

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2015

Approved: 09/09/15

**OPEN MEETING**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at Park North Administration Board Room by President Moss who read the emergency statement and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ronald A. Moss, President  
Terry Fulton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Kathleen Corbett, Trustee  
Carolyn Dodd, Trustee  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Juan Leon, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Mary O'Meara, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Diane Castonguay, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Carlos Perez, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Gary Steffanetta, Esq., Guercio and Guercio, LLP  
Oroma Reynolds, Esq., Guercio and Guercio, LLP  
Eileen Becker, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 20

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 9-9-15  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
Eileen Becker

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mary O'Meara, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, introduced a new textbook for the Board to approve "Gardner's Art Through the Ages: A Concise Western History"

Mary O'Meara, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, gave the Board a report on the 2014-15 NYS ELA and Math Preliminary Data Report that was just released at noon today. Mrs. O'Meara also spoke of what we already have in place for the upcoming year to improve the curriculum for our students resulting in improved test scores.

**COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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**MINUTES**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2A-1 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by 1st Vice President Fulton. Discussion –None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2A-2 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion – correction needed on Reorganization Minutes where 1st Vice President Fulton's name was duplicated for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2A-3 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Draft #1 – Regular Meeting – June 10, 2015
2. Draft #1 – Reorganization Meeting – July 1, 2015
3. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – July 1, 2015

**POLICY**

Motion to retain Agenda Items 2B1, 2B-2, 2B-10, 2B-13 for second readings made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2B-3 through 2B-9 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2B-11, 2B-12, 2B-14 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Policy #0000 – Mission and Belief Statement
2. Policy #0200 – District Goals
3. Policy #0310-E.1 – Board Self-Evaluation Exhibit
4. Policy#0320-E.1 – Superintendent Evaluation Exhibit
5. Policy #1900 – Parental Involvement – Annual Review
6. Policy #2000 – Board Operational Goals
7. Policy #2310 – Regular Meetings
8. Policy #2350 – Board Meeting Procedures
9. Policy #5205 – Academic Eligibility
10. Policy #5281 – Concussion Management
11. Policy #5300 – Code of Conduct – Annual Review
12. Policy #5405 – Wellness Policy
13. Policy #5420, 5420R, 5420-E – Student Health Services
14. Policy #9240R – Recruiting and Hiring Regulation

**ACTION**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2C-1 through 2C-3 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 1st Vice President Fulton. Discussion – 2C-3 Delegate for NYSSBA Convention will be President Moss and Trustee Leon will act as Alternate Delegate. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval for Conference – Board Officers Academy
2. Approval for Conference – District Clerk Workshop
3. Appoint Delegate and Alternate for NYSSBA Convention

**GENERAL**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion – Trustee Corbett requested this be tabled for further discussion in executive session.

Motion to amend motion to table Agenda Item 3A-1 by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 1st Vice President Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Non-Resident

**PERSONNEL**

Motion to table the following agenda items listed as TBD: 3B12, 22, 25, 42, 71-74, 77-89, 105, 110, 114 made by 1st Vice President Fulton; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion – Table items until the next meeting. Typically these positions of Permanent Substitute Teachers are not an issue for the opening of school. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 1 No (2nd Vice President Santos); 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-11 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Corbett. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-13 through 3B-21 made by 2nd Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Corbett.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-23 and 3B-24 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-26 through 3B-41 made by Trustee Dodd; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos.

Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-43 through 3B-69 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-75 and 3B-76 made by Trustee Corbett; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-91 and 3B-104 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-111 and 3B-113 made by 1st Vice President Fulton; seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-115 and 3B-126 made by 1st Vice President Fulton; seconded by Trustee Johnson. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Leave of Absence & FMLA Leave: Elementary Teacher/PA – Ruggiero, L.
2. Resignation: Teaching Assistant/MS – Alpers, M.
3. Rescind Appointment: Summer 2015/CSE/CPSE Meetings – Akapnitis, A.
4. Rescind Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Akapnitis, A.
5. Revised Appointment: Summer Academy Monitor – Chang, K.
6. Revised Appointment: Summer Academy Monitor – Mazes, T.
7. Revised Appointment: Summer Academy Monitor – Shelton, L.
8. Revised Appointment: Summer Academy Monitor – Alexander, M.
9. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – AV Coordinator – Carbo, S.
10. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Band Director – Wishin, B.
11. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Boys to Men – Hawkins, R.
12. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Debate Club – TBD
13. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Drama Club – Asbell, M.
14. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Assistant Drama Club – Asbell, G.
15. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – ECHO – Morenus, K.
16. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Interact Club – King, B.
17. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Junior Class Advisor – Morenus, K.
18. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Key Club – Mizrachi, D.
19. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Math Club – Valla, L.
20. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – National Art Honor Society – Grasso, J.
21. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – National Honor Society – Wilsher, J.
22. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – SADD – TBD
23. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Sophomore Advisor – Garofalo, C.
24. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Stage Advisor – Carbo, S.
25. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Student Government – TBD
26. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Tri-M – Wishin, B.
27. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Warrior Awareness – McGowan, J.
28. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – World Language Honor Society – Castro, E.
29. Appointment: Activity Advisor/HS – Yearbook – Keaveny, N.
30. Appointment: Activity Advisor/PA – A Novel Bunch – Ross, D.
31. Appointment: Activity Advisor/PA – Current Events – Thorn, K.
32. Appointment: Activity Advisor/PA – Book Blast – Ross, D.
33. Appointment: Translator – Leston-Lievano, M.
34. Appointment: Translator – Varas, L.
35. Appointment: Translator – Ulloa-Cruz, R.
36. Appointment: Translator – Marcelin, P.
37. Appointment: Translator – Tejada-Torres, R.
38. Appointment: Chaperone – Brooks, N.
39. Appointment: Bus Monitor/HS – Eastwood, M.

40. Appointment: Bus Monitor/HS – Coppiano-Villa, T.
41. Appointment: Bus Monitor/MS – Kaiser, G.
42. Appointment: Bus Monitor/MS – TBD
43. Appointment: Bus Monitor/MS – Stallworth, L.
44. Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA – Brink, D.
45. Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA – Brown-Fields, J.
46. Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA – Gaskins, C.
47. Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA – McCatty, D.
48. Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA – Reese, J.
49. Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA – Russell, J.
50. Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA – Silva, A.
51. Appointment: Bus Monitor/PA – Williams, K.
52. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Chang, K.
53. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Romanelli, C.
54. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Sbarra, E.
55. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – McPhee, K.
56. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Sicoli, B.
57. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Cox, J.
58. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Shelton, L.
59. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Ortiz, T.
60. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Doerner, K.
61. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NW – Clark, C.
62. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NE – Davis, A.
63. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NE – Hargwood, K.
64. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NE – Hernandez, J.
65. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NE – Lee, B.
66. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NE – McDougall, S.
67. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NE – Norman, B.
68. Appointment: Bus Monitor/NE – Tejada-Torres, R.
69. Appointment: Bus Monitor/St. Martin of Tours – Patrick, J.
70. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – TBD
71. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – TBD
72. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – TBD
73. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – TBD
74. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS – TBD
75. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS – Governanti, B.
76. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS – Newman, J.
77. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS – TBD
78. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS – TBD
79. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS – TBD
80. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/PA – TBD
81. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/PA – TBD
82. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/PA – TBD
83. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/PA – TBD
84. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW – TBD
85. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW – TBD
86. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW – TBD
87. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW – TBD
88. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NE – TBD
89. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NE – TBD
90. Probationary Appointment: French Teacher – Prestano, B.
91. FMLA Leave: School Nurse/NE – Dell’Isola, L.
92. FMLA Leave & Unpaid Leave of Absence: Monitor/MS – Reese, S.
93. Probationary Appointment: English Teacher/MS – Colon, L.
94. Probationary Appointment: Elementary Teacher/PA – Litras, V.

95. Probationary Appointment: Art Teacher/HS – Rickard, H.
96. Probationary Appointment: Art Teacher/HS – Pappas, N.
97. Probationary Appointment: Physical Education Teacher/HS – Germain, P.
98. Probationary Appointment: Health Teacher/MS – Barth, J.
99. Probationary Appointment: Family & Consumer Science Teacher/MS – Hoyt, L.
100. Probationary Appointment: English Chairperson – Latorre, R.
101. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher/NW – Flyntz, J.
102. Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW – Murphy-Ferro, S.
103. Revised Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – Saylor, L.
104. Resignation: Music Teacher/HS – Recher, J.
105. Probationary Appointment: Account Clerk/PPS – TBD
106. Probationary Appointment: Floater Nurse/DW – Tetrault, S.
107. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – Gallo, D.
108. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – Lorenzana, A.
109. Appointment: Special Education 1:1 Aide – Wilson, T.
110. Probationary Appointment: Reading Teacher/NW – TBD
111. Probationary Appointment: Guidance Counselor/HS – Leon-Pineros, M.
112. Probationary Appointment: ESL Teacher – Jorgensen, J.
113. Probationary Appointment: Spanish Teacher – Calderon, M.
114. Probationary Appointment: Earth Science Teacher – TBD
115. Appointment: Summer 2015 Curriculum Writing Teacher – O'Brien, F.
116. Leave of Absence w/o Pay: Teaching Assistant/NW – Murphy-Ferro, S.
117. Rescind Appointment: Assistant JV Football Coach – Williams, J.
118. Rescind Appointment: JV Soccer Coach – Gannon, C.
119. Appointment: JV Assistant Football Coach – Kretz, G.
120. Appointment: Varsity Assistant Football Coach – Brynes, T.
121. Appointment: Varsity Assistant Football Coach – Mamadou, S.
122. Appointment: Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach – Gannon, C.
123. Appointment: Leave Replacement: Special Education Teacher/PA – Coles, D.
124. Leave of Absence w/o Pay: Teaching Assistant/PA – Coles, D.
125. Appointment: Athletic Coordinator/HS – Spatola, C.
126. Appointment: Athletic Coordinator/MS – Scott, J.

#### **BUSINESS**

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

Comment on Use of Facilities by 1st Vice President Fulton concern the amount of cars and people on fields is there a certain amount allow to be on field, how many organizations we approve to use the fields. Dr. Kelly stated based on information that teams provide which includes a roster there is no prohibition as to how many are spectators can come. If there are people coming to watch we don't have any control over that. In addition the parking situation is concerning but as long there isn't illegal parking, there is nothing we can do to police that. What we have put in place since last year, we are doing spot checks that people are using our fields have properly applied for the permit and they have to have the permit on them and spot checking rosters by our security staff.

1. Budget Transfers
2. Fund Raising
3. Use of Facilities
4. Bid – Athletic Supplies & Equipment
5. Late Transportation Request
6. Change in Transportation Request
7. Approval of Ambulance Service Agreement

#### **FINANCE**

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

1. June, 2015

**CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-2 made by Trustee Johnson; seconded by Trustee Corbett.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

- 1. Harmony Heights School
- 2. East Meadow UFSD
- 3. John L. Ochoa, Ph.D.
- 4. Pederson-Krag Center

**CURRICULUM**

Motion to amend agenda to add Agenda Item 3F-2 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

- 1. Adoption of Textbook – AP Hart History

**REPORTS**

Legal Counsel            Mr. Steffanetta did not have a public report but will discuss in executive session matters of pending negotiations and litigations.

Superintendent            Elementary Summer Academy  
Summer Enrichment Program  
Bond Committee  
NYSSBA Board Achievement Awards - Dr. Kelly presented an award to Trustee Dodd from NYSSBA for board achievement award for leadership development training. And an award to Mr. King a board lifetime achievement award which is a testament to Mr. King's time on the school board pursuing leadership development opportunities and it is a pleasure to recognize Mr. King for his long time service to the Amityville UFSD.

Board                            1st Vice President Fulton complimented Dr. Kelly and the Cabinet on all their efforts for the new school year.

Trustee Corbett talked about the NYSSBA Law Conference and shared a copy of a handout she received and recommends the Board look into this subscription.

Trustee Johnson asked the Policy Committee to set a date for the next Policy Committee meeting .There was lengthy discussion on which Board members would participate on the Bond Committee. There were three motions for two spots – Trustee Dodd, 2nd Vice President Santos and 1st Vice President Fulton. The motion for 1st Vice President Fulton was rescinded. Motion carried Jeannette Santos and Carolyn Dodd to represent the Board of Education at the Bond Committee Meetings 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. for discussion of particular person(s) employment history made by President Moss; seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain  
President Moss appointed 1st Vice President Fulton as Clerk Pro Tem.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Fulton and Ms. Reynolds left at 10:31 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

Motion to resume Open Session at 10:34 p.m. made by President Moss; seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos.  
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3A-1 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Dodd.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:40 p.m. made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Santos; seconded by Trustee Corbett.  
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eileen Becker, District Clerk