

Minutes approved
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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMITYVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Amityville, New York 11701

REGULAR MEETING – May 14, 2008

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

LOCATION: Park Avenue Elementary School - Auditorium

IN ATTENDANCE: President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson
Trustee Elisabeth LaRosa Trustee Nathan King
Trustee Lisa Johnson

ABSENT: Trustee Charles Walters
Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. John Williams- Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Susan Schnebel- Assistant Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Lisa Kontente-Assistant to Supt. Human Resources
Mr. Enrique Catalan-Assist. Supt. Finance & Operations
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

Dr. Scott Andrews, Principal, AMHS Mr. Peter Hutchison, Assist. Principal, AMHS
Mrs. Pauline Collins, Principal-NE Elem. School Mrs. Stacey Fischer, Principal-NW Elem. School
Mrs. Betsy Gorman Demmers, Principal-PAMES Mr. Michael Febbraro, Assist. Principal-PAMES
Ms. Laurel Garofolo, Administrator, PPS & Sp. Ed. Ms. Jodi Shapiro, Assist. Adm. PPS & Sp. Ed.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Judith O'Neill-District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 70 members present.

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA FOR ITEMS.

1. **Meeting Called to Order** by President Sikhrangkur at 7:16 PM.

A. **Emergency Exit/No Smoking Statement** - President Sikhrangkur read the following 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 appointed Juliet Jordon-Thompson as District Clerk Pro Tem

Dr. Williams introduced Arthur M. Cromarty, retired New York State Supreme Court Justice, who gave a presentation on the dedication of the Henry "Lonnie" Kittle Auditorium. In addition to Judge Cromarty, there were comments from Shawn Fives, Lt. Governor Suffolk West Kiwanis and Hal Schad, Jr. past President of the Kiwanis Club of Amityville. (See Attachment #1)

At 7:43 PM President Sikhrangkur invited the public to join the Board for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliet Jordon-Thompson/District Clerk Pro Tem

Judith O'Neill arrived at 7:45 PM.

Trustee Walters arrived at 8:00 PM

MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 8:13 PM made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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

Dr. Scott Andrews presented an overview of his trip to South Africa (*See Attachment #2*)

Following the presentation, Dr. Andrews announced that the Amityville High School had been removed from the Schools in need of improvement list. (*See Attachment #3*).

C.Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only-None

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes:

1. **Draft #1 – Regular Meeting – March 19, 2008**
2. **Draft #1 – Audit Committee Meeting – March 19, 2008**
3. **Draft #1 - Special Meeting – April 1, 2008**
4. **Draft #1 – Audit Committee Meeting – April 1, 2008**
5. **Draft #1 - Public Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election – April 3, 2008**
6. **Draft #1 – Regular Meeting – April 9, 2008**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2A-1 and 2A-6 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee:

C. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent:

1. **Approval of CSEA Memorandum of Agreement**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Audit Committee-None

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

A. General Administrative

1. **Approval of Attendance to Conferences – Items 3A 1/1 through 3A-1/11**
2. **Approval of HS Algebra 1 Textbook**
3. **Approval of the Amityville-Hofstra Partnership**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3A-1 through 3A-3 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

B. Personnel Changes:

1. **Retirement: Physical Education Teacher – NW/AMHS-Carpenter, H.**
2. **Retirement: Elementary Teacher-EWMMS-Deasy, L.**
3. **Retirement: Custodial Worker I – EWMMS – Porter, D.**
4. **Resignation: Teaching Assistant-Alt. HS-Botts, B.**
5. **Resignation: Special Education 1:1 Aide-PAMES-McIntosh, T.**
6. **Extended Leave of Absence-Confidential Secretary PA Administration-Muller, S.**
7. **Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Elementary Teacher PAMES-Patsos, J.**
8. **Revised Probationary Appointment: Special Education Teacher-EWMMS-Martine, C.**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-8 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

9. **Probationary Appointment: Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics-Cerullo, A.**

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-9 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

10. **Probationary Appointment: School Psychologist-District Wide-Postiglione, M.**
11. **Probationary Appointment: English Teacher-AMHS-Mann, S.**

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

B. Personnel Changes(cont'd):

12. Probationary Appointment: Music Teacher-District Wide-Wishin, B.
13. Preferred Eligibility List Appointment: Reading Teacher-District Wide-Starkey, K.
14. Revised Appointment: Leave Replacement English Teacher-AMHS-Bade, P.
15. Leave Replacement Appointment: Music Teacher-PAMES-Drucker, L.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-10 through 3B-15 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

16. Appointment: Plant Facilities Administrator-District Wide-Mercurio, E.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3B-16 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** The Board and Administration congratulated Mr. Mercurio and welcomed him to Amityville UFSD. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

17. Appointment: School Lunch Manager-District Wide-Bowman, L.
18. Appointment: Senior Clerk/Typist-NE-Sanchez, C.
19. Appointment: Mentor Coordinator-District Wide-Engler, M.
20. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Special Education Teacher-DelGiorno, A.
21. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Special Education Teacher-De Paolo, R.
22. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-English Teacher-Pentangelo, J.
23. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-English Teacher-Mann, S.
24. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-English Teacher-Wormell Mussen, L.
25. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-English Teacher-Llanos, A.
26. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Math Teacher-Burgreen, P.
27. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Math Teacher-Godin, K.
28. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Math Teacher-Valla, L.
29. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Social Studies Teacher-Kellerman, S.
30. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Social Studies Teacher-Levine, D.
31. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Social Studies Teacher-Powell, A.
32. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Social Studies Teacher-Hammill, J.
33. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Science Teacher-Loiacono, M.
34. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Spanish Teacher-Castro, E.
35. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Librarian-Gross, E.
36. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Physical Education Teacher-Cardone, J.
37. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Nurse-Nardi, K.
38. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Nurse-Johnson, P.
39. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Teaching Assistant-King, G.
40. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Teaching Assistant-Courts, R.
41. Appointment: Summer School-District Wide-Secretary-Pearson, J.
42. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Varsity Boys Soccer-Cardone, J.
43. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer-Forman, R.
44. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach JV Boys Soccer – Cammaroto, C.
45. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach MS Boys Soccer – Claps, R.
46. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Varsity Girls Soccer – Roth, C.
47. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer – Milan, L.
48. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach JV Girls Soccer – Katsigiorgis, J.
49. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach MS Girls Soccer – Hamilton, I.
50. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Varsity Boys Cross Country – Hawkins, R.
51. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Varsity Girls Cross Country – Agostino, J.
52. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach MS (Co-Ed) Cross Country – Graham, D.
53. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Varsity Girls Tennis – Pellegrino, R.
54. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach JV Girls Tennis – Seubert, J.
55. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Varsity Football – Taylor, C.
56. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Assistant Varsity Football – Hovorka, A.
57. Intentionally Left Blank
58. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach JV Football – Melia, T.
59. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Assistant JV Football – McCabe, A.
60. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Assistant JV Football – Frers, B.
61. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach MS Head Football – Tsirigotis, T.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent

B. Personnel Changes(cont'd):

62. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach MS Assistant Football – Miller, M.
63. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach MS Assistant Football – Limanni, F.
64. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Varsity Cheerleading – Sohm, D.
65. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach JV Cheerleading – Pesale, T.
66. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach Varsity Girls Volleyball – Marien, K.
67. Appointment: 2008-2009 Fall Coach JV Girls Volleyball – Tornambene, N.
68. Appointment: Cap & Gown Coordinator-Weber, M.
69. Appointment: World Language Curriculum Writing-AMHS-Castro, E.
70. Appointment: World Language Curriculum Writing-AMHS-Murphy, S.
71. Appointment: Summer Regents Review Classes Math A-Takseraas, D.
72. Appointment: Summer Regents Review Classes Math B-Takseraas, D.
73. Appointment: Summer Regents Review Classes English-O'Hagen, K.
74. Appointment: Hofstra/Amityville Partnership-Coordinator-Cunningham, B.
75. Appointment: Hofstra/Amityville Partnership-Liason-Gregg, L.
76. Appointment: Hofstra/Amityville Partnership-Liason-Ammirati, J.
77. Appointment: Hofstra/Amityville Partnership-Liason-Peshler, J.
78. Appointment: Hofstra/Amityville Partnership-Liason-Geiger, D.
79. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator-AMHS-Cammaroto, C.
80. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator-AMHS-Frers, B.
81. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator-AMHS-Milan, L.
82. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator-AMHS-Hamill, J.
83. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator-AMHS-Duguay, P.
84. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator-AMHS-Tornambene, N.
85. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator-AMHS-Roth, C.
86. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator-AMHS-Maisel, S.
87. Appointment: Freshman Transition Facilitator-AMHS-Johnson, M.
88. Appointment: Scoring NYS Math Assessment-Thomas, R.
89. Appointment: Increase In Hours/Special Education 1:1 Aide EWMMS-Carpenter, M.
90. Appointment: Peer Mediator AMHS-De Paolo, R.
91. Appointment: Peer Mediator AMHS-Hovorka, A.
92. Appointment: Food Service Worker EWMMS-Hernandez, M.
93. Appointment: P/T Food Service Worker EWMMS-Izaguirre, M.
94. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker-Devine, N.
95. Appointment: Chaperone-Schwartz, J.
96. Appointment: Chaperone-Wishin, B.
97. Appointment: Substitute Teacher-Special Ed-Bolina, D.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-17 through 3B-97 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

98. Create Position: Director of Fine Arts Department

MOTION to TABLE Agenda Items 3B-98 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

C. Business and Finance:

1. Budget Transfer-Items 1 through 15
2. Award of Bid-Cooperative Small wares & equipment
3. Award of Bid-Cooperative Large Equipment
4. Award of Bid-Cooperative Meat
5. Award of Bid-Cooperative Dairy

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

6. Fund Raising – Items 1 through 12

MOTION to PULL Agenda Items 3C-6/1, 3C-6/3 and 3C-6/10 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-6/2, 3C-6/4, 3C-6/5, 3C-6/6, 3C-6/7, 3C-6/8, 3C-6/9, 3C-6/11 and 3C-6/12 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Mr. Keenan said that active fund raising during the school

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day is not permitted by law. Mrs. Kathy Ward asked about fund raisers on the weekends and Mr. Keenan responded that they were allowed and that all fund raisers must be examined by the Board. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

7. Use of Facilities Items 1 through 4

MOTION to PULL Agenda Items 3C-7/1 and 3C-7/2 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-7/3 and 3C-7/4 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

8. Donations Items 1 through 6

9. Health Service Contracts – Other Schools Items 1 through 5

10. Health Service Contracts – St. Martin of Tours

11. Agreement for LIST Services

12. Property Tax Report Card

13. Intentionally Left Blank

14. Budget Increase for 2007-2008 School Year

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-8 through 3C-14 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D.CSE & CPSE Actions/Meetings:

1. Contract for Educational Services – Seaford UFSD

2. Contract for Educational Services – Copiague Public School

3. Contract for Educational Services – John L. Ochoa, Ph. D.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3D-1 through 3D-3 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

Discussion: Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

E. Monthly Finance Reports:

1. Resolution – March, 2008

A) Summary Expenditure Report – General Fund

A1) Revenue Report

B) Schedule of Bills

1) Accounts Payable Checks

2) Trust & Agency Fund Checks

C) Treasurer's Report

D) Expenditure Report – Federal Fund

E) School Lunch Report

F) HS Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report

G) MS Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 3E-1 made by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4.REPORTS:

A. School District Attorney-Mr. Keenan will report in Executive Session.

B. Superintendent Reports –Dr. Williams reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, 5/20 (See attachment #4).

Northeast School received a grant which will enable the school to run a book store. Kiwanis of North Amityville will volunteer at Northeast School for reading and 1:1 tutoring under the supervision of classroom teachers. On May 4, a number of Amityville students participated in the special Olympics and several won medals. Park Avenue received a grant from the Tilles Center. Will keep the Board informed when more details become available.

President Sikhrangkur reviewed the dates of invitations the Board received for upcoming events. A notice from NYSSBA was discussed. (see Attachment #5)

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to Add Agenda Item 2C-2 was moved by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education appoints Michele Sikhrangkur as Chairperson of the annual meeting and election on May 20, 2008. **MOTION CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to AMEND Agenda to Add Agenda Item 2C-3 was moved by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approved the attendance of Staff and Board of Education members at the NYSSBA Conference on June 12, 2008. **Motion CARRIED:** 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 2C-2 & 2C-3 was moved by Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Walters.

