointment: Summer Bilingual Curriculum Writing – Teacher – Laviano, M.

11. Appointment: Summer Music Curriculum Writing – Music Teacher – Colletti, L.

12. Appointment: Summer Music Curriculum Writing – Music Teacher – Tannenbaum, R.

13. Leave Replacement Appointment: Guidance Counselor – AMHS – Somberg, E.

14. Appointment: Director of 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – Milan, L.

15. Appointment: Chief Custodian – AMHS – Rugen, R.

16. Appointment: Chaperone – DW – Engler, M

17. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Stds w/dis 1-6/Music – Campbell, E.

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

18. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Guidance Counselor – Somberg, E.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-4 through 3B-18** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfers – None
2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 3
3. Health Services Contracts – Other Schools – Items 1 through 3
4. Acceptance of Donations
5. Acceptance of Donated Item from the American Heart Association

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. Monthly Finance Report** – None

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

1. Approval of Contract – Seaford UFSD
2. Approval of Contract – Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3E-1 & 3E-2** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 15

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/15** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 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** – TBD
- B. **Superintendent of Schools** – TBD

*President Sikhrangkur appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.*

**MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session at 8:05 PM for employment history of particular person, negotiations and advice from counsel** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respect fully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order at 8:20 PM by President Sikhrangkur.

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**MOTION to APPROVE Affirming Probable Cause exists as to the Charge numbered 1 – Incompetence** made by Trustee Walters, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. President Sikhrangkur called for a roll call. It was as follows: Trustee King – yes, Trustee Ward – yes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson – yes, President Sikhrangkur – yes, Trustee Walters – yes, Trustee Koza Egglinger – yes. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson left at 9:00 and returned at 9:02 PM.  
Judith O’Neill left at 9:17 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:17 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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**MOTION to AMEND** Agenda made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. to include the following agenda items

**3B-19** – Resolution to Rescind Tenure Appointment

**3B-20** – Extended Probationary Appointment: Assistant Principal – Lindenfeld, S.

**3B-21** – Appointment: Summer School 2011 Principal – Lindenfeld, S.

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**3B-22** – Resolution for Appointment of Acting Principal of the EWMMS – Dr. Kathleen Gulbin.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-19 through 3B-22** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 (tabled earlier)** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Discussion of election material and the distribution of such material. Also discussed, who will assume responsibilities of Guidance Director. Dr. Williams will provide information to Board as soon as possible. Trustee King asked about the way announcements are made in the high school.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to Recess to Executive Session at 10:41 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

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*Dr. Neidell, Dr. Fanning, Dr. Kelly and Dr. Gulbin left at 10:41 PM.*

*Ms. Nancy Hark left at 10:43 PM and returned at 10:53 PM.*

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:58 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

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*Dr. Williams left at 10:59 PM.*

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**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting** at 11:00 PM made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Ward. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem