

Minutes approved
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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMITYVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Amityville, New York 11701

REGULAR MEETING – April 9, 2008

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

LOCATION: Park Avenue Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson
Trustee Elisabeth LaRosa Trustee Nathan King
Trustee Lisa Johnson

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Walters
Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. John Williams-Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Susan Schnebel- Assistant Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Lisa Kontente-Assistant to Supt. Human Resources
Mr. Enrique Catalan-Assist. Supt. Finance & Operations
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

Ms. Patricia Hausfeld, Director, Guidance Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal, AMHS
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Assist. Principal, AMHS Mrs. Stacey Fischer, Principal-NW Elem. School
Mrs. Betsy Gorman Demmers, Principal-PAMES Mr. Michael Febbraro, Assist. Principal-PAMES
Ms. Laurel Garofolo, Administrator, PPS & Sp. Ed. Ms. Jodi Shapiro, Assist. Adm. PPS & Sp. Ed.

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

COMMUNITY: 100 members present.

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.

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

A. **Emergency Exit/No Smoking 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.

The third grade recorder group performed for the Board, Administration and public.

Budget Presentation #5 -Enrique Catalan discussed the proposed budget. *See Attachment #1*

Trustee Walters arrived at 7:35 PM.

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

Pam Isabell, Amityville-Mrs. Isabell had questions about a contingency budget.

Jackie Allen, Amityville-Ms. Allen wanted the election to be advertised in Suffolk Life. Mr. Keenan responded That Suffolk Life does not qualify as a newspaper under the law but as long as the Board advertises in two Newspapers, they can also place ads in Suffolk Life and South Bay papers.

President Sikhrangkur appointed Juliet Jordon-Thompson as District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session at 8:17 PM made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Johnson.

Motion CARRIED: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 8:30 PM by President Sikhrangkur.

LOCATION: Park Avenue Elementary School – Room 100

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ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Juliet Jordon-Thompson/District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:19 PM made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee King.
Motion CARRIED: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes:

1. Draft #1 – Special Meeting –March 5, 2008
2. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – March 12, 2008

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 and 2A-2 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee-None

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education:

MOTION to AMEND Agenda Item 2C-5 to read BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby votes for Jeannette Santos and Peter Wunsch to serve as Trustees of the Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the term beginning July 1, 2008 and end June 30, 2011.

Motion CARRIED: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

1. Appointment of Registration Workers
2. Appointment of Workers for the District Budget and Trustee Election
3. Approval of Nurses' Memorandum of Agreement
4. Approval of Western Suffolk BOCES 2008-2009 Budget
5. Approval of Nominees for Trustees to Western Suffolk BOCES Board
6. Approval of Amityville UFSD 2008-2009 Budget

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

D. Audit Committee-None

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. General Administrative

1. Approval of Attendance to Conferences – Items 3A 1/1 through 3A-1/11
2. Determination of Disciplinary Charges

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MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3A-1 through 3A-2 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B.Personnel Changes:

President Sikhrangkur called for a motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-22. The motion was moved by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. As there was a question Agenda Item 3B-15, the motion and second were withdrawn.

1. **Recommendation the following positions be created**
2. **Abolish Position: Senior Account Clerk – Business Office**
3. **Revised Appointment: School Counselors for Summer Work/MS-Garrison-Dennis, M.**
4. **Revised Appointment: School Counselors for Summer Work/MS-Coscia, T.**
5. **Revised Appointment: School Counselors for Summer Work/MS-Kearney, K.**
6. **Revised Appointment: School Counselors for Summer Work/HS-Noon, J.**
7. **Revised Appointment: School Counselors for Summer Work/HS-Merle, S.**
8. **Revised Appointment: School Counselors for Summer Work/HS-McCaughy-Salerno, D.**
9. **Revised Appointment: School Counselors for Summer Work/Alt HS-Akapnitis, A.**
10. **Revised Appointment: Account Clerk/PA Administration-Gilbride, P.**
11. **Revised Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Science Teacher/EWMMS-Levine, I.**
12. **Termination: Special Education Teacher-Alt HS-Dodson-Davis, Y.**
13. **Termination: Food Service Worker/NE-Johnson, D.**
14. **Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Physical Education Teacher/AMHS-Charles, C.**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-14 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

15. **Extended Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Social Studies Teacher/AMHS-Fotis, N.**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-15 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 6 No, 0 Abstain.

16. **Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher/NE-Aversa, D.**
17. **Leave of Absence W/O Pay: School Counselor/EWMMS-Coscia, T.**
18. **Retirement: Elementary Teacher/NE-Caplan, R.**
19. **Resignation: Physical Education Teacher/PAMES-Bloom, J.**
20. **Resignation: Mathematics Teacher/EWMMS-Graf, G.**
21. **Resignation: Special Education Teacher/AMHS-Hergenrother, M.**
22. **Resignation: Technology Teacher/EWMMS-Lombardi, D.**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-16 through 3B-22 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

23. **Tenure Appointment: Principal/NE-Fischer, S.**
24. **Tenure Appointment: Director of Guidance/District Wide-Hausfeld, P.**
25. **Tenure Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/EWMMS-Buckley, J.**
26. **Tenure Appointment: Art Teacher/NE/NW-Cascio, M.**
27. **Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher/AMHS-Dauria, D.**
28. **Tenure Appointment: Science Teacher/EWMMS-De Maria, D.**
29. **Tenure Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW-Haber, M.**
30. **Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher/AMHS-Hovorka, A.**
31. **Tenure Appointment: English Teacher/EWMMS-Keenan, K.**
32. **Tenure Appointment: Science Teacher/AMHS-Kilfoil, C.**
33. **Tenure Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/EWMMS-Metz, C.**
34. **Tenure Appointment: Guidance Counselor/AMHS-Noon, J.**
35. **Tenure Appointment: Technology Teacher/EWMMS-Rodriguez, J.**
36. **Tenure Appointment: Special Education Teacher/EWMMS-Twomey, D.**
37. **Tenure Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/AMHS-Valla, L.**
38. **Tenure Appointment: Science Teacher/AMHS-Weber, M.**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-23 through 3B-38 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

39. **Probationary Appointment: Director of Science/EWMMS/AMHS-Fusaro, Michael**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-39 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

B. Personnel Changes (cont'd)

- 40. **Appointment: Sports Camp Coordinator**-Roth, C.
- 41. **Appointment: Chaperone**-Sohm, D.
- 42. **Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA**-Brink, D.
- 43. **Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA**-Courts, R.
- 44. **Appointment: Bus Monitor/NE**-Davis, A.
- 45. **Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA**-Gaskins, C.
- 46. **Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA**-Kaiser, G.
- 47. **Appointment: Bus Monitor/MS**-Ortiz, A.
- 48. **Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA**-Silva, A.
- 49. **Appointment: Bus Monitor/MS**-Stallworth, L.
- 50. **Appointment: Substitute Teacher/Special Education**-Pepe, J.
- 51. **Appointment: Substitute Teacher/Art**-Tellefsen, A.
- 52. **Appointment: Substitute Teacher/School Counselor**-Kalker, D.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-40 through 3B-52 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 53. **Appointment: Substitute Teacher/English**-TBD

MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3B-53 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 54. **Appointment: Substitute Teacher/K-6**-Donnison, J.
- 55. **Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker**-Mitchell, S.
- 56. **Appointment: Substitute Custodian**-Ortiz, A.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-54 through 3B-56 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 57. **Resignation: Assistant to the Superintendent**-Kontente, L.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-57 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** President Sikhrangkur, on the Board's behalf, expressed appreciation for Ms. Kontente's efforts during her time in Amityville. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 58. **Creation of Position: Assistant Plant Facilities/Park Avenue Administration**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-58 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 59. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Amoruso-Karounos, O.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-59 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

- 60. **Resignation: Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction**/Schnebel, S.
- 61. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Asbell, M.
- 62. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Engler, M.
- 63. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Esposito, J.
- 64. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Finizio, N.
- 65. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Gafarian, S.
- 66. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Herz, D.
- 67. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Hyland, K.
- 68. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Katt, S.
- 69. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Naso, K.
- 70. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Pellegrino, J.
- 71. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Roddin, L.
- 72. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Sohm, D.
- 73. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Thorn, K.
- 74. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Turchi, J.
- 75. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Newman, J.
- 76. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Metz, C.
- 77. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Frey, R.
- 78. **Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments**-Przech, U.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

B. Personnel Changes (cont'd)

- 79. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Graf, G.
- 80. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Schmertzler, D.
- 81. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Allen, R.
- 82. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Dieck, P.
- 83. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Deasy, L.
- 84. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Golub, R.
- 85. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Cobian, J.
- 86. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Pellegrino, R.
- 87. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Ross, D.
- 88. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Aversa, D.
- 89. Revised Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessments-Casseus, R.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-60 through 3B-89 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: President Sikhrangkur thanked Mrs. Schnebel for her efforts on behalf on Amityville students. **Motion**

CARRIED: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance:

- 1. Budget Transfer-Items 1 through 16
- 2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 4
- 3. Donations – Items 1 through 2
- 4. Health Service Contracts-Other Schools – Items 1 through 2
- 5. Carting Bid: #2009-123 – Winter Brothers Recycling Corp.
- 6. Scholarship Donation

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C1 through 3C-6 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. CSE & CPSE Actions/Meetings-None

E. Monthly Finance Reports:

1. Resolution – February, 2008

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| A) Summary Expenditure Report – General Fund | C) Treasurer’s Report |
| A1) Revenue Report | D) Expenditure Report – Federal Fund |
| B) Schedule of Bills | E) School Lunch Report |
| 1) Accounts Payable Checks | F) HS Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report |
| 2) Trust & Agency Fund Checks | G) MS Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report |

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3E-1 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. REPORTS:

A. School District Attorney- No report

B. Superintendent Reports – Attended a breakfast meeting with the Ministerial Alliance of North Amityville.

Representative from Dartmouth College will meet with students on May 1. Now using electronic purchase orders that will streamline the purchasing process and make it more accountable. Agendas are now being posted on the website. Attended an assembly program on April 3 to hear journalist Phillipe Luciano address Spanish students. Attended a production of the Three Nanny Goats Gruff musical at Northwest. This Friday and Saturday the Middle School will feature their production of Willy Wonka. A mini college fair will take place this Friday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Attended compass coalition meeting last night.

Mrs. Schenbel said that she was grateful for the opportunity to work in the district for the past 2 ½ years.

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:40 PM made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O’Neill/District Clerk