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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2019

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The Meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by President Dodd at Park Avenue North Board Room.

AMITYVILLE U.F.S.D.  
APPROVED  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 11/11/19  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
Barbara Miller

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President  
Laura McVeety Pawlewicz, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Susan Benard-Handler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Juan Leon, Trustee  
Allie McDonough, Trustee

ABSENT: Jeannette Santos, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations (exit 6:46 p.m.  
return 7:09 p.m.)  
Sharon N. Berlin, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the NYSNA, CSEA B & G and CSEA II Units, employment history of particular person, matters leading to the discipline of a particular person, and seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney, made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. McDonough. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 7:16 p.m. made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Dr. Fulton. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:36 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Dodd, President  
Laura McVeety Pawlewicz, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Susan Benard-Handler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Juan Leon, Trustee  
Allie McDonough, Trustee  
Jeannette Santos, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mary T. Kelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Andrea Pekar, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Sydney Freifelder, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Dr. Thomas DeNicola, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Administrative Services  
Sharon N. Berlin, Esq., Lamb and Barnosky, LLP  
Barbara Miller, District Clerk  
Christine Kim, Assistant Business Administrator  
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education  
Virginia Figueroa, Assistant Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education  
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts  
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health  
Mary Stephens, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages  
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal, Northeast Elementary School  
Kathleen Hyland, Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Sonia Rodrigo, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School  
Robyn Santiago, Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School

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Melissa Wiederhold, Assistant Principal, Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Earl Mitchell, Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Paul Duguay, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Lurdez Berrios, Assistant Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Edward Plaia, Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Brian Suckle, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
Rose Hutcherson, Assistant Principal, Amityville Memorial High School  
John Cardone, Dean of Students, Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 14

President Dodd led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carolyn Dodd stated that a statement was made at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, in the community input section, that students in the sixth and seventh grades did not have math books. She corrected the record to reflect that the sixth and seventh grade students do have math textbooks, but workbooks had to be reordered due to a publisher's error and those workbooks have arrived.

Carolyn Dodd also stated that there was a concern at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting that the District has never contacted LIBEA, (The Long Island Black Educators Association) for recruitment. She corrected the record to reflect that the District has numerous communications with LIBEA, documented with emails regarding employment opportunity going back to 2015.

### PRESENTATIONS

Fredrick Seeba of BBS and Derek Knatz of Park East updated the Board on the Amityville Memorial High School, Additions and Alterations, the Northwest Elementary School, Additions and Alterations and Northeast Elementary School Capital Improvements, and Amityville High School Additions and Alterations proposed Schedule Change.

#### Strategic Plan Updates

Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education  
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health  
Mary Stephens, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages  
Dr. Fran Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A-1 and 2A-2 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. Draft #1- September 4, 2019- Board of Education Special Meeting
2. Draft #1- September 11, 2019- Board of Education Regular Meeting

### GENERAL

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

1. School Board Recognition Week

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Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A-2 and 3A-3 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

2. Request for Student to Remain in AUFSD
3. Approval of Agreement: Athletic Trainer

## PERSONNEL

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-96 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Revised FMLA: Science Teacher/HS- Galasso, J.
2. Intermittent FMLA: Elementary Teacher/NW- Cottone M.
3. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/HS- Baloga, P.
4. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/HS- Doht, P.
5. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/HS- Diliberto, C.
6. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Monitor/NW- Williford, S.
7. Resignation: Substitute Teacher Assistant- Thomas, K.
8. Revised Probationary Appointment: Spanish Teacher/MS- Gonzalez, A.
9. Rescind Appointment: Activity Advisor: Drama Club/MS-McCann, S.
10. ILB
11. Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/PA- Parpan, A.
12. ILB
13. Appointment: Farmingdale Step Coordinator- Dittmar, L.
14. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: Co-Chairperson- Claps, R.
15. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: Teacher- Alexander, G.
16. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: Teacher- Greiss, M.
17. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: Teacher- O'Brien, F.
18. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: Teacher- Smith, T.
19. Appointment: Curriculum Advisory Council: Alternate- Kretz, C.
20. ILB
21. ILB
22. ILB
23. ILB
24. ILB
25. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Barnes, S.
26. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Boell, J.
27. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Brower, T.
28. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Bueno, R.
29. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Doht, P.
30. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Fishman, J.
31. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Fulford, A.
32. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Greiss, M.
33. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Howard, M.
34. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Maloney, T.
35. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Marrero, K.

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36. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Mazes, T.
37. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- McGowan, J.
38. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Morales, M.
39. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Scherzinger, P.
40. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Schulken, J.
41. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Steiger, A.
42. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Tesoro, K.
43. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Tomasi, M.
44. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Whitney, S.
45. Appointment: Awareness Weekend: Chaperone- Zwerling, C.
46. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Morales, M.
47. Appointment: Chaperone: Gibson, A.
48. Appointment: Substitute Teacher- Sherlock, E.
49. Appointment: Substitute Teacher- McDermott, P.
50. Rescind Probationary Appointment: Nurse/MS- Turner, T.
51. Resignation: Special Education 1:1 Aide/PA- Crowley, J.
52. Resignation: Monitor/PA- Nazim, B.
53. Resignation: Monitor/PA- Langford, B.
54. Rescind Appointment: Virtual Academy Co-Coordinator- Garofano, C.
55. Rescind Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS- Mutino, L.
56. Intermittent FMLA: Special Education Teacher/HS- McGowan, J.
57. Intermittent FMLA: School Psychologist/MS- Postiglione, M.
58. Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Bianco, J.
59. Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Brunson, C.
60. Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Davi-Ortiz, N.
61. Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Herz, D.
62. Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Mizrachi, D.
63. Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Wilsher, J.
64. Appointment: Mentor Teacher- Wilson, K.
65. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Substitute Teacher- Basu, S.
66. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Substitute Teacher- Feehan, R.
67. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Substitute Teacher- Peshler, J.
68. Appointment: McKinney Vento After-School Program: Substitute Teacher- Wolfe, N.
69. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Robotics/PA- Replak, J.
70. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Robotics/PA- Grasso, P.
71. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Robotics/PA- Replak, J.
72. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Robotics/PA- Grasso, P.
73. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Gaming/PA- Conboy, J.
74. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Gaming/PA- Peshler, J.
75. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Dance/PA- Coghiel, D.
76. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Dance/PA- Coghiel, D.
77. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Art/PA- Roddin, L.
78. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Art/PA- Gallo, D.
79. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: World Language & Culture/PA- Chery, F.
80. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: World Language & Culture/PA- Castro, E.
81. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Substitute- Williams, N.

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82. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Substitute- Silva-Cruz, J.
83. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Substitute- Roddin, L.
84. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Substitute- Peshler, J.
85. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Substitute- Conboy, J.
86. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Substitute- Castro, E.
87. Appointment: After-School Enrichment Program: Substitute- Chery, F.
88. Appointment: Security Guard- Girona, M.
89. Appointment: Food Service Worker/MS- Chervin, W.
90. Appointment: Bus Monitor- Williams, M.
91. Appointment: Increase in FTE: Earth Science/MS- Lim, N.
92. Appointment: Increase in FTE: Earth Science Lab/MS- Marchino, M.
93. Appointment: Increase in FTE: Intro to STEAM/MS- McDermott, M.
94. Appointment: Increase in FTE: Earth Science/MS- Pepe, J.
95. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Teaching Assistant/HS- Watkins, M.
96. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/PA- Dilluvio, J.

### **BUSINESS**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-6 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Use of Facilities
2. Transportation Contracts
3. Contemporary Computer Services, Inc.
4. Donations
5. Disposal of Fixed Assets
6. Transportation Contracts

### **FINANCE**

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Treasurer's Report- August 2019

### **CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-14 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Devereux Foundation
2. Birch Family Services
3. All About Kidz
4. SEDCAR- Developmental Disabilities Institute
5. PBS Consulting
6. Gayle E. Kligman
7. NYSARC Inc.
8. Blue Sea Educational Consulting

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9. Martin De Porres School
10. Bay Shore UFSD
11. United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk
12. Oyster Bay- East Norwich Central School District
13. Greenburgh Graham School
14. Our Lady of Peace Academy

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3F-1 and 3F-2 made by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz; seconded by Ms. Benard-Handler.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

1. Approval of Conferences
2. Awareness Weekend Speakers

### **REPORTS**

Dr. Kelly reported on additional progress the District was making in various areas.

1. The District is waiting to hear on whether it has been awarded the Empire State After School Grant.
2. Throughout the month of August, Dr. Kelly worked with Dr. John Coverdale who is the District's Human Resource Consultant.
3. The District is preparing the Block Scheduling for secondary schools for the 2020-21 School year.
4. On September 28<sup>th</sup> our students participated in the Shanti Fund Annual Celebration to promote peace and nonviolence.
5. On October 28<sup>th</sup> the District will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Gandhi.
6. The District will be putting together a food pantry with LI Cares, and a backpack food program.
7. The School District is honored to be chosen by NYS Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean Pierre to host the STEAM Fair, to celebrate Governor Cuomo's STEAM Week.
8. Amityville High School Key Club, Student Government, Athletics, Mr. Plaia, and Dr. Kelly along with the Kiwanis Club of Amityville presented a donation to the Wyandanch School District Students.
9. The School Board President, NYSBA Consultant and Dr. Kelly planned a Retreat for the School Board which was in September focusing on evaluations of the Superintendent and the School Board.
10. Upcoming events include a Homecoming Festival, Bonfire, and BBQ on Friday, and on Saturday, a Parade and Homecoming Game. Also there will be a College Fair on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Michael McDonald said that Dr. Kelly just spoke about a Core Curriculum Meeting and wanted information. Dr. Kelly responded that she had not mentioned it.

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Madelyn Quintyne McConney spoke about a Diversity and Inclusion chart posted on the website and explained that the chart does not explain the ratio of children of color to the number of teachers of color. Dr. Kelly explained that Dr. Coverdale presented the information at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Constance Rossman a Realtor in the community, stated that she was very impressed with the Music Program, the Science Program, and the latest edition of the Tide, which is very informative and keeps her informed about the School District. This keeps her informed for new prospective buyers. Ms. Rossman thanked the School Board and Superintendent for all they do.

Noah Bullard asked who was the leading agent for Empire State After School Grant. Dr. Kelly responded that the School District is the leading agent and we are in partnership with community based organization, including UNAYO.

Motion to adjourn Open Meeting at 9:25 p.m. made by Ms. Benard-Handler; seconded by Ms. McVeety Pawlewicz.  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.