

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes, October 13, 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 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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Alan Yu, Cullen & Danowski, LLP

Motion to return to public session at 7:45 p.m. made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Ms. Johnson.

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

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Eileen Becker, District Clerk
Lauren Knudsen, Director of Data and Instructional Technology
Virginia Figueroa, Assistant Administrator – Pupil Personnel Services
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Mary Stephens, Director of Languages
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health

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Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School
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
Dr. John Cardone – Interim Assistant Principal – Amityville Memorial High School
Natasha Lim – Interim Dean – Amityville Memorial High School
Brian Suckle, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School
Peter Paternostro, Administrator – Pupil Personnel Services
Fred Metzger – Director of Facilities
Dr. Bridgette Waite – Director of Human Resources

ABSENT:

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

Announcement

Dr. Fale presented the Board of Education certificates for Board Recognition Week and thanked them for their service to the community and our students' well-being and education.

Performance

Dr. Fernandez introduced the Amityville High School Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Mikhail Ankudovych with a solo performance by Madeline Singleton on the cello.

Personnel

- 1.Termination: Food Service Worker/HS- Palmer, U.
- 2.Revised Title: Interim Principal/MS- Hutcherson, R.
- 3.Revised FMLA & Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Science Teacher/HS- Galasso, J.
- 4.Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Special Education Aide/PA- Castro, V.
- 5.Intermittent FMLA: Elementary Teacher/NW- Boehringer, C.
- 6.FMLA: Elementary Teacher/PA- Greco, M.
- 7.FMLA: Elementary Teacher/PA- Zider, J.
- 8.FMLA: Foreign Language Teacher/MS- Hernandez, A.
- 9.FMLA: Physical Education Teacher/NE- Mendelson, T.
- 10.FMLA: Social Studies Teacher/HS- Zider, J.
- 11.FMLA: Social Studies Teacher/Chairperson/HS- Mizrachi, D.
- 12.FMLA: Teaching Assistant/HS- Reid, B.
- 13.Rescind Appointment: Activity Advisor: Senior Class Advisor/HS- DiDonna, M.
- 14.Rescind Appointment: Activity Advisor: Anime Club/MS- Martin, M.
- 15.Revised Probationary Appointment: Attendance Teacher/HS- Lerebours, M.
- 16.Revised Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS- Meade, C.
- 17.Revised Resignation: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Coard, K.
- 18.Resignation: Nurse- Hinds, N.
- 19.Resignation: Security Guard: Walters, J.
- 20.Resignation: Food Service Worker- Barnes, M.

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21. Resignation: Food Service Worker- Grayson, D.
22. Resignation: Activity Advisor: Hispanic Heritage Club/HS- Calderon, M.
23. Resignation: Monitor/NE- Christopher, T.
24. Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NW- Hallesilassie, T.
25. Provisional Appointment: 12- Month Spanish-Speaking Office Assistant/HS- Ruiz De Ojeda, M.
26. Leave Replacement Appointment: Special Education Teacher/NW- Maglione, A.
27. Appointment: Part-Time Social Studies Teacher/HS- Meade, C.
28. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work/MS- Brower, T.
29. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work/MS- Kearney, K.
30. Appointment: Guidance Counselor Summer Work/MS- Thepenier, K.
31. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Co-Chairperson- Smith, T.
32. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Special Ed/NW- Faulkner, K.
33. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Grade 2/NW- Smith, J.
34. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Reading/MS- Delgiorno, A.
35. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Science/HS- Castro, N.
36. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Math/HS- Bates, T.
37. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Sub Teacher/NW- Heavey, L.
38. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Sub Teacher/NE- Faber, N.
39. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Sub Teacher/MS- Metz, C.
40. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Sub Teacher/HS- Milan, L.
41. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Sub Teacher/HS- Wilsher, J.
42. Appointment: Curriculum Academic Council: Sub Teacher/HS- Whitney, S.
43. Appointment: Professional Development Committee: Teacher/PA- Smith, T.
44. Appointment: Professional Development Committee: Teacher/NE- Thomas, L.
45. Appointment: Professional Development Committee: Teacher/HS- Whitney, S.
46. Appointment: Professional Development Committee: Teacher/NW- Hunter, A.
47. Appointment: Professional Development Committee: Teacher/NW- Bianco, J.
48. Appointment: Professional Development Committee: Teacher/HS- Milan, L.
49. Appointment: Lead Nurse- Johnson, P.
50. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: English Teacher- Attanasio, D.
51. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: English Teacher- Brunson, C.
52. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Kindergarten Teacher- Faber, N.
53. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Social Worker- Davi-Ortiz, N.
54. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: General Ed/Special Ed- Delgiorno, A.
55. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Special Ed- Diot, C.
56. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Special Ed- Feehan, R.
57. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Special Ed- Grasso, P.
58. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Special Ed- Heck, L.
59. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Special Ed- Kretz, A.
60. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Special Ed- Lisle, D.
61. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Social Worker- Offitto, B.
62. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Special Ed- Sarlo, J.

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- 63.Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Elementary- Smith, J.
- 64.Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Special Ed- Tesoro, K.
- 65.Appointment: Grade Level Leader: Pre-K Grade Level Leader- Carey, L.
- 66.Appointment: Activity Advisor: Co-Hispanic Heritage Club/HS- Morales, M.
- 67.Appointment: Activity Advisor: Co-Hispanic Heritage Club/HS- Calderon, M.
- 68.Appointment: Activity Advisor: Senior Class Advisor/HS- Castro, N.
- 69.Appointment: Activity Advisor: Art Club Advisor/HS- Scoca, N.
- 70.Appointment: Activity Advisor: Anime Club/MS- Salemo, J.
- 71.Appointment: Interpreter- Soto, K.
- 72.Appointment: Translator- Soto, K.
- 73.Appointment: Home Tutor- Cammaroto, T.
- 74.Appointment: Home Tutor- Rochester, S.
- 75.Appointment: Home Tutor- Trotman, J.
- 76.Increase in Hours: Monitor/MS- Brown-Fields, J.
- 77.Increase in Hours: Monitor/MS- Gomez, S.
- 78.Increase in Hours: Monitor/MS- Stallworth, L.
- 79.Appointment: Chaperone: Altamura, N.
- 80.Appointment: Chaperone: Gray, A.
- 81.Appointment: Chaperone: Lynch, B.
- 82.Appointment: Chaperone: McCarthy, C.
- 83.Appointment: Athletic Coordinator/MS- Kretz, W.
- 84.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Barnes, S.
- 85.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Bura, S.
- 86.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Chambliss, R.
- 87.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Germain, P.
- 88.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Gray, A.
- 89.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Katsigiorgis, J.
- 90.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Kretz, A.
- 91.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Kretz, C.
- 92.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Kretz, G.
- 93.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Lynch, B.
- 94.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Manley, D.
- 95.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- McCarthy, C.
- 96.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Newsome, T.
- 97.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Reiner, H.
- 98.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Surlin, Je.
- 99.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Surlin, Jo.
- 100.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Tomasi, M.
- 101.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Valela, G.
- 102.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Wilson, K.
- 103.Appointment: Monitor/NE- Hall, J.
- 104.Appointment: Monitor/HS- Hickman, F.

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- 105.Appointment: Monitor/MS- Delgado, J.
- 106.Appointment: Monitor/NW- Breland-Marrow, D.
- 107.Appointment: Monitor/HS- Scott, S.
- 108.Appointment: Food Service Worker/NW- Barnes, M.
- 109.Appointment: Food Service Worker/NE- Grayson, D.
- 110.Appointment: Food Service Worker/NE- Pierre, A.
- 111.Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NE- Fallar, A.
- 112.Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NE- Lopez, S.
- 113.Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/PA- Deery, D.
- 114.Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker/DW- Guardado Cruz, Z.
- 115.Leave Replacement/Special Substitute Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Ellahi, K.
- 116.Probationary Appointment: Mathematics Teacher/HS- Iovino, A.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B 1 through 3B 7 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mr. Heller.

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

Motion to rescind Agenda Items 3B 8 made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Mr. Heller.

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

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B 9 through 3B 52 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

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

Motion to rescind Agenda Items 3B 53 made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Mr. Heller.

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

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B 54 through 3B 114 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

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

Motion to amend the agenda to add Agenda Items 3B 115 and 3B 116 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

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

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B 115 and 3B 116 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mr. Leon.

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

Business

1.Motion to Increase the 2021-22 Budget

2.Donations

3.Motion to Increase the 2021-22 Budget

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C 1 through 3C 3 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

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

Finance

1. Treasurer's Report- August, 2021

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D 1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mr. Leon.

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

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Contracts for Special Education Services

1. Bay Shore UFSD-3602c
2. Building Blocks Developmental Preschool Federal Part B Through Allocations
3. Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Federal Part B Through Allocations
4. Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC Federal Part B Through Allocations
5. Little Flower Children & Family Services of New York
6. Nassau BOCES Federal Part B Through Allocations
7. Opportunity PreSchool Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations
8. Suffolk County Department of Health- Division of Services for Children with Special Needs Federal Part B Through Allocations
9. Syosset Central School District-3602c
10. Henry Viscardi School-4201 Service Agreement
11. West Hills

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E 1 through 3E 11 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

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 Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mr. Leon.

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

Reports

A. Legal Counsel – Babylon School District recent case on residency was shared with the Board

B. Superintendent of Schools

- Dedication of the gymnasium in honor of Fred Williams and the basketball court in honor of Claude Byer will be on November 8th, further details to follow.
- Election Day will be staff development opportunities, students are off.
- The community should feel their questions or comments can be asked anytime and do not have to wait for a board meeting.
- Dr. Lange introduced Virginia Figueroa who spoke about a new program STRIVE a Special Class Program replacing TEEACH

C. Board of Education – Dr. Fulton highlighted the contributions of Mr. Williams and Mr. Byer to their students molding them into fine adults along with their education.

Community Input on Non Agenda Items

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 spoke about a proposition as the last meeting to update the transportation guidelines but Mr. Aiglewi asks what can be done now.

Nancy Jones

- Where are we regarding committees? The Board is still gathering information.
- There is a need for more crossing guards at busy intersections.

Dina Rosenberg

- Concerned someone is handing out bibles on South Street and 110 to the students.
- Cell phones

Mikhail Ankudovych

- Thanked the Board that the hand sanitizers and water fountains were taken care of.
- Asked for the status of the new website.

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- Pointed out that on the printed calendar October 11th is still noted as Columbus Day and should be Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- The bathrooms availability is still a problem but was told at least one bathroom is open per section.

Toni Bean

- The on line meeting with parents regarding college classes was only accessible through the students' chromebooks.
- Is pleased we are honoring Mr. Williams and Mr. Byer, stellar examples of teachers and their guidance on students that has lasted many years after graduation.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to further discuss personnel issues at 8:49 P.M. made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Mr. Kretz.

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

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Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and end the October 13th meeting at 9:53 P.M. made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

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