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

Special Meeting/Budget Workshop Minutes– April 4, 2012  
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson  
Trustee Kathleen Ward Trustee Mark Epps

**ABSENT:** Trustee Nathan King  
President Michele Sikhrangkur  
Trustee Ronald Moss

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources  
Dr. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin-Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Ed Mercurio  
Mrs. Carolyn Dodd, ATA President

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

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by Vice President Jordon-Thompson at 7:05 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 you are seated. \*Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. \*As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*

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

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

Jeannette Santos asked how much state aid the District will receive. Dr. Fanning responded that the governor's proposal would deliver about \$18,492,000 to us.

*Trustee King arrived at 7:08 PM.*

2. **Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education** - None

A. **Approval of Board Minutes**

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

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

D. **Audit Committee**

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

A. **Superintendent** None

B. **Personnel** None

C. **Business and Finance** - Budget Workshop Presentation

Dr. Williams introduced Dr. William Fanning who presented his final overview of the budget. We made unilateral cuts in supplies by 10%. We then adjusted every other discretionary expense that we could identify from BOCES expenses to equipment, etc. That left us with two lines -

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salaries and benefits. The cost went up for benefits and the retirement system. If all the other items in the budget have been reduced, the only place to make the balance of the reduction is going to be in salary and benefits. We have not made those cuts yet. We now have the final legislative budget. The legislature made some adjustments to the governor's cuts in aid. That generated more money for us. At this point, Dr. Fanning referred to the chart he had developed for the budget. *See attachment #1 for the details.* (Total budget proposal for 2012-13 is \$78,211,501.)

- D. **Monthly Finance Report** None
- E. **CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings**
- F. **Curriculum and Instruction**
- G. **Data and Technology**
- H. **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center**

#### 4. **Reports**

- A. **Legal Counsel for the District**
- B. **Superintendent of Schools**

Vice President Jordon-Thompson appointed Kathleen Ward as District Clerk Pro Tem for the meeting.

**MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session** at 8:12 PM for Review of Personnel Records made by Trustee Epps seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order by Vice President Jordon-Thompson at 8:13 PM.

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*Trustee Epps left at 8:17 PM and returned at 8:24 PM.*

*Trustee King left at 8:29 PM and returned at 8:34 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem

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**MOTION to RESUME Open Session** at 8:56 PM made by Trustee Epps seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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Dr. Williams to co-ordinate Board acknowledgement of letters received from a community member.

Questions by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson regarding the number of classes taught by Directors. Also asked about the impact to class sizes with the staff reductions.

Trustee King asked about the replacement of the Food Service Manager. Dr. Neidell advised that the position has been posted and will follow CSEA regulations.

Trustee Ward related questions/comments from a parent regarding efforts by the District to “go green”. Dr. Williams advised that the District is implementing initiatives which can result in savings. However, they are modest in comparison to the reductions required for the current budget.

**MOTION to ADJOURN Special Meeting** at 9:16 PM made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem