

May 8, 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2019

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BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED MINUTES
DATE 8/2/19
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE
Barbara Miller

The Meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by President Dodd at Park Avenue North, Board Room

- IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President
Juan Leon, 1st Vice President
Laura McVeety Pawlewicz, 2nd Vice President
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee
Terry Fulton, Trustee
Allie McDonough, Trustee
Jeannette Santos, Trustee
- ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Sharon N. Berlin, Esq, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the CSEA and Nurses bargaining units, and seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney, made by Ms. Laura McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Dr. Fulton. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 7:25 p.m. made by Ms. Benard-Handler; seconded by Ms. Santos. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m.

- IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President
Juan Leon, 1st Vice President (left 8:48 p.m. – 8:51 p.m.)
Laura McVeety Pawlewicz, 2nd Vice President
Susan Benard-Handler, Trustee
Terry Fulton, Trustee
Allie McDonough, Trustee
Jeannette Santos, Trustee
- ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools
Andrea Pekar, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Dr. Thomas DeNicola, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services
Sharon N. Berlin, Esq, Lamb and Barnosky, LLP
Barbara Miller, District Clerk
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education
Ms. Sandra Parmentier, Assistant Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Mr. Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health
Mr. Jack Dziejcz, Director of Facilities
Ms. Mary Stephens, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School
Ms. Kathleen Hyland, Principal, Northwest Elementary School
Ms. Sonia Rodrigo, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School
Ms. Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Ms. Wiederhold, Assistant Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School

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Mr. Edward Plaia, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Mr. Earl Mitchell, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Mr. Paul Duguay, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Ms. Maria Andreotti, Principal, Amityville Memorial High School
Mr. Brian Suckle, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School
Mr. John Cardone, Dean of Students, Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 20

President Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Edmund W. Miles Middle School Drama Club, under the direction of Ms. Mejia and Ms. McCann, provided a preview of Fame Jr., which will be performed at the Edmund J. Miles Middle School on Friday May 17, and Saturday May 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Mary Kelly presented information on Block Scheduling and the Block Scheduling Exploratory Committee. This committee, comprised of students from Park Avenue, the Middle and High Schools, teachers, administrators, parents and board members, has been exploring Block Scheduling through meetings and visits to other schools. Committee representatives presented their findings to the board who subsequently approved moving forward with this type of scheduling for the middle school and high school students.

Fire Inspector Kevin Herbst inspected all the schools, storage structures and the Amityville Public Library as part of the District's annual inspection and found the district is in compliance. He noted that some doors were kept open using door chocks. Dr. Kelly responded that the District is working on resolving this issue and has implemented a new lockdown system, which requires doors to be closed. Inspector Herbst reported that overall, the district is doing a great job.

Jason Lee of BBS and Derek Knatz of Park East updated the Board on the ongoing capital projects in the district including the Administration Building Roof Replacement and Masonry Reconstruction Project in which the rear ramp has been replaced, and the brick work has been pointed. This project is almost complete. The Edmund Miles Middle School Window Replacement Project is almost near completion. The Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Capital Improvements project is in the finals stages of preparing closeout documents to insure that all aspects of the job have been complete. The Amityville Memorial High School, Additions and Alterations Capital Project is well underway with the masons working to enclose the new addition. The Northwest Additions and Alterations and Northeast Capital Projects bids have been opened and will be awarded on tonight's agenda, with work starting within the next few weeks.

Kathy Hyland, Sonia Rodrigo, Ms. Smith and Ms. Faulkner, second grade teachers, presented on Northwest Technology Innovations. The building is integrating technology using the Chrome Books in the Library and additional Chrome Book carts recently placed in all classrooms. With this technology, the children learn and then teach other students what they learned. Dr. Kelly commented that the technology and teacher training were funded through a grant.

Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, gave a presentation summarizing the budget as part of the Budget Hearing. The board adopted the 2019-20 budget.

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ACTION

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough.
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Appointment of Additional Worker for the Amityville UFSD Budget Vote & Trustee Election on 5/21/2019

PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 and 3B-2 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Resignation for Retirement: Senior Custodian/PA- Carmen, W.
2. FMLA & Leave of Absence: Special Education Teacher/PA- Kuletsky, K.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-3 through 3B-7 made by Dr. Fulton; seconded by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz. Discussion: Ms. Santos. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

3. Probationary Appointment: ENL Teacher/HS- Morales, M.
4. Probationary Appointment: FLES Teacher/PA- Chery, F.
5. Probationary Appointment: Social Studies Teacher/HS- DeMonda, N.
6. Probationary Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Coard, K.
7. Probationary Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Medici, M.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-8 through 3B-22 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

8. Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW- Patterson, A.
9. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/NW- Mazes, T.
10. FMLA: Account Clerk/PPS- Kuperstein, S.
11. Appointment: Guard- Ferguson, S.
12. Appointment: Guard- Milano, T.
13. Appointment: Guard- Paulsen, E.
14. Appointment: Guard- D'Alessandro, T.
15. Appointment: Home Tutor- Annese, R.
16. Appointment: Home Tutor- Cavallo, A.
17. Appointment: Home Tutor- Ciliotta, L.
18. Appointment: Home Tutor- Harris, A.
19. Appointment: Home Tutor- Nyholm, A.
20. Appointment: Home Tutor- Plunkett, A.
21. Appointment: Home Tutor- Rubin, J.
22. Appointment: Home Tutor- Sanchez, J.

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BUSINESS

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 and 3C-2 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz seconded by Ms. McDonough. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools
2. Donations

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-3 made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

3. Tax Anticipation Note

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-4 through 3C-12 made by Ms. Santos; seconded by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz.

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

4. Change Orders: Capital Improvement Project- Amityville Administration Building
5. Budget Transfer
6. Change Order: Capital Improvements Project- Amityville Memorial High School
7. Change Order: Capital Improvements Project- Amityville Memorial High School
8. Motion to Dispose Fixed Assets
9. Use of Facilities
10. Pupil Transportation 2018-19 School Year
11. Capital Improvements at Northeast Elementary School
12. Additions and Alterations at Northwest Elementary School

FINANCE

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Dr. Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Treasurer's Report- March 2019

CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-3 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Dr. Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Seaford UFSD
2. Devereux
3. Lindenhurst UFSD

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Dr. Fulton. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences

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REPORTS

Dr. Kelly reported on preliminary meetings and conversations with experts as plans are put into place to implement a Diversity Committee.

Dr. Kelly provided an update regarding the environmental issue at PAMES involving the gym floor. The district continues to have the gym sealed off from the building, with ongoing monitoring after the removal of the polyurethane floor and prior to staff and students returning to the building from April recess. Additional engineering controls were put in place to accompany the ones already established. On April 27, 2019, the concrete slab was covered with two layers of six-mil polyethylene plastic sheeting. The gymnasium will remain unoccupied and isolated while remediation plans for the concrete slab are developed. At no point since the gymnasium was initially isolated has J.C. Broderick and Associates observed any detectable concentrations of mercury vapor in spaces outside of the gymnasium.

Juan Leon reported that there was a surveillance tape of him from a local gas station on his commute to work. The District's Attorney reminded the Board of Education that items discussed in Executive Session should not be discussed outside of Executive Session.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Thomas Goddard, President of NAACP, asked when the Diversity Committee is scheduled to convene? Dr. Kelly responded that the district hoped to get started in late May or early June. Dr. Kelly asked Mr. Goddard how Amityville compares to other school districts in its efforts to recruit and hire diverse candidates. Mr. Goddard responded that he covers the Town of Babylon and that Amityville is ahead of other school districts. The districts initiatives, such as the Diversity Hiring Fair to recruit and retain culturally and ethnically diverse candidates, and the establishment of a Diversity Committee stand out above other districts.

Carolyn Chickazunga asked if cost of the construction projects have gone up with the additional tariffs on steel? Dr. Kelly responded yes, the costs were estimated two years ago with contingency funds built into the budget in anticipation of increases in costs. Ms. Chickazunga commented that Block Scheduling had been tried in this District before, but there were issues back then. She is pleased that we are looking forward in this very different world.

Bob Claps, ATA President, reported that the Autism Awareness Walk raised over \$3,000 dollars. The Writing Competition awards are being held on May 13th. On June 13th, the Chris LaMarca Memorial Concert will be held at Revolutions starting at 4 p.m. Money raised from that event will go to a music scholarship.

Susan Heenan asked if it is District Policy not to respond to emails and letters sent to them? Dr. Kelly responded that if she had a question about Policy, that she can give her a call tomorrow and she would be happy to answer it. Ms. Heenan spoke to the New York State Department of Education concerning how to contact Board of Education. Dr. Kelly responded that communication to the Board of Education should go to the District Clerk. President Dodd responded that the board receives email and responds as a board.

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 10:22 p.m. made by Ms. Santos; second by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz.
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

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