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

Regular Meeting Minutes- November 14, 2012

Park Avenue Elementary School - Auditorium - 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Juliet Jordon-Thompson 2nd Vice President Ron Moss

Trustee Jeannette Santos

Trustee Nathan King

BOE ABSENT: Vice President Lisa Johnson

Trustee Mark Epps

Trustee Michele Sikhrangkur

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. John R. Williams, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations

Dr. Mary Kelly-Asst Supt. Technology

Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources

Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq. Guercio & Guercio Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Anthony Cerullo-Director-Phys. Ed., Health & Athletics

Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts

Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science

Mr. Claude Irwin, Director of Mathematics

Daniel Noviello-Director Social Studies

Dana Musso, Director of English

Mr. Peter PaterNostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services

Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz – Director – ESL

Mr. Ed Mercurio-Plant Facilities Administrator

Ms. Rene Bloom-School Lunch Manager

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES

Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem. School

Ms. Michele Darby, Principal-EWMS

Dr. Mary DeRose, Principal-AMHS

Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal – NW Elementary School

Mr. Ted Tsirigotis, Assistant Principal, EWMMS

Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal, AMHS

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

COMMUNITY: 30 Members present

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by President Jordon-Thompson at 7:16 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 are you are seated. *Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. *As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.

- B. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only

D. PRESENTATIONS

Fran Fernandez recognized students with exemplary performance in the arts and presented them with certificates.

Michele Darby, spoke about storm relief efforts conducted by her staff at the Middle School. Mr. Ted Tsirigotis helped co-ordinate.

Trustee King said that he was very proud of Ms. Darby and her staff and thanked them for their efforts.

Mrs. Pauline Collins also spoke about the relief efforts conducted by Bob Claps and her staff at Northeast.

President Jordon-Thompson, on behalf of the Board, thanked everyone for helping those in need after Storm Sandy. She thanked Mr. Mercurio who had gone to each building to oversee repairing the storm damage.

Erik Flynn, HCOP Education Specialist from Stony Brook University – The Health Careers Opportunity Program is a federally funded program located at Stony Brook University and affiliated with the School of Health Technology and Management in the Health Sciences Center. HCOP's goal is to provide students with the opportunity to pursue careers in the allied health professions. At this, time Mr. Flynn invited some of the students to address the Board about their positive experiences in the program. A video depicting the students working on projects was also shown.

Ron Wilkinson, New York Steinhardt School for Culture, Education and Human Development – *See attachment #1*

Rene Bloom. Food Services Manager – Ms. Bloom spoke about problems created by the power outage following Storm Sandy. She would try to recover some money from insurance for the food that was spoiled. When school reopened, fresh food was provided to the students.

Dr. Fanning extended his thanks to Ms. Bloom for her efforts and how she took charge even though she had only been working at her job for a few weeks.

Ed Mercurio said that there was very little damage to the buildings. No equipment was lost. If money permits, we should purchase generators for the refrigeration in case of another power outage.

Carolyn Chickazunga spoke about the website and that it must be updated.

At this time, President Jordon-Thompson announced to the community that the Board had some items to discuss in executive session.

Dr. William Fanning was appointed District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:50 PM for negotiations with teacher, administrators', nurses and clerical bargaining units, proposed settlement of two pending contract grievance arbitrations, status of pending family court matter, employment history of particular staff

members, report from District external auditor and advice from counsel made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O'Neill left at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by President Jordon-Thompson at 8:55 PM.

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ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. William Fanning, District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:42 PM made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 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 Audit Committee July 11, 2012
- 2. Draft #1 Regular Meeting July 11, 2012
- 3. Draft #1 Special Meeting August 1, 2012
- 4. Draft #1 Regular Meeting August 8, 2012
- 5. Draft #1 Special Meeting August 19, 2012
- 6. Draft #1 Special Meeting September 5, 2012

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-6 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Board Policy Committee

1. 3rd Reading – District Credit Card Policy #8334

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2B-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Board Action

- **1.** Approval of MOA ATA/APPR
- 2. Approval of Education Law § 913 Examination

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Item 2C-3, requested by President Jordon-Thompson as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District's counsel, Guercio & Guercio, LLP, to execute a Stipulation of Settlement on behalf of the District, to dismiss the PINS Petition pending in Family Court, Suffolk County, and entitled, Amityville Union Free School District v. A.B., Dockett S-11001-12, File #125805, without prejudice.

the motion was made by made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-3 as amended made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Audit Committee -

1. Report by Alan Yu – External Auditor

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2D-1 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. (*SEE ATTACHMENT #2*)

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent

- 1. Board Recognition Week
- 2. Approval of MOA donation of sick days Pellegrino, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-2 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion FAILED:** 0 Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Approval of Partnership Agreement – UNAYO/21st CCLC

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-3 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Mr. King asked for an explanation of the services provided by UNAYO. Dr. Williams responded indicating that the services included martial arts training, etc. and noted that the District pays UNAYO for the services it provides. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to AMEND Agenda, requested by President Jordon-Thompson, to add Agenda Items 3A-4 and 3A-5 as follows:

3A-4 – Approval of AAA/APPR

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Amityville Administrators' Association and the Board of Education regarding Annual Professional Performance Review, as more fully discussed in Executive Session.

3A-5 – Approval of Grievance Settlement

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the settlement of the Grievance Arbitrations, Case No. 1339000361-12 and Case No. 1339000362-12, in the amount of one thousand dollars

(\$1,000.00) to be divided among the unit employees listed on Confidential Attachment "A", and authorized the Board President to execute the Stipulation of Settlement of behalf of the District.

MOTION to AMEND the agenda made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos.

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

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3A-4 & 3A-5 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel

- 1. Approval of Consultant Cavanagh, S.
- 2. Eliminate Scrapbook Club and Create Book Club
- 3. Resignation: Custodial Worker I/DW Denny, E.
- **4.** Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/PA Replak, J.
- 5. Appointment: Custodial Worker I/PA/NW Dolan, M.
- **6.** Appointment: Monitor/MS Ortiz, A.
- 7. Appointment: Virtual Academy I/Psychologist Postiglione, M.
- **8.** Appointment: Increase in FTE/Social Studies Teacher Volkomer, K.
- 9. Appointment: Math Scope & Sequence for Common Core Curriculum Writing Teacher Allen, E. Roberto
- 10. Appointment: Math Scope & Sequence for Common Core Curriculum Writing
- **11.** Appointment: Math Scope & Sequence for Common Core Curriculum Writing Teacher Pepe, J.
- **12.** Appointment: Math Scope & Sequence for Common Core Curriculum Writing Teacher Przech, U.
- 13. Appointment: Activity Advisor Drama Club Advisor/MS Ferrara, C.
- **14.** Appointment: Winter Coach-JV Girls Basketball-Abbondondolo,M.
- 15. Appointment: Winter Coach-HS Girls Basketball Volunteer-Abbondondolo, M.
- **16.** Appointment: Winter Coach-JV Boys Basketball Volunteer Spatola, C.
- 17. Appointment: Special Olympics Head Advisor Feehan, R.

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

B. Personnel (cont'd):

- **18.** Appointment: Special Olympics Assistant Advisor Volkomer, K.
- 19. Appointment: Intramural Coach Hamilton, I.
- **20.** Appointment: Intramural Coach Hamilton, I.
- 21. Appointment: Intramural Coach Karafantis, G.
- 22. Appointment: Intramural Coach Hawkins, R.
- 23. Appointment: Intramural Coach Myers, V.
- **24.** Appointment: Chaperone Waterman, K.
- **25.** Appointment: Chaperone Pentangelo, J.
- **26.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Early Child B-1/child Ed 1-6 Felton, D.
- 27. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Music Halbig, J.
- **28.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Child Ed 1-6 Logan, T.
- **29.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher ELA 7-12 Morrell, C.
- **30.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher Physics 7-12 Prost, F.
- 31. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Std w/dis 1-6/Child Ed 1-6 Sheehan, J.
- **32.** Appointment: Substitute Teacher N-6/Reading St. Paul, R.
- 33. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker Bozza, M.
- **34.** Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker Echeverry, G.
- 35. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker Gordon, H.
- **36.** Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist Riccio, D.
- **37.** Appointment: Substitute Monitor Spence, E.
- **38.** Appointment: Intramural Coach Spatola, C.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-38 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Mr. King asked for an explanation about 3B-1, Approval of Consultant, Cavanagh. Dr. Kelly explained the role of the consultant, working with small groups of teachers, informal observations, and on-going support for staff development, primarily at the Middle School. The start date of Agenda 3B-5 was changed to 11/19/12. The pay rate of Agenda item 3B-6 should be \$15.74 per hour. A question was raised regarding the ames listef ofr Items 3B-14 and 3B-15. Dr. Neidell noted that the volunteer listed in 3B-15 should be listed as Michael P. for identification purposes. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance

- 1. Budget Transfer Items 1 through 8
- 2. Fund Raising Items 1 through 6
- 3. Use of Facilities Items 1 through 2
- **4.** Cancellation of Contract for Athletic Trainer Spectrum Physical Therapy and Chiropractic Transportation Request Freire
- **5.** Award of Contract for Athletic Trainer Long Island Athletic Trainer Services, Inc.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1-5 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Mr. King asked about the transfer of funds for textbooks and for library purposes. Dr. Fanning responded. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Monthly Finance Report:

- 1. June, 2012
- 2. July, 2012

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 & 3D-2 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

E. <u>CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings/Educational Service Contracts</u> - None

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 26

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1 through 3F-26 made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Discussion:** A question was raised regarding adequate coverage for those who would be attending the conferences. Dr. Gulbin responded affirmatively. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. REPORTS

- **A.** <u>Legal Counsel for the District</u> Advice from counsel took place earlier in Executive Session.
- B. Superintendent of Schools None
- C. **Board of Education** None

Other Items:

Trustee Santos asked a question regarding the final staffing for bus monitors at Northeast. Dr. Fanning responded that all requests had been approved, but was unsure if sufficient trained staff had been found to fill the need. Dr. Neidell followed with clarification regarding the efforts the District had undertaken to identify interested staff and to provide the required training. Dr. Neidell will follow up with the staffing issues.

A question was raised regarding the need to "make up" days lost to Hurricane Sandy. Dr. Williams responded that the District was waiting for guidance from Albany before offering any public statement regarding the matter.

Mr. King asked about the payment of wages for those who were unable to work because the schools were officially closed due to the storm. Dr. Neidell and Dr. Fanning responded that the various Collective Bargaining Agreements govern payment due when schools are officially closed due to inclement weather.

MOTION to ADJOURN regular meeting at 11:17 PM made by 2nd Vice President Moss, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

| Respectfully submitted, |
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| Dr. William Fanning, District Clerk Pro Tem |