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MINUTES
Board of Education
Amityville Union Free School District
Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Meeting – October 12, 2011
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School-Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Michele Sikhrangkur 2nd Vice President Lisa Johnson
Trustee Kathleen Ward Trustee Mark Epps
Trustee Ronald Moss Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson

ABSENT: Trustee Nathan King

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources
Dr. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin-Assst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio
Ms. Nancy Hark, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio

ABSENT: Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal-AMHS
Ms. Doreen Buckley, Asst Administrator-PPS/Sp. Ed.
Mr. Scott Bullis, Principal PAMES
Ms. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem
Ms. Michele Darby, Asst. Principal-EWMS
Ms. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Mr. Michael Fusaro, Director of Science
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Asst. Principal - PAMES
Mr. Peter Hutchison, Principal-AMHS
Mr. Jonathan Klomp, Director of Social Studies
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator - Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Judy Riordan, Director of English
Mr. Ed Mercurio- Plant Facilities Administrator

COMMUNITY: Approximately 30 members present.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:15 PM.

A. **Emergency Exit, No Smoking, Cell Phone Statement**

**In the unlikely event of an emergency, you need to note that exits are clearly marked. Take a moment to note the exit nearest to where you are seated. *Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. *As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*

B. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Board, Administration and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only** – None

PRESENTATIONS:

Michele Darby, Principal EWMMS and Ron Weber – Ms. Darby talked about the training of the staff and curriculum development for “Character Counts” which is based on ethical values. Digital Decision Makers is a ten week program dealing with social issues faced by the students.

Erik Flynn, Education Specialist, Stony Brook University – Mr. Flynn gave a presentation on the Health Careers Opportunity Program available to students at Stony Brook University. *See Attachment #1.*

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes None

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee – None

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

1. Approval of Conference for District Clerk

MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Clerk not available to attend. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Audit Committee – None

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. Superintendent –

1. Approval of Settlement

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Approval of Eagle Scout Project at AMHS

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-2 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Trustee King arrived at 8:00 PM.

3. Approval of Settlement

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-3 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. (Trustee King did not vote as he had just arrived).

B. Personnel

1. Retirement: Health Teacher – AMHS – Forman, R.

2. Retirement: Clerk Typist – PAMES – Baldwin, E.

3. Preferred Eligibility List Appointment: Speech Teacher – AMHS/St. Martin – Scavo, P.

4. Probationary Appointment: TA – PAMES – Sleezer, L.

5. Appointment: P/T TA – NE – Webb, N.

6. Appointment: Special Education Coordinator – AMHS – Agostino, J.

7. Appointment: Special Education Coordinator – EWMMS – Clairborne, L.

8. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Boys to Men – AMHS – Hawkins, R.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

B. Personnel (cont'd):

9. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Special Olympics – AMHS – Western, I.
10. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Sophomore Class – AMHS – Carrua, M.
11. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Student Council – PAMES – Finizio, N.
12. Appointment: Activity Advisor – Student Council – PAMES – Gambino, E.
13. Appointment: Staff Developer for Read 180 Teachers – Wallenstein, C.
14. Appointment: Differentiated Curriculum Writing – English Teacher – Katsigiorgis, J.
15. Appointment: Differentiated Curriculum Writing – English Teacher – Wilson, K.
16. Appointment: Differentiated Curriculum Writing – Math Teacher – Harpaul, K.
17. Appointment: Differentiated Curriculum Writing – Math Teacher – McLaughlin, D.
18. Appointment: Differentiated Curriculum Writing – Spec Ed Teacher – Clairborne, L.
19. Appointment: Differentiated Curriculum Writing – ESL Teacher – Mussen, L.
20. Appointment: Translator – PAMES – Gandarillas, T.
21. Appointment: Translator – PAMES – Moore, K.
22. Appointment: Translator – PAMES – O'Brien, M.
23. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Girls Basketball – Mosley, S.
24. Appointment: Winter Coach – JV Girls Basketball – Miller, M.
25. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Girls Basketball – Tsirigotis, T.
26. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Girls Volunteer – Hamilton, I.
27. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Boys Basketball – Agostino, J.
28. Appointment: Winter Coach – HS Boys Volunteer – Kretz, W.
29. Appointment: Winter Coach – JV Boys Basketball – Hovorka, A.
30. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Boys Basketball – Tsirigotis, T.
31. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Boys Track – Hawkins, R.
32. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Girls Track – Guild, E.
33. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Volleyball – Pesale, T.
34. Appointment: Winter Coach – MS Wrestling – Claps, R.
35. Appointment: Winter Coach – V Cheerleading – Drost, A.
36. Appointment: Intramural Coach – AMHS – Agostino, J.
37. Appointment: Intramural Coach – AMHS – Hawkins, R.
38. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Aversa, D.
39. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Gibson, T.
40. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor – Western, I.
41. Appointment: 21st CCLC – Sub HW/Club Advisor – Volkomer, K.
42. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Archaga, I.
43. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Gambino, E.
44. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Hyland, K.
45. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Naso, K.
46. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – O'Brien, M.
47. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Ross, D.
48. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Sarlo, C.
49. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HW/Club Advisor – Zider, J.
50. Appointment: P/T Food Service Worker – EWMMS – Cruz, A.
51. Appointment: P/T Food Service Worker – PAMES – Walker, Goudey, R.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

B. Personnel (cont'd):

52. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Child Ed 1-6 – Fleishman, S.
53. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Elem Ed/Sp Ed B-6/ESL K-12 – Wunderlich, C.
54. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Child Ed 1-6 – Swanson, K.
55. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Math 7-12 – Lombardi, D.
56. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Child Ed 1-6 – Belfi, J.
57. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – N, K-6 – Gross, L.
58. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Std w/Dis B-6/Child Ed B-6 – Volpe, L.
59. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Std w/Dis 1-6/Child Ed 1-6 – Gestone, A.
60. Appointment: Substitute Teacher – Std w/Dis 1-6/Child Ed 1-6 – Tillinghast, V.
61. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Algarin, J.
62. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Martinez, M.
63. Intentionally Left Blank
64. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Perez, F.
65. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Vasques, S.
66. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Wellington, D.
67. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Western, A.
68. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Williams, B.
69. Appointment: Substitute Custodian – Wynter, L.
70. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist – Forstbauer, J.
71. Appointment: Substitute Clerk/Typist – Rivezzo, T.
72. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Holms, M.
73. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Thomas, S.
74. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Canales, J.
75. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker – Salmeron, R.
76. Appointment: Intramural Coach – EWMMS – Hamilton, I.
77. Appointment: Intramural Coach – EWMMS – Tsirigotis, T.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-77 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. .

78. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher – Pelligrino, J.

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Item 3B-78 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. .

79. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Coordinator – Agostino, J.
80. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Special Ed Teacher – Clairborne, L.
81. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Math Teacher – Romeo, R.
82. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Social Studies Teacher – Piccirilli, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-79 through 82 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

B. Personnel (cont'd):

83. Appointment: Virtual Academy – Science Teacher – Napoli, James

84. Appointment: Virtual Academy – English Teacher – Reichel, Allison

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-83 & 3B-84 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

85. Appointment: 21st CCLC – HW/Club – Dobby, D.

86. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aides – Frostbauer, J.

87. Appointment: Substitute Special Education 1:1 Aides – Saylor, L.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-85 through 3B-87 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. .

C. Business and Finance

1. Budget Transfers – Items 1 through 9

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1/1 through 3C-1/9 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 8

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-2/1 through 3C-2/5 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-2/6 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Dr. Gulbin said that the fund raiser would be done after school. Mr. Steffanetta stated that the fund raiser is permitted because the proceeds were for charitable purposes only. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-2/7 & 3C-2/8 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3. Use of Facilities – Items 1 through 7

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-3/1 through 3C-3/5 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-3/6 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-3/7 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Acceptance of Grant from NYSCATE for Technology

5. Appointment of New York Life Insurance Company as approved carrier

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-4 & 3C-5 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

6. Transportation Request

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3C-6 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** President Sikhrangkur noted that the applicant did not provide sufficient information to warrant approval of the request. **Motion FAILED:** 2 Yes, 5 No (Vice President Jordon-Thompson, Trustee Ward, Trustee Epps, Trustee Moss and President Sikhrangkur voted no).

D. Monthly Finance Report None

E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings

1. Approval of New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.
2. Approval of Mid Island Therapy Associates – SEDCAR
3. Approval of Department of Health-Suffolk County – SEDCAR
4. Approval of Brookville Center for Children’s Services, Inc. – SEDCAR

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-4 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 42
2. Approval of A-Net Consulting Services, Ltd.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1 and 3F-2 made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

G. Data and Technology – None

H. 21st Century Community Learning Center – None

4. Reports

A. Legal Counsel – Will discuss in Executive Session.

B. Superintendent of Schools:

Dr. Gulbin reminded everyone that the homecoming parade was Saturday, October 15. The Amityville High School marching band will participate in the Newsday Marching Band Festival on October 18. Rain date is October 24.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS – Non Agenda Items.

Ms. Jackie Allen commented on the COMPASS Program. The group meets in Northwest Elementary School at 7:00 PM.

Mr. William Clyde commented on the college fair at the high school.

President Sikhrangkur appointed 2nd Vice President Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session for Personnel/Particular Person, Negotiations and Advice from Counsel & Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Judith O'Neill left at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 8:45 PM.

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School-Auditorium

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ABSENT: Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 10:00 PM made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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ABSENT: Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools

3B-78 Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher – Pelligrino, J.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-78 (tabled earlier) made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

3B-83 Appointment: Virtual Academy – Science Teacher – Napoli, James

3B-84 Appointment: Virtual Academy – English Teacher – Reichel, Alison

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-83 & 3B-84 (tabled earlier) made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 10:10 PM made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by Trustee Moss. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

2nd Vice President Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem