

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2021

The Meeting was called to order by President Fulton at 5:30 p.m. at the Edmund W. Miles Middle School Cafeteria.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terry Fulton, President
Juan Leon, 1st Vice President
Jeannette Santos, 2nd Vice President
David Heller, Trustee
Lisa Johnson, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Carol Seehof, Trustee

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APPROVED
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
DATE 11-3-2021
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE
Eileen Becker

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward Fale, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Joseph Dragone, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio and Guercio, LLP

A motion to move into Executive Session at 5:39 p.m. to receive advice from counsel on matter that may lead to the discipline of specific staff member(s) and ongoing litigation made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

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

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Motion to return to public session and suspend regular meeting in order to meet as the Audit Committee at 7:30 p.m. made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Ms. Johnson.

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

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John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio and Guercio, LLP
Eileen Becker, District Clerk
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Director of Human Resources
Lauren Knudsen, Director of Data and Instructional Technology
Virginia Figueroa, Assistant Administrator – Pupil Personnel Services
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts

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Mary Stephens, Director of Languages
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health
Kathleen Hyland, Principal – Northwest Elementary School
Sonia Rodrigo, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School
Dr. Shirley Martin, Interim Principal – Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Joshua Atlas, Assistant Principal – Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Rose Hutcherson, Interim Principal – Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Paul Duguay, Assistant Principal – Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Lurdez Berrio, Assistant Principal – Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Edward Plaia, Principal – Amityville Memorial High School
Brian Suckle, Assistant Principal – Amityville Memorial High School
Dr. John Cardone – Interim Assistant Principal – Amityville Memorial High School
Natasha Lim – Interim Dean – Amityville Memorial High School
ABSENT: Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal – Northeast Elementary School
Peter Paternostro, Administrator – Pupil Personnel Services
Fred Metzger – Director of Facilities

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT: Ms. Agunzo presented three reports to the Audit Committee which were accepted without object to include: The Risk Assessment, Business Office Cycle Report and the Key Controls Report.

Motion to resume regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

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President Fulton read the emergency exit statement and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation(s)

The meeting opened with a presentation Energy Performance Contract regarding solar panels. A resolution was added to continue to further explore ECG opportunities.

Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items

Toni Bean

- mentioned potential problem with solar panels on roofs, her experience was the cold weather causing moisture and the ground had the potential of being icy and slippery.

Wendy Castrano

- asked if the Superintendent Report could be at the beginning of the agenda
- asked for clarification for 2C 2 & 2C 3
- asked about 3C 3 the budget increase as explained we accepted a donation and it needed to be reflected in the budget causing the increase.

Approval of Board Minutes

1. Draft #1- Regular Monthly Meeting- August 4, 2021
2. Draft #1- Audit Committee Meeting- August 24, 2021
3. Draft #1- Special Monthly Meeting- August 24, 2021
4. Draft #1- Special Monthly Meeting- September 1, 2021

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A 1 through 2A 4 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos.

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

Board Action

1. Approval of Conference- REFIT Annual Meeting
2. Approval of Conference- NYSSBA Convention
3. Approval of Conference- Board Officer Academy
4. Approval of Conference- District Clerk Workshop

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C 1 made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

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

Motion to table Agenda Item 2C 2 made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

Discussion: The NYSSBA Convention has been cancelled.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C 3 made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Mr. Hellier.

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

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C 4 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

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

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

Motion to amend the agenda to add and approve 2C 5 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Ms. Kretz

Discussion: The Board is interested in further exploring the collaboration with ECG.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

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General

1. Heinemann Agreement
2. Healthcare Logics, LLC. Agreement

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A 1 and 3A 2 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

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

3. RFP for Energy Performance Contract

Motion to amend the agenda to add Agenda Item 3A 3 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

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

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3A 3 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

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

Personnel

1. Rescind Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Manikas, P.
2. Rescind Appointment: Activity Advisor: Senior Class Advisor- Schweigert, J.
3. Revise Appointment: Academic Camp: Monitor/MS- Stallworth, L.
4. Rescind Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Nunez, E.
5. Rescind Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Patel, N.
6. Resignation: Monitor/NE- Rivezzo, T.
7. Resignation: Special Education Aide/NW- Crowley, K.
8. Resignation: Monitor/NW- Grayson, S.
9. Resignation: Special Education 1:1 Aide/PA- Mizsak, D.
10. Intermittent FMLA: Mathematics Teacher/Chairperson/HS- Bates, T.
11. FMLA: ENL Teacher/Lead Teacher/MS- Martin, M.
12. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher/PA- Bonelli, C.
13. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Custodial Worker I/PA- Marfo, S.
14. Leave of Absence: School Monitor/PA- Floyd, M.
15. Leave of Absence: School Monitor/HS- Gibson, A.
16. Probationary Appointment: Social Worker/PA- DeMauro, A.
17. Probationary Appointment: Social Worker/HS- Spady, A.
18. Probationary Appointment: Attendance Teacher/HS- Lerebours, M.
19. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NE- Dixon, M.
20. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NE- Grayson, S.
21. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NE- Monteforte, P.
22. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NE- Christopher, T.
23. Leave Replacement Appointment: Guidance Counselor/HS- Lerikos, K.
24. Appointment: ELA Teacher/HS- Wivietsky, E.
25. Appointment: Monitor/MS- Brown, S.
26. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS- Meade, C.
27. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS- Rinere, R.
28. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS- Pelaez, G.
29. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS- Tullo, F.
30. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NE- Liebler, E.
31. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- Moreno, B.
32. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- Langer, S.
33. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- Batik, K.
34. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- Maglione, A.
35. Appointment: Food Service Worker/MS- Lowe, R.
36. Rescind Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher/NW- Scharrenbroich, K.
37. Rescind Resignation: Teaching Assistant/NW- Plutzer, I.

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38. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Freshman Class/HS- Rosario, K.
39. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Freshman Class/HS- Romeo, C.
40. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Junior Class/HS- Borja, A.
41. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Senior Class/HS- DiDonna, M.
42. Appointment: Activity Advisor: National Honor Society/HS- DiDonna, M.
43. Appointment: Activity Advisor: GSA/HS- Marrero, K.
44. Appointment: Monitor/NW- Johnson, G.
45. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker/DW- Rudolph, K.
46. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker/DW- Hernandez-Cruz, Y.
47. Appointment: Hourly Consultant to Food Service Dept./PN- Petermann, K.
48. Appointment: Monitor/HS- Erlichman, J.
49. Resignation: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Coard, K.
50. Appointment: Co-Activity Advisor- Junior Class/HS- Bonny-Rankin, S.
51. Resignation: Monitor/PA- Krzyzosczyk, I.
52. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NE- Christopher, T.
53. Increase in Hours: Special Education Aide/MS- Grant, C.
54. Appointment: Special Education Aide/PA- Schmitt, J.
55. Appointment: Special Education Aide/NE- Miller, S.
56. Appointment: Home Tutor- Rosario, K.
57. Appointment: Intramurals: Boys Soccer/HS- Abbondandolo, M.
58. Appointment: Intramurals: Softball/HS- DeMonda, N.
59. Appointment: Intramurals: Girls Volleyball/HS- Dexter, J.
60. Appointment: Intramurals: Football/HS- Epps, J.
61. Appointment: Intramurals: Cheerleading/HS- Giordano, G.
62. Appointment: Intramurals: Tennis/HS- Greiss, M.
63. Appointment: Intramurals: Track & Field/HS- Hawkins, R.
64. Appointment: Intramurals: Girls Lacrosse/HS- Howard, M.
65. Appointment: Intramurals: Girls Basketball/HS- Jackson, A.
66. Appointment: Intramurals: Wrestling/HS- Jackson, J.
67. Appointment: Intramurals: Boys Basketball/HS- Robinson, P.
68. Appointment: Intramurals: Girls Soccer/HS- Steiger, A.
69. Appointment: Intramurals: Baseball/HS- Zider, J.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B 1 through 3B 46 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

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

Motion to amend and approve Agenda Item 3B 47 made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

Discussion: Title changed from Hourly Consultant to Substitute Clerk **Motion Carries:** 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B 48 through 3B 69 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Santos.

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

Business

1. BOCES AS-7
2. Donations
3. Motion to Increase the 2021-22 Budget
4. Motion to Dispose of Fixed Assets
5. Motion to Increase the 2021-22 Budget
6. Change Order #1- American Petroleum Equipment- PA
7. Change Order #1- American Petroleum Equipment- HS

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C 1 through 3C 7 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

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

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Finance

1. Treasurer's Report- July 2021

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D 1 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Kretz

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

Contracts for Special Education Services

1. Dr. Donna Geffner
2. Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc., d/b/a Eden II/Genesis Programs
3. Hicksville Union Free School District
4. Birch Family Services

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E 1 through 3E 4 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mr. Heller.

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

Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F 1 made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Mr. Leon.

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

Reports

A. Legal Counsel – No report

B. Superintendent of Schools

- Open of schools successful
- Positive Staff Development Day
- The Superintendent is spending more time visiting schools everyday
- Looking to establish "Coffee Hour" monthly rotating to the different schools and this is open to parents and guardians
- Homecoming is October 2nd with pep rally and parade before the game.
- Fall Festival Night, Friday, October 1st at AMHS
- New regulation all staff must be vaccinated or have a weekly covid test which is available to all staff every Wednesday from 1:30 – 4:30 at the Middle School, parents, guardians and family members of students are welcomed to come for testing.

C. Board of Education – Mr. Leon and Ms. Johnson shared with the audience Policy #5100 Comprehensive Attendance Policy and #6410 Authorized Signatures are currently under review for revisions.

Community Input on Non Agenda Items

Rose Torres

- Parents not notified students not receiving college credit.

Felix Aiglewi

- The transportation policy of qualifying mileage needs to be addressed, his young son walks to the middle school travelling on County Line Road and Route 110 with a very heavy backpack and musical instrument. The board is concerned and will consider a proposition on the next Budget Vote.

Nancy Jones

- Do coaches also get tested for COVID as part of the staff? Yes
- Where is the Board on committees? The Board is still gathering information.
- Receives calls her child is absent when in fact she is in class.
- People who answer the phones at the schools are not very nice nor do they identify themselves. Calls are shuffled, left on hold, everyone is at a meeting, no one returns calls.
- Wants to change her child's guidance counselor, they are just not a good fit.

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Patricia Hobson

- April counsel issue 135 days does not include the summer
- Wanted to know the demographics of the new hires

Susan Heenan

- College credit courses not being communicated to the parents; the cost of these courses is a financial concern.
- Have the late bus schedule added to the website
- Filed DASA complaint January 14, 2020, still no response, concern the person the complaint is about is continually being rehired
- School bullying at the high school a growing concern
- Emails to school officials not being responded to

Janet Heenan

- Locked bathrooms during class changes

Dina Rosenberg

- Concerned for walkers over Sunrise Hwy, need more crossing guards
- Drop off at Middle School is great, need to work on the High School
- With the new website suggest a parent portal for submitting assignments
- COVID phone messages come through as “blocked call”, suggest adding the district phone number to identify the call
- Faucets still missing in the ceramics rooms at the high school.

Madeline Quintyne McConney

- Continue the good work already noticeable.
- Need a diversity committee
- Asked if Mr. Hawkins will continue with the college tours, the Board confirmed he will.

Robin Gallo

- Parent at NW concerned that vaccinations will be required for students to attend school. There is no mandate currently although Pfizer has an approved vaccine for children.

Whitney

- Her son does not have a locker and has to carry a heavy backpack all day every day.

Amanda O'Connor

- Asked for clarification regarding tuition payment for college based courses
- Also concerned the bathrooms are locked during passing between classes.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 10:24 P.M. made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mr. Leon.

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