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**MINUTES**  
**Board of Education**  
**Amityville Union Free School District**  
**Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Meeting – November 9, 2011**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur      Trustee Nathan King  
Trustee Kathleen Ward      Trustee Mark Epps  
Trustee Ronald Moss      Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson

**ABSENT:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson

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

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS  
Ms. Doreen Buckley, Asst Administrator-PPS/Sp. Ed.  
Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES  
Mr. Anthony Cerullo, Director-Phys Ed./Health/Athletics  
Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science  
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal - PAMES  
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Principal-AMHS  
Mr. Claude Irwin, Director-Mathematics  
Mr. Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies  
Mr. Steve Lindenfeld, Asst. Principal-EWMMS  
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal- NW  
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Elizabeth Reveiz, Director-ESL  
Ms. Judy Riordan, Director of English  
Mr. Ed Mercurio- Plant Facilities Administrator

**COMMUNITY:** Approximately 30 members present.

**1. Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:09 PM.

**A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking, Cell Phone 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 to others, 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** – None

President Sikhrangkur welcomed Dr. Williams back to work.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Peter Paternastro, Director PPS Sp. Ed.** – Mr. Paternastro said that the purpose of his department was to help children participate and progress in their education to the best of their abilities. His presentation showed how much progress he and his team had made in the past two years in achieving that purpose. Ms. Doreen Buckley talked about the class that was created for autistic children at Northeast.

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

1. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – September 7, 2011
2. Draft #1 – Audit Committee – September 14, 2011
3. Draft #1 – Regular Meeting – September 14, 2011
4. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – September 26, 2011
5. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – October 4, 2011
6. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – October 5, 2011
7. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – October 20, 2011

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-7** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Epps. **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** - None

**D. Audit Committee** –

1. Review with Alan Yu

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

**A. Superintendent** – None

**B. Personnel**

1. Resignation: Stop Act Grant Project Coordinator – McCabe, A.
2. Resignation: Substitute Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Perez-Hargrove, J.
3. Rescind Appointment: Winter Coach – V Girls Track – Guild, E.
4. Rescind Appointment: Activity Advisor – Special Olympics – Western, I.
5. Extended Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher – NW – Jones, M.
6. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education Teacher – AMHS – Feehan, R.
7. Leave of Absence W/o Pay: Guidance Counselor – EWMMS – Kearney, K.
8. Appointment: Increase in Hours Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Carpenter, T.
9. Appointment: Increase in Hours Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Haverty, D.
10. Appointment: Increase in Hours Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Joyner, D.
11. Appointment: Winter Coach – Special Olympics – Karafantis, G.
12. Appointment: Winter Coach – Asst. Special Olympics – Western, I.
13. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Girls Track – Duguay, P.
14. Appointment: Stop Act Grant Project Coordinator – Hayes, E.
15. Appointment: Virtual Academy II – Sub Teacher – Zuar, C.

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

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

16. Appointment: Virtual Academy II – Sub Teacher – Western, I.
17. Appointment: Virtual Academy II – School Psychologist – Bausano, H.
18. Appointment: ESL Teacher for Adults – Varas, L.
19. Intentionally Left Blank
20. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Drama Club Advisor – Tannenbaum, R.
21. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Asst Drama Club Advisor – Seehof, C.
22. Appointment: Intramural Coach – EWMMS – Hamilton, I.
23. Appointment: Intramural Coach – EWMMS – Tsirigotis, T.
24. Appointment: Intramural Coach – EWMMS – Tsirigotis, T.
25. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – Site Coordinator- Western, I.
26. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Agostino, A.
27. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Engler, M.
28. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Fraser, J.
29. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Koopmans, S.
30. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Reiner, H.
31. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Riordan, K.
32. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Sleezer, L.
33. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Wunderlich, C.
34. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Linzer, J.
35. Appointment: Science Curriculum Writing – Soluri, L.
36. Appointment: Science Curriculum Writing – Mariano, M.
37. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Armstrong, G.
38. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - Berning, L.
39. Appointment: Chaperone – Starkey, K.
40. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Child Ed 1-6 – Dupree, Q.
41. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – ESL – Belgrod, K.
42. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Child B-6 – Clerici, K.
43. Appointment: Substitute Special Ed 1:1 Aide – Thompson, P.
44. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Assistant – Valentino, A.
45. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Stevenson, A.
46. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Fabian, C.
47. Appointment: 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC – HS/Club Advisor – Sabellico, C.
48. Appointment: P/T Monitor – King, S.
49. Appointment: Winter Coach – Asst Wrestling – EWMMS – Levy, C.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-49** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

**C. Business and Finance**

1. Budget Transfers – Items 1 through 5
2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 8
3. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 3

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-3** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Discussion:** Dr. Fanning explained he did not know the exact

amount of missing books and he would investigate. Trustee Ward commented that we need to pursue if student is responsible. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Transportation Request

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

5. Health Service Contract – St. Martin of Tours – Items 1 through 5

6. Award of Bid – Printing

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

**D. Monthly Finance Report**

1. June, 2011 Report

**MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3D-1** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Discussion:** Will be reviewed in Audit Committee. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings**

1. Approval of Contract – John A. Coleman School - SEDCAR

2. Approval of Contract – Maryhaven Center of Hope - SEDCAR

3. Approval of Contract – Lake Grove School – SEDCAR

4. Approval of Contract – Kids First, Inc.

5. Approval of Contract – Woodward Children’s Center – SEDCAR

6. Approval of Contract – Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc. – SEDCAR

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-6** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Discussion:** Mr. Steffanetta responded to President Sikhrangkur that he had reviewed the contracts. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

Dr. Neidel said that there were some items added to the agenda but were not added to the summary sheet.

**MOTION to AMEND Agenda to include Agenda Items 3F-1 & 3F-2** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 42

2. Approval of A-Net Consulting Services, Ltd.

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

**G. Data and Technology – None**

**H. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center – None**

4. **Reports**

**A. Legal Counsel** – Mr. Steffanetta had several items to discuss in executive session.

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- B. Superintendent of Schools** – Dr. Williams reported that several of our students won awards in the Amityville Fire Dept. poster contest. Also, this is School Board Recognition month and each Board Member was given a token of thanks for their dedication to the students of the District. Dr. Williams then thanked everyone for their support during his absence.

Torii Coppedge, Amityville High School student, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, read a letter she had written to the Board regarding starting a step team. See attachment #1.

Mr. Alan Yu arrived at 8:30 PM.

President Sikhrangkur appointed Trustee Kathleen Ward as District Clerk Pro Tem.

**MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:30 PM** for advice from counsel regarding a pending employee disciplinary matter, negotiations with employee groups, employment history of a particular person and a meeting with our auditor made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*Judith O'Neill left at 8:40 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

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Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq.,-Guercio & Guercio  
Mr. Alan Yu, Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski, LLP

*Mr. Steffanetta left at 8:40 PM and returned at 10:00 PM.*

*Ms. Hark left at 9:57 PM and returned at 9:58 PM.*

*Trustee Epps left at 10:00 PM and returned at 10:06 PM.*

*The Audit Committee meeting called to order at 10:00 by President Sikhrangkur. Mr. Yu left at 10:15 PM.*

*Trustee Moss left at 10:40 PM and returned at 10:43 PM.*

*Dr. Gulbin left at 10:53 PM and returned at 10:56 PM.*

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Ward, District Clerk Pro Tem

