

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Session Minutes – November 16, 2022**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Lisa Johnson at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School in Art Room 107.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Lisa Johnson, President  
*(Trustees)* Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee

**APPROVED**  
**December 14, 2022**

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
*(Trustees)* Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Edward Fale, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk  
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq., Guercio & Guercio

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** to Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular persons, to receive an audit report and to receive an update on negotiations.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Lisa Johnson, President  
*(Trustees)* Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee *(Arrived during Executive Session at 5:33 p.m.)*

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
*(Trustees)*

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Edward Fale, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq., Guercio & Guercio

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Lisa Johnson, President  
(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee  
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Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk  
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq., Guercio & Guercio  
Ms. Catherine Lang, Director of Data & Instructional Technology  
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Virginia Figueroa, Asst. Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services  
Dr. Stephanie Thomas, Director of Guidance  
Ms. Denise Graham, Asst. Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School  
Mr. Paul Duguay, Asst. Principal- Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Mr. David Mevs, Dean of Students-Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
Ms. Mary Stephens, Principal- Amityville Memorial High School  
Dr. John Cardone, Asst. Principal- Amityville Memorial High School  
Ms. Natasha Lim, Dean of Students- Amityville Memorial High School

**COMMUNITY:** 30

**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 during the meeting\**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Johnson asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. PRESENTATIONS (Summarized)**

The following presentations were made:

1. Jeannette Santos- Everett R. Dyer Award Recipient
2. Historically Black Colleges and University (HBCU) Tour

**D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

*Full audio pertaining to this is found by clicking [here](#)*

The following persons provided community input on non-board agenda items:

- Margaret Shuff
- Nakia Wolfe
- Wendy Canestro

**2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

1. October 12, 2022- Work Session
2. October 19, 2022- Regular Session

Motion to approve 2A| 1-2 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Heller

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE**

**C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**D. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**A. GENERAL**

1. Appointment of Architect/Engineering Services

Motion to approve 3A| 1 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Leon

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

2. Employment Agreement- J. Callahan
3. Employment Agreement- F. Metzger
4. Employment Agreement- C. Code
5. Employment Agreement- C. Lang

Motion to **TABLE** 3A| 2-5 to Executive Session by Trustee Heller, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**B. PERSONNEL**

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to approve 3B| 1 with the exception of item 1.A.19 to Executive Session made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Leon

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**C. BUSINESS**

1. Use of Facilities
2. Disposal of Fixed Assets
3. Health Services Contracts- 21/22 SY
4. Budget Transfer
5. Acceptance of Independent External Audit

Motion to approve 3C| 1-5 made by Trustee Leon, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**D. FINANCE**

1. Treasurer’s Report- September 2022

Motion to approve 3D| 1 made by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

1. West Islip UFSD- 2022-2023
2. The Long Island Home/South Oaks
3. Syosset Home Tutoring- 2022-2023
4. AHRC Suffolk IDEA Amendment- 2021-2022
5. Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations
6. Kidz Educational 2022-2023 Addendum

Motion to approve 3E| 1-6 made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Leon.

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve 3F| 1 made by Trustee Leon, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof.

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**4. REPORTS**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District**

**B. Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Fale acknowledged our veteran’s and thanked them for their service. He asked for them to stand to be acknowledged and shared with the community that veterans from the community came into the schools to provide insight into their service.

- 1. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction**

Dr. Lange acknowledged two staff members who were approved. She also talked about the Hispanic Heritage Month presentation that played before the meeting and information regarding Leaders of Tomorrow.

- 2. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources**

- 3. Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operation**

Ms. Buatsi stated that the budget process will begin soon and the newly appointed architects will visit the District next week to conduct a walkthrough of the state of our infrastructure.

**C. Board of Education**

**5. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

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The following persons provided community input on non-board agenda items:

- Members of the CSEA II
- Amanda O’Connor
- Wendy Canestro
- Margaret Shuff

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** to Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos and seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof for the purpose of receiving advice from counsel.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

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**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to reconvene to open session** at 9:50 p.m. made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of receiving advice from counsel.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | No: 0**

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**RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**A. GENERAL**

2. Employment Agreement- J. Callahan
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Motion to approve 3A| 2-5 by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA**

Motion to amend the agenda to include agenda item 3A| 6 – Confidential Schedule A by Trustee Fulton and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof.

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 3A | 6**

*As read by President Johnson*

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Teresa Habacker as School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the ability of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule “A” to perform his/her duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a contract for such services with Dr. Habacker; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule “A” to appear for a medical examination in the office of Dr. Habacker on December 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and on any subsequently scheduled dates to complete the medical examination, and to bring any relevant medical documentation to such examination.

Motion to approve 3A| 6 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Heller

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:53 p.m.** by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos.  
Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Minutes recorded & transcribed by:*

Christian D. Code  
District Clerk