

Minutes approved
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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMITYVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Amityville, New York 11701
REGULAR MEETING – January 16, 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 Charles Walters Trustee Elisabeth LaRosa
Trustee Nathan King Trustee Lisa Johnson

ABSENT: Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. John Williams-Interim Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Susan Schnebel- Assistant Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Enrique Catalan-Assist. Supt. Finance & Operations
Ms. Lisa Kontente-Assistant to Supt. Human Resources
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

Ms. Patricia Hausfeld, Director, Guidance

Nicole R. Theo, Principal, EWMS

Mrs. Betsy Gorman Demmers, Principal-PAMES

Mr. Michael Febbraro, Assist. Principal-PAMES

Mrs. Stacey Fischer, Principal-NW Elem. School

Ms. Pauline Watts-Collins, Principal-NE Elem. School

Ms. Jodi Shapiro, Assist. Adm. PPS & Sp. Ed.

Ms. Virginia Riccardi-School News Co-ordinator, Syntax

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

COMMUNITY: members present.

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.

1. Meeting Called to Order by President Sikhrangkur called the meeting to order at 7:14 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.

A presentation of the AWARD Reading Program was presented by Mrs. Susan Schnebel, Northwest Principal Stacey Fischer and 1st grade teachers Melanie Tuthill, Mackenzie Haber and Lori D'Iorio. 1st graders were on hand to demonstrate their new reading skills attributed to the program. (*See Attachment #1.*)

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

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only-No comments.

Ms. Jackie Allen commented on Agenda Items 3B-15 & 3B-39.

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. Approval for Adoption by Local School Board

2. Approval for Draft #1 Minutes – December 5, 2007

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

D. Audit Committee

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent:

A. General Administrative Resolutions:

1. Approval Conferences – Items 3A-1/1 – 3A-1/13

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to ADD Agenda Item 3A-1/1 through 3A-1/13 (copy attached) 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 APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1/1 through 3A-1/13 (copy attached) made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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B.Personnel Changes:

1. **Creation:** Special Education Teaching Position
2. **Resignation:** Clerk/Typist-AMHS- Munson, M.
3. **Rescind Appointment:** Monitor-NE-K-Fields, K.
4. **Revised Leave Replacement Appointment:** Mathematics Teacher-EWMS-Newman, J.
5. **Revised Appointment:** Co-Curricular Activity Advisor/MS-Rodriguez, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-5 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

6. **Revised Appointment:** Teaching Additional Class/EWMS-Quigley, C.
7. **Revised Appointment:** Teaching Additional Class/EWMS-Romeo, V.

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

8. **Leave of Absence W/O Pay:** Account Clerk/Park North Administration-Manning, K.
9. **Extended Probationary Appointment:** Special Education Teacher/Alt. HS-Dodson-Davis, Y.
10. **Extended Probationary Appointment:** Special Education Teacher/AMHS-Hergenrother, M.
11. **Extended Probationary Appointment:** Science Teacher/EWMMS-Weber, M.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-8 through 3B-11 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

12. **Probationary Appointment:** Science Teacher/EWMMS-Diecidue, N.

MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3B-12 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

13. **Probationary Appointment:** Teaching Assistant/AMHS-Horodyski, T.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-13 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

14. **Probationary Appointment:** Special Education Teacher/PAMES-TBD

MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3B-14 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

15. **Probationary Appointment:** Leave Replacement English Teacher/AMHS-Bade, P.

16. **Appointment:** Senior Clerk/Typist/Park North Administration-Muniz, D.

17. **Appointment:** Math Coordinator/MS-Allen, R.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-15 through 3B-17 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

18. **Appointment:** English Coordinator/HS-TBD

MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3B-18 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

19. **Appointment:** Teaching Additional Class/EWMMS-Weber, R.

20. **Appointment:** Activity Advisor/MS-Weber, R.

21. **Appointment:** Teacher For MSTP Project/MS-Przech, U.

22. **Appointment:** Teacher For MSTP Project/MS-Graf, G.

23. **Appointment:** Athletic Supervisor-Kretz, C.

24. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Milan, L.

25. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Cardone, J.

26. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Pentangelo, J.

27. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Agostino, J.

28. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Katsigiorgis, J.

29. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Frers, B.

30. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Maisel, W.

31. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Forman, R.

32. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Duguay, P.

33. **Appointment:** Chaperone-Roth, C.

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3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent:

B. Personnel Changes(cont'd):

34. Appointment: Chaperone-Mc Cabe, A.

35. Appointment: Substitute Teacher-Childhood 1-6-Schneller, A.

36. Appointment: Substitute Teacher-Elementary/Special Education-Hickey, T.

37. Appointment: Permanent Secondary Substitute Teacher-Social Studies-Stein, P.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-19 through 3B-37 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

38. Extended Leave of Absence w/o Pay: Senior Clerk/Typist-Confidential Secretary-Muller, S.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-38 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

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

39. Appointment: Permanent Secondary Substitute Teacher/English 7-12-Bade, P.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-39 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

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

C. Business and Finance:

1. Budget Transfer-Items 3C-1/1 – 3C-1/7

2. Use of Facilities-Items 3C-2/1 – 3C-2/3

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

3. Health Service Contracts-Items 3C-3/1 - 3C-3/2

4. Fund Raising-Items 3C-4/1 – 3C-4/4

5. Excessing of Unrepairable Equipment

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

D.CSE & CPSE Actions/Meetings:

1. Woodward Children's Center

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

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

2. Babylon Union Free School District

3. East Meadow School District

MOTION to PULL Agenda Items 3D-2 & 3D-3 made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

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

E. Monthly Finance Reports:

1. Resolution – October, 2007

A) Summary Expenditure Report – General Fund

A1) Revenue Report

B) Schedule of Bills

1) Accounts Payable Checks

2) Trust & Agency Fund Checks

C) Treasurer's Report

D) Expenditure Report – Federal Fund

E) School Lunch Report

F) HS Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report

G) MS Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3E-1 at the recommendation of the Audit Committee made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

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

4. REPORTS:

A. School District Attorney: Mr. Keenan will report in Executive Session.

B. Superintendent Reports:

Dr. Williams – In honor of their 50th reunion, the class of 1957 will donate \$950 for garden project in the east court yard at the high school - resolution needed. Ten high school and middle school students have been selected to perform in chorus and band at various All County music events in March. Recently, on site admission days were held at the high school with counselors from Adelphi and SUNY, Farmingdale. Next month, counselors from Suffolk

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Community College will be available. Dowling College will be offering a masters program to Amityville teachers at a reduced cost to them. It will be held in one of the classrooms in the district. NYSSBA will be reviewing existing district policies in order to update them. Drafts will be submitted to us for review. Report received from Mr. Carpenter on a very successful fall season. There is a proposal to name the new track at the high school in honor of Jerry Pollock. Copy of draft letter regarding the situation of the dead end gate at the high school was submitted to the Board for review.

MOTION to Adjourn to Executive Session at 11:59 PM Personnel/Particula Persons/Negotiations made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by President Sikhrangkur at 8:40 PM.

LOCATION: Park Avenue Elementary School – Room 111

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

ABSENT: Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

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

Trustee Koza Egglinger arrived at 10:15 PM.

Mr. John Osborne and Mr. Daniel Crow arrived at 10:15 PM.

Mr. Catalan, Mr. Crow and Mr. Osborne left at 11:10 PM.

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Juliet Jordon-Thompson/District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 11:45 PM made by Trustee King, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

LOCATION: PAMES - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson
 Trustee Charles Walters Trustee Elisabeth LaRosa
 Trustee Nathan King Trustee Lisa Johnson
 Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson, Trustee Elisabeth LaRosa and Trustee Nathan King arrived at 11:46 PM.

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

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

2C-3 – Resolved, the Board of Education hereby establishes an additional confidential Senior Clerk Typist position.

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to Include Agenda Item 2C-3 made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza-Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-3 made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza-Egglinger.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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3C-2/4 Use of Facilities – Women of the Future (copy included in agenda)

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to Include Agenda Item 3C-2/4 made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-2/4 made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session at 11:59 PM for Personnel/Particular Person made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Trustee Koza-Egglinger. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Dr. Williams, Mr. Catalan, Ms. Kontente, Mr. Keenan & Mrs. O'Neill departed at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill/ District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 12:03 PM by President Sikhrangkur.

LOCATION: PAMES - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson
Trustee Charles Walters Trustee Lisa Johnson
Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger Trustee Nathan King
Trustee Elisabeth La Rosa

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Susan Schnebel- Assistant Supt. Curriculum & Instruction

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

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Juliet Jordon-Thompson/District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 12:35 PM made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

LOCATION: PAMES - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson
Trustee Charles Walters Trustee Lisa Johnson
Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger Trustee Nathan King
Trustee Elisabeth La Rosa

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Susan Schnebel- Assistant Supt. Curriculum & Instruction

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

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 12:35 PM made by Trustee Walters, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliet Jordon-Thompson/District Clerk Pro Tem