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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - May 13, 2009  
Park Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

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

**PRESENT:** President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
Trustee Nathan King Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

**ABSENT:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson  
Trustee Elisabeth LaRosa  
Trustee Charles Walters

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. William Fanning-Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Ms. Mary Kelly-Asst. Supt. Technology  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Ed Mercurio, Plant Facilities Administrator  
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

**ABSENT:** Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Assist. Supt. Human Resources

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

**COMMUNITY:** About 75 members present.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:16 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 are you are seated. Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. Please turn off all communication devices during the business of the Board of Education.*

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

Dr. Williams introduced Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts. Ms. Fernandez recognized the students whose art work has been displayed at colleges and museums across Long Island in recent months. (ATTACHEMNT #1)

The high school percussion ensemble performed tonight under the direction of Bryan Wishin.

Ms. Judy Reardon, Director of Language Arts, introduced the winners of the Suffolk County Essay Contest:

Janique Martin	Lynne Pierce-Louis	Taylor Rose Bruno
Angelika Hawkins	Andy Laurent	Thushia Deujuste
Juan Garcia		

Anthony Cerullo recognized the scholar athletes, who excelled in both the classroom and athletics.

*Trustee LaRosa arrived at 7:50 PM.*

Dr. Kathleen Gulbin and Dr. Mary Kelly gave a presentation of the 2007-2008 school report card. (Attachment #2)

**C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only**

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

**B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee**

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Approval of Budget Transfer Policy

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2B-1** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

1. Approval to attend NSSBA 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting
2. Approval to attend NYSSBA “Educating Students with Disabilities”
3. Draft #1 Special Meeting - March 25, 2009
4. Draft #1 Library Budget and Trustee Vote - April 14, 2009
5. Draft #1 Regular Meeting - April 15, 2009
6. Draft #1 Special Meeting - April 28, 2009

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-6** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. Audit Committee**

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

**A. Superintendent**

**B. Personnel**

1. Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: School Nurse - St. Martin - M. Gero

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-1** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant - PAMES - S. Fredericks

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-2** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Resignation: Music Teacher - AMHS - C. Blount
4. Resignation: Spanish Teacher - EWMMS - L. Bocchetti
5. Resignation: Special Education Teacher - EWMMS - R. Casseus
6. Resignation: English Teacher - EWMMS - A. Llanos

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

**B.Personnel(cont'd)**

7. Resignation: Music Teacher - EWMMS/PAMES - S. Ludwiczak
8. Resignation: Physical Education Teacher - AMHS - K. Marien
9. Resignation: Social Studies Teacher - EWMMS - J. Pettorino
10. Resignation: Business Teacher - AMHS - J. Sullivan-Esposito
11. Intentionally Left Blank
12. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher - NW - K. Komsic
13. Revised Appointment: Leave Replacement Science Teacher - EWMMS - L. Soluri
14. Appointment: P/T Athletic Director - DW - R. Forman
15. Appointment: Custodial Worker I - NW - M. Dolan
16. Appointment: Cook - NE - M. Hernandez
17. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Special Education - A. DelGiorno-Fishman
18. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Special Education - R. DePaolo
19. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - English - D. Attanassio
20. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - English - H. Persan
21. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Math - R. Romeo

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-3 through 3B-21** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

22. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Math - L. Valla
23. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Social Studies - S. Kellerman
24. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Social Studies - D. Levine
25. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Social Studies - J. Piccirilli
26. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Social Studies - J. Hammill
27. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Science - S. Fierstate
28. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Spanish - S. Kaplan
29. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Librarian - E. Gross

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-22 through 3B-29** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

30. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Physical Education – TBD

**MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3B-30** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

31. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Physical Education - G. Karafantis
32. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Math A Regents Prep - D. Takseraas
33. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Math B Regents Prep - D. Takseraas
34. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - English Regents Prep - K. O'Hagen
35. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Living Environment Regents Prep - C. Kilfoil
36. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Earth Science Regents Prep - C. Kilfoil
37. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - U. S. History Regents Prep - F. O' Brien
38. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Global Regents Prep - F. O'Brien
39. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Guidance Counselor - S. Murphy
40. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Nurse - K. Nardi

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

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

41. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Nurse - P. Johnson
42. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Teaching Assistant - B. King
43. Appointment: Summer School 2009 - Teaching Assistant - R. Courts
44. Appointment: High School Homework Center - Science - C. Kilfoil

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-31 through 3B-44** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

45. Employee Suspension W/O Pay To Be Named In Executive Session

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-45** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfers - Items 1 through 3
2. Transportation Request - Kiara Don
3. Transportation Request - Ayodele Family
4. Donations - Items 1 through 3
5. Health Services Contracts - Items 1 through 3
6. Fund Raising - Item 1
7. Use of Facilities - Items 1 through 2

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-7** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

*Trustee King pulled his motion and Vice President Jordon-Thompson pulled her second.*

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-1** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-2 through 3C-3** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-4 through 3C-7** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings** - Approval of Contracts

1. Little Flower UFSD

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3D-1** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. Monthly Finance Report**

1. March, 2009

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3E-1** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences - Items 1 through 23

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1 through 3F-23** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**G. Technology**

**4. Reports**

**A. Attorney for the District** Mr. Keenan will report in Executive Session.

**B. Superintendent of Schools** Dr. Williams – The date for Amityville Pride Day will be 6/2/09 at the high school from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. NYSSBA will provide a brochure on new board member orientation. It will be available the first week in June. Two high school students, Mike Miller and Brian Gubernante, are candidates for Eagle Scout Awards. They have proposed beautification projects for the high school and will discuss it with the Board in June. The Budget Vote is on Tuesday, 5/19/09

*President Sikhrangkur appointed Vice President Jordon-Thompson as District Clerk Pro Tem.*

**MOTION To ADJOURN to Executive Session at 9:10 PM** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 9:15 PM** by President Sikhrangkur.

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Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

Anthony Cerullo, Director Physical Ed., Health, Nurses and Athletics

**ABSENT:** Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Assist. Supt. Human Resources

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson arrived at 9:31 PM.*

*Anthony Cerullo left at 10:15 PM.*

*Trustee King left at 10:50 PM and returned at 10:55 PM.*

*Dr. Fanning left at 10:50 PM. and returned at 10:55 PM*

*Dr. Kelly, Dr. Gulbin and Dr. Fanning left at 10:56 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Juliet Jordon-Thompson/District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 11:24 PM** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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**ABSENT:** Trustee Charles Walters

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

**MOTION to AMEND Agenda to ADD Agenda Item 2C-7** as discussed in Executive Session (see attached) made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee King Abstained).

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-45 (tabled earlier)** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 11:29 PM** made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O’Neill/District Clerk