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MINUTES
Board of Education
Amityville Union Free School District
Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Meeting – February 9, 2011

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

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson
2nd Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Kathleen Ward
Trustee Nathan King Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger
Trustee Charles Walters

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

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Doreen Buckley, Asst. Adm-PPS/Special Education
Mr. Scott Bullis-Principal-PAMES
Mr. Anthony Cerullo-Director-Physical Education, Health & Athletics
Mrs. Pauline Collins-Principal-Northeast Elementary School
Ms. Michele Darby-Asst. Principal-EWMMS
Ms. Fran Fernandez-Director-Fine Arts
Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science
Ms. Patricia Hausfeld-Director Guidance
Ms. Rose Hutcherson-Director-21st CCLC
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Asst. Principal-AMHS
Mr. Claude Irwin-Director Mathematics
Mr. Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies
Mr. Steve Lindenfeld, Asst Principal-PAMES
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal – Northwest Elementary School
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator-Pupil Personnel Services
Dr. Mark Pitterson, Principal-EWMMS
Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz, Director ESL
Ms. Judy Riordan, Director of English
Mr. Ed Mercurio-Plant Facilities Administrator

COMMUNITY: 100 members present.

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.

1. Meeting Called to Order by President Sikhrangkur at 7:20 PM.

- A. **Emergency Exit, No Smoking and Cell Phone Statement** - President Sikhrangkur read the following 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.
- C. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only** – None

PRESENTATIONS

The High School Interact Club performed a piece from the Lion King.

Legislator DuWayne Gregory presented certificates to science students in Ms. Debra Charles' class who had participated in a science competition at Farmingdale State University.

Mr. Jonathan Klomp thanked the Board for all their support. He then showed a video on the Social Studies Department that depicted the following: positive teamwork; professional development; curriculum articulation K-12.

Dr. Fanning presented the proposed budget. (Attachment #1)

President Sikhrangkur spoke about reaching out to our representatives to restore more local control to school boards and to relieve some of the federal and state mandates.

Carolyn Dodd, President ATA, spoke about the difficult times the school is facing. Everybody is welcome to attend a rally "Save Our Public Schools" at Sachem High School East on Thursday, Feb. 17 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. (Attachment #2)

Ms. Fran Fernandez acknowledged students who had participated in various learning programs and exhibitions over the past months. The art work of our high school art students was featured in various Regional art shows. Ten of our students had their work on display at the Long Island Museum in Stonybrook. Also the work of our art students is being displayed in the Patrons Lounge at the Tillis Center for the Performing Arts. During the first two weeks of May, we will have a district wide art show at the Sunrise Mall. Student art work will also be on display at the Amityville Artist Circle Gallery.

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes -

1. Approval of Draft Minutes – November 3, 2010
2. Approval of Draft Minutes – November 10, 2010
3. Approval of Draft Minutes – December 8, 2010
4. Approval of Draft Minutes – December 15, 2010
5. Approval of Draft Minutes – January 13, 2011

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-5 as amended made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, **Discussion:** 2A-1 amended to correct Vice President Jordon-Thompson's title in executive session; 2A-4 corrected to read Recess to Executive Session made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Ward **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. Approval of Draft 2011/2012 School Calendar
2. Approval of Conference-Advancing Student Achievement through Labor Management Collaboration
3. Approval of Conference – 2011 State Issued Conference

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-3 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Approval of MOA – Sick Bank Donation – Weber, M.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 2C-4 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **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. End of Employment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – Hinds, T.
2. Appointment: Spring Coach – V Baseball – Roth, C.
3. Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst V Baseball – Diot, C.
4. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Baseball – Greiss, M.
5. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Baseball – Claps, R.
6. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Softball – Pesale, T.
7. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Softball – Akapnitis, A.
8. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Softball – Napoli, J.
9. Appointment: Spring Coach – JV Tennis – Pellegrino
10. Appointment: Spring Coach – V Boys’ Track – Hawkins, R.
11. Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst V Boys’ Track – Pollock, D.
12. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Boys’ Track – Miller, M.
13. Appointment: Spring Coach – V Girls’ Track – Guild, E.
14. Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst V Girls’ Track – Duguay, P.
15. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Girls’ Track – Graham, D.
16. Appointment: Spring Coach – Head Coach – Special Olympics – Feehan, R.
17. Appointment: Spring Coach – Asst Coach – Special Olympics – Martine, C.
18. Appointment: Spring Coach – Athletic Supervisor – Gibson, T.
19. Appointment: Awareness Weekend Chaperone – Sammis, S.
20. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Social Studies 7-12 – Zider, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-20 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

21. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Guidance – Ryan, W.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-21 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

22. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Social Studies 7-12 – Reynolds, D.
23. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Social Studies 7-12 – Margolis, R.
24. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Advisor – Clerici, K.
25. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Advisor – Gibbons, S.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

B. Personnel (Cnt'd):

26. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Advisor – Thompson, P.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-22 through 3B-26 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

27. Appointment: Clinical Supervision – Speech – TBD

28. Appointment: Virtual Lesson Development – Teacher – TBD

29. Appointment: Virtual Lesson Development – Teacher – TBD

MOTION to PULL Agenda Items 3B-27 through 3B-29 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

30. Appointment: Awareness Weekend – Chaperone – Jones, M.

31. Appointment: Awareness Weekend – Chaperone – Romeo, M.

32. Appointment: Volunteer Coach – MS Girls/ Basketball – Brown, S.

33. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Tsirigotis, T.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-30 through 3B-33 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

C. Business and Finance:

1. Budget Transfer – Items 1 through 2

2. Award of Bid – Cooperative Small Wares & Equipment Bid

3. Award of Bid – Cooperative Large Equipment Bid

4. Award of Bid – Cooperative Dairy Bid

5. Award of Bid – Cooperative Meat Bid

6. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 3

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-6 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

7. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 10

MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3C-7/1 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-7/2 through 3C-7/4 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

MOTION to PULL Agenda Items 3C-7/5 & 3C-7/6 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance(Cnt'd):

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-7/7 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-7/8 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Ward abstained)

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-7/9 & 3C-7/10 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

8. Acceptance of Donation - Hopfstra University/BOCES

9. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools

10. Health Service Contract – St. Martin of Tours

11. Acceptance of Donation – “Kid to Kid” Foundation, Inc.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-8 through 3C-11 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

D. Monthly Finance Report

1. November, 2010 Report

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3D-1 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings:

1. United Cerebral Palsy-Suffolk

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3E-1 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

F. Curriculum and Instruction:

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 34

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/28 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained).

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1/29 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1/30 through 3F-1/34 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained).

F. Curriculum and Instruction (Cnt'd):

2. Approval of Awareness Weekend Speakers

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-2 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

G. Technology – None

4. Reports

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

B. Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Williams reported the following:

The New York State Dept. of Transportation will install beacon lights on Merrick Rd. at the high school. The District is responsible for contacting a vendor to install signage indicating motor vehicle speed. Kim Balducci and Tim Brown conducted an anti bullying campaign this week at Park Ave. School. Tomorrow night the Guidance will offer assistance to parents who want to apply for Financial Aid. The Amityville Rotary Club and the Suffolk County National Bank awarded \$100 scholarships to fifteen students. We received a memo from Guercio & Guercio relative to the Verizon Agreements which differ from the Madison Square Garden proposal. Dr. Williams proposed putting it on the March agenda for discussion.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS NON AGENDA ITEMS

Marmeline Pierre, Massapequa – Ms. Pierre was denied bus transportation because she applied too late and she asked the Board to reconsider her request.

Jackie Allen, Amityville – Ms. Allen commented on the difficult times facing public education.

William Clyde, Amityville – Mr. Clyde spoke about the loss of state aid.

Alissa Vera Amityville High School student – Ms. Vera was concerned about the electives being cut due to teacher eliminations.

President Sikhrangkur appointed Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.

Judith O'Neill left at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 9:34 PM Personnel/Particular Persons, Negotiations and Advice from Counsel made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by President Sikhrangkur at 9:50 PM.

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NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O’Neill-District Clerk
Trustee King left at 11:50 PM and returned at 11:53 PM.
2nd Vice President Johnson left at 11:57 PM and returned at 12:04 AM.
Dr. Neidell, Dr. Fanning, Dr. Kelly and Dr. Gulbin left at 12:22 AM.

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 12:40 AM made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O’Neill-District Clerk

MOTION to Approve Agenda Item 2C-4 Approval of MOA – Sick Bank Donation made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 1 No (Trustee Koza Egglinger voted no), 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3b-21 made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 0 Yes, 6 No 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained).

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 12:47 AM made by 2nd Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem