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Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District  
Amityville, NY 11701

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA – April 6, 2011

Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:00 PM

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**LOCATION:** Park Avenue Elementary School - Auditorium

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Nathan King  
Trustee Kathy Ward Trustee Charles Walters

**ABSENT:** Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams, Supt. of Schools  
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources  
Dr. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin, Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. William Fanning-Interim Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

**COMMUNITY:** 80 members present.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:05 PM..

**A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking and 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.

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

President Sikhrangkur called for a moment of silence for an Amityville High School graduate, Zach Bernstein, who had passed away last weekend. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Zach's family.

President Sikhrangkur read a letter on behalf of the Board of Education. (Attachment #1)

President Sikhrangkur stated that up until last night, the Board had not had any feedback from the ATA in reference to the offer to work together to save jobs by achieving a freeze in the increment. As a result of a meeting I believe with the superintendent, myself and the ATA president last Thursday, we inquired about the lack of response. Last night we received an informal, what we considered to be an informal response, because it did not go through the proper channels. (Attachment #2)

President Sikhrangkur stated that as the proposal did not come through proper channels, this is not something that the Board can or will discuss. The ATA's attorney has to contact the Board's attorney with a formal response as you received a formal request from our attorney. We were hoping that there would be cooperation and that the ATA would see the benefit of a freeze for its members. I don't know if that will come to pass. I can say this. Those of us on the Board understand completely and support the concept of a union and the fact that it is meant to serve and protect its members. We appreciate the role that it plays. We respect the role that it plays and understand the necessity of it. It's important to understand that the union is supposed to serve and protect its members, not the members be sacrificed in order to protect the union stance on the Triboro amendment. This proposal does not, in any way, ask the union to waive their rights under Triboro with the exception of this year to save some of its members. That needed to be stated clearly. In agreeing to this, it would not mean that the union was waiving its rights under Triboro as was articulated to me.

*Trustee Koza Egglinger arrived at 7:10 PM.*

We will now move on with the Budget proposal.

Dr. Fanning stated that we cut the budget wherever we could to minimize the adverse impact on the staff. Last week the Board agreed to ask the public to support a 3.0% increase in the levy. We will have a budget to budget increase of 0.66%. (See Attachment #1)

President Sikhrangkur noted that two administrative positions have been cut which is 10.5 % of administrative staff. Seven maintenance and custodial workers have been cut which equals 14% of the custodial staff. Five teaching assistant positions have been eliminated equaling 9.5% of the teaching assistant staff. And fourteen teaching positions have been cut equaling 4.6% of teaching staff. Administration has worked very hard on this budget and has done a commendable job on keeping the losses down. Other cuts are available through Dr. Fanning's office.

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

**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. Review of the Draft Agenda for April 13, 2011**

Trustee King asked about the BOCES budget and the time frame for use of facilities. Dr. Fanning will get clarification on this item.

**2. Approval of Election Workers – Budget/Trustee Election May 17, 2011**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-2** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**D. Audit Committee – TBD**

**3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent**

**A. Superintendent**

**1. Approval of Verizon Events Broadcast Agreement**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3A-1** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained – was not available to participate in discussions. Trustee Ward abstained – works for Verizon).

**B. Personnel – None**

**C. Business and Finance**

**D. Monthly Finance Report – None**

**E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings – None**

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

**1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 3**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3F-1 through 3F-3** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Trustee Koza Egglinger abstained – still waiting for information from administration. Dr. Williams said the information would be available next week.)

G. Data and Technology – None

H. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center – None

4. Reports

A. Legal Counsel for the District – TBD

B. Superintendent of Schools – TBD

President Sikhrangkur appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem.

**MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 7:50 PM for Particular Persons** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.**

*Judith O’Neill left at 7:55 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O’Neill, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order by President Sikhrangkur at 8:00 PM.

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*Dr; Gulbin and Dr. Kelly left at 8:30 PM and returned at 8:34 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 9:42 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.**

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*Trustee King left at 9:44 PM and returned at 9:48 PM.*

**MOTION to ADJOURN Special Meeting at 10:04 PM** made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson, seconded by Vice President Jordon-Thompson. **Motion CARRIED: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.**

Respectfully submitted,

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List Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem