

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2015

Approved: 05/13/15

OPEN MEETING

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, Auditorium by President Johnson who read the emergency exit statement and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa Johnson, President
Ronald A. Moss, 1st Vice President
Terry Fulton, 2nd Vice President participated from the Parkview Rehabilitation Center, Massapequa, NY. This location is open to the public.
Dr. Kathleen Corbett, Trustee
Carolyn Dodd, Trustee
Nathan King, Trustee
Jeannette Santos, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Gary Steffanetta, Esq. Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Victoria Cantrella, Esq. Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Dr. Joan K. Lange, Interim Ass't Sup't for Curriculum & Instruction
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Ass't Sup't for Finance & Operations
Bridgette Wilson, Director for Human Resources
Sue Merims, Food Services Consultant
Gary Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Victoria Cantrella, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School
Vincent Todisco, Principal, Northwest Elementary School
Ed Plaia, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Kristy Middleton, Ass't Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Dr. Mary DeRose, Interim Principal, Amityville Memorial High School
Rod Wilkins, Associate Principal, Amityville Memorial High School
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services
Sandra Parmentier, Ass't Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director for Fine Arts Department
Ted Tsirigotis, Director for Physical Education, Health and Athletics
Susanne Pena, District Coordinator for ESL & Bilingual Programs
Eileen Becker, District Clerk

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Jillian Becker

COMMUNITY:

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Lisa Johnson and Gary Steffanetta left at 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:25 p.m.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Performance of the Drama Club – Little Shop of Horrors to be performed at the AMHS the weekend of March 20-22, 2015
2. Sydney Freifelder introduced the presentation for the Food Service Operations – Sue Merims consultant (see attachment #1) reviewed requirements for healthier America created by the federal government and obligated to be followed by the State of New York. Mrs. Freifelder brought up birthdays and holidays in the classroom. Ms. Merims stated that the District's Wellness Policy outlines nutritious food allowed in the classroom. Ms. Dealy asked what Ms. Merims found in our food service program in the schools were lacking. Ms. Merims response was while there is always room for improvement, we are looking to introduce fresh foods and we are doing well and where to improve how we prepare the food – i.e. cooking vs. heating up – and how to introduce other

healthy options. Ms. Merims is working closely with Ms. Renee Bloom, the School Lunch Manager.

- 3. Mrs. Freifelder presented Budget Presentation #6 – (see attachment #2) Program Component which delivers services to our students.

COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Ed McDaniels, 111 Bayview Ave. Amityville, NY Had questions about the budget numbers and Mrs. Freifelder explained the “budgeted” column is based on past history and will know more once the State releases the budget figures to the district.

Melissa Kruder 17 Mellissa Court Amityville, NY Does the District support “opt-out.” Dr. Kelly said a letter was going out the next day advising parents/guardians of their options.

Mrs. Kruder expressed concern tests are given in the Spring and don’t receive results until the summer, how does that affect students placements and teacher evaluations and measure are they meeting common core standards.

Rose Torres 69 Maple Drive Amityville, NY Ms. Torres expressed she hoped the “opt-out” letter would also be sent in Spanish. Dr. Kelly confirmed it will be.

Also stressed the condition of the NE portables.
BOCES Nassau s/d parent will receive bill in June
Program where children not getting services are we paying for it

At this time, the Board of Education announced the retirement of the District Clerk, Judith O’Neill, and thanked her for her years of dedicated service followed by a presentation to Mrs. O’Neill and congratulated her on her retirement.

The Board also announced Mrs. Eileen Becker, as the new District Clerk. Mrs. Becker then took the oath of office.

ACTION

Motion approve Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-4 made by Trustee Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 1. Draft Minutes – Special Meeting, February 4, 2015
- 2. Draft Minutes – Regular Meeting, February 11, 2015
- 3. Draft Minutes – Special Meeting, February 4, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.
- 4. Draft Minutes – Special Meeting, February 11, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2B-1 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by Trustee Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 1. Approval of Policy Exhibit 8334-E.1

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2C-1 and 2C-2 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by Trustee Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to amend the Agenda to add Agenda Items 2C-3 through 2C-6 made by Trustee Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2C-3 through 2C-6 made by Trustee Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

- 1. Approval of Library Workers
- 2. Approval of Nominees for Western Suffolk BOCES Trustees

3. Revised Acceptance of Resignation for Retirement: District Clerk – O’Neill, J.
4. Revised Appointment of District Clerk – Becker, E.
5. Revised Appointment of Deputy District Clerk – Miller, B.
6. Notice of Annual Meeting

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-22 made by 1st Vice President Moss; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Leave of Absence without pay: Food Service Workers/MS – Montoya, E.
2. Resignation: Virtual Academy I – Coordinator – Kilfoil, C.
3. Resignation: Virtual Academy II – Sub Coordinator – Kilfoil, C.
4. Retirement: Special Education Teacher/NW – Lipowski, L.
5. FMLA Leave: Special Education Teacher/NE – Ciancarelli, N.
6. Appointment: Bilingual Clerk Typist/MS – Herrero, M.
7. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Scheduling/HS – Noon, J.
8. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Scheduling/MS – Brower, T.
9. Appointment: Monitor/NW – Shelton, L.
10. Appointment: Intramural Coach – Drost, A.
11. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Sarmiento, J.
12. Leave Replacement Appointment: English Teacher/HS – Moy, N.
13. Resignation for Retirement: Elementary Teacher/PA – Kaminski, S.
14. Resignation for Retirement: Teaching Assistant/MS – Latore, G.
15. Appointment: Virtual Academy I & II – Sub Coordinator – Milan, L.
16. Appointment: Virtual Academy I & II – Sub Coordinator – Feehan, R.
17. Revised FMLA/Leave of Absence w/o Pay: English Teacher/HS – Carrua, M.
18. Appointment: Spring Coach – MS Girls Softball – Miller, M.
19. Appointment: Chaperone – Garofolo, C.
20. Appointment: Chaperone – Milan, L.
21. Appointment: Chaperone – Greiss, M.
22. FMLA: Teaching Assistant/MS – Durant, L.

BUSINESS

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5 made by 1st Vice President; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Donations
2. Fund Raising Events
3. Use of Facilities Request
4. Health Services Contracts
5. Dispose of Fixed Assets

FINANCE

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by 1st Vice President Moss; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Finance Report for January, 2015

CURRICULUM

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by 1st Vice President Moss; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences

REPORTS

Legal Counsel No Report
Superintendent

1. Congratulations to the following art students who will have their artwork showcased in the annual “Colors of Long Island” student art exhibit at the Long Island Museum in Stony Brook.
 - Sarai Mullings and Justice Wright from Northeast
 - Giselle Yarborough and Malachi Davis from Northwest
 - Samantha Lima and Daniela Moore from Park Avenue
 - Anjelia Cortes and Mary Dexter from the Middle School
 - Brianna York, Jimmy Tavarez, and Brianna Alvarenga from the HS

2. Dr. Kelly shared a letter t from Deputy Mayor Jessica Bernius where they were very impressed with the quality of the photos and requested borrowing them for a display during the month of March at the museum. They were amazed at the talent these student photographers displayed in their village subjects. The students have received many accolades from those viewing the artwork. The museum is open every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday from 2-4 PM and the photos are prominently displayed in the museum. Thanks for the outstanding cooperation between the Village and the School District.

3. The World Languages Honor Society Induction was held yesterday evening at Amityville Memorial High School, where 48 high school students were recognized for their distinguished efforts in the study of world languages. Congratulations to the students and to their families for this well deserved recognition, and thank you to Ms. Castro, Ms. Whitney, and Ms. Brit for their commitment to our students, and for organizing a lovely ceremony and reception.

4. Congratulations and best wishes to the Amityville Memorial High School Marching Band as they perform in their first national parade on Tuesday, March 17 – the New York City St. Patrick’s Day parade. The band steps off on Tuesday at 3:20 PM at 48th street and will march up 5th Avenue to 79th street. If you cannot be in NYC, the parade is being televised on NBC Channel 4 and it is being streamed live on the official website - www.nycstpatricksparade.org. beginning at 11:00am on Tuesday.

5. Several board members are being recognized this evening on behalf of the New York State School Boards Association for their time and effort in striving to expand their board governance knowledge and skills. This month, we are recognizing Trustee Santos, Trustee Fulton, and Trustee Corbett. Trustee Santos and Trustee Fulton are each receiving two citations - one for Board Achievement and one for Board Excellence. Trustee Corbett is receiving a citation for Board Mastery. Congratulations to our Board members on this well-deserved recognition from the New York State School Boards Association.

6. Congratulations to Amityville kindergarten teacher Ms. Tina Smith, who has been nominated for a national teaching award which carries a \$10,000 prize. Ms. Smith was nominated for her work on “family learning nights” that, for the past six years, have brought children and parents together for learning activities. The prize, known as Life Changer of the Year, is sponsored by financial service company National Life Group. Half of the prize goes to the winner, and half goes to the school. Winners will be announced in the spring. Good luck to Ms. Smith, we are rooting for you!

7. The Amityville Parent Teacher Council will be hosting a Skating Party on Thursday, March 19 from 6:30 – 8:45 PM at United Skates of America on Hicksville Road in Massapequa.

8. The Amityville Memorial High School Drama Club under the direction of Northwest teacher Mrs. Asbell will be presenting Little Shop of Horrors on Friday, March 20 at 7:30 PM; Saturday, March 21, 2015 @ 7:30 PM; and Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 3 PM at the High School. Advanced tickets may be purchased for \$5 each, tickets are \$7 at the door.

9. Reminder: The 14th Annual School District Awards Dinner will be held on Monday, March 23, 2015 from 5:45 PM to 9 PM at Villa Lombardi’s in Holbrook. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs. Eileen Becker for additional information. As I mentioned in February, our honorees, who have been nominated for going “above and beyond” in their service to the District and to the community are:

Mr. Ron Moss – First Vice President, Amityville Board of Education;
Mr. Peter Paternostro – Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education;
Dr. Nicola Beckles – School Psychologist at Northeast Elementary School
Mrs. Maresa Dealy – President of the Amityville Parent Teacher Council
Mrs. Eileen Becker – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

10. Please consult the district calendar and website for other events around the district this month.

Board No Report

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

No Community Comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. made by Trustee King; seconded by Trustee Santos for discussion of a confidential matter regarding the employment history of a particular person. President Johnson appointed 1st Vice President Moss as Clerk Pro Tem. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

OPEN MEETING

Motion to resume Open Session at 10:31 p.m. made by Trustee King; seconded by Trustee Santos. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to amend the Agenda to add Agenda Item 3B-23 made by 1st Vice President Moss; seconded by Trustee Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3B-23 made by 1st Vice President Moss; seconded by Trustee Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

23. Increase hourly rate for substitute secretaries to \$15.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 10:35 p.m. made by 1st Vice President Moss; seconded by Trustee Santos. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,


Eileen Becker, District Clerk