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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District
Amityville, NY 11701

Special Meeting Minutes– November 6, 2013

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

LOCATION: Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium

PRESENT: President Lisa Johnson Vice President Nathan King
Trustee Kathleen Corbett Trustee Jeanette Santos

ABSENT: Trustee Terry Fulton
Trustee Mark Epps
2nd Vice President Ron Moss

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. John R. Williams, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mary Kelly-Asst Supt. Technology
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Asst. Supt. Human Resources
Ms. Sydney Friefelder, Interim, Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Asst. Supt. Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq. - Guercio & Guercio

Mr. Robert Claps - President ATA

Ms. Carol Seehoff - Vice President ATA

CLERK IN ATTENDANCE: Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 8 members present.

1. Meeting Called to Order by President Johnson at 7:01 PM.

A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking 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, please turn off cell phones and pagers during the meeting.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only

Mr. Chris Dean, 10 Terry Ave., Amityville - Mr. Dean discussed bus transportation for his daughter.

Trustee Mark Epps arrived at 7:12 PM.

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes – None

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee

1. 3rd and Final Reading – Section 1000

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 2B-1 made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Vice President King. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. 1st Reading – Section 5000

3. 1st Reading – Section 6000

4. 1st Reading – Section 7000

Trustee Dr. Corbett thanked Eileen Becker for her work on formatting the policy book. Ms. Syd Friefelder noted to the Board changes that must be made to the policies.

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education**1. Review of Regular Agenda – November 13, 2013**

Dr. Kelly said that we are financing the camera project through BOCES. Trustee Santos asked about a grant for the camera. Dr. Kelly said that the grant did not cover everything we need. Awareness Weekend - Trustee Dr. Corbett questioned how many students attend and if 15 chaperones would be enough. President Johnson said that we will increase the number of chaperones if the amount of students attending increases. 3B-58 - 3B-80 will be discussed in Executive Session. Dr. Neidell said that the TBD's will be named on the 11/13 agenda. Trustee Dr. Corbett questioned 3C-1/1 through 3C-1/8. Ms. Friefelder said that it would be corrected to "Buildings". President Johnson said that 3C-4 would be tabled for discussion. 3F-2 - Trustee Dr. Corbett said that the cost was too high for the speakers at the Awareness Weekend. Dr. Williams explained that Awareness Weekend has been successful due to the effectiveness of the speakers and it is not unusual for us to pay high fees for them.

D. Audit Committee**1. Report by Mr. Alan Yu**

Mr. Yu will arrive at 9:30 PM to give his report.

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent**A. Superintendent – None****B. Personnel – None****C. Business****1. Fund Raising – 6th Grade Band & Orchestra****2. Use of Facilities – Amityville Kiwanis****3. Donation – Acceptance of Donation from Amityville Artists Circle**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-3 made by Trustee Epps, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

D. Monthly Finance Report – None**E. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings – None****F. Curriculum and Instruction****1. Approval of Conference****1. A. Akapnitis/HS – St. John's University Counselor Luncheon****2. M. O'Hara/PA – Scholastic Book Fairs Workshop****3. L. Zomback/PA – NYS Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages****4. S. Parmentier/PA – Nassau BOCES ADHD and Executive Functioning in the mainstream classroom****5. K. Tricarico/PA – Scholastic Read 180 Next Generation Training**

MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/1 through 3F-1/5 made by Trustee Dr. Corbett, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

4. Reports**A. Legal Counsel for the District – TBA****B. Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Williams announced that there would be a math presentation on Common Core next week. There will be a performance at the December meeting.

C. Board of Education – TBA

At this time, President Johnson opened the floor to the community for comments on non agenda items.

Marie Sedealy, 40 Cheyenne Trail, Amityville - Ms. Sedealy discussed the Common Core presentation for next week. Dr. Williams said that the elementary grades will be covered and Dr. Gulbin said that the focus would be on the math module.

Mr. Claps reminded the Board about the pending grievance and asked the Board to reconsider holding the Common Core presentation.

President Johnson appointed Trustee Mark Epps as District Clerk Pro Tem.

MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 8:00 PM for Personnel/Particular Person made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Vice President King. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith O'Neill, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order by President Johnson at 8:01 PM.

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Mr. Gary Steffanetta, Esq., - Guercio & Guercio

Trustee Epps left at 9:20 PM

ACTION TAKEN: None

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Epps/District Clerk Pro Tem

Judith O'Neill was instructed by President Johnson to leave at 9:00 PM as Board had not resumed Open Session.

RESUME Open Session at 9:24 PM.

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MOTION to RECESS to Executive Session at 9:25 PM for Audit Committee made by Vice President King, seconded by Trustee Santos. **Motion CARRIED:** 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, District Clerk Pro Tem

EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 9:26 PM by President Johnson.

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Mr. Alan Yu, Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski LLP

Trustee Mark Epps returned at 9:32 PM.

Dr. Williams left at 9:38 PM and returned at 9:41 PM.

Mr. Yu, Dr. Neidel, Dr. Gulbin, Dr. Kelly and Ms. Friefelder left at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Epps, District Clerk Pro Tem

RESUME Open Session at 11:00 PM.

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MOTION to ADJOURN Special Meeting at 11:09 PM made by Vice President King, seconded by Trustee Epps. **Motion CARRIED:** 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Epps, District Clerk Pro Tem