

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – January 11, 2023
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

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The meeting was called to order at 5:32 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, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
Mr. David Heller, Trustee

APPROVED
January 18, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward M. Fale, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan K. Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Olivia T. Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: None

Legal Counsel was not present

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. made by Trustee Fulton and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of the review particular person's employment history.
Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

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(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
Mr. David Heller, Trustee
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Arrived during Executive Session)
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee (Arrived during Executive Session)

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward M. Fale, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan K. Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Olivia T. Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Legal Counsel was not present

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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Mr. David Heller, Trustee
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COMMUNITY: 7

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)

There were no presentations at this meeting.

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Summarized)

There was no community input regarding agenda items.

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Superintendent Search Firm

Motion to approve 2C| 1 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 6 | No: 0 | Abstain: 1 (Trustee Leon)

2. Appointment of 913 Examination

Motion to **TABLE** 2C| 2 by Trustee Heller, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

1. Memorandum of Agreement- CSEA II

Motion to approve 3A| 1 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to approve 3B| 1 made by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

C. BUSINESS

D. FINANCE

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer

Motion to approve 3C| 1-3 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Fale shared with the community that there was pipes busted in the middle school over the holiday break due to the weather. He praised the District's facilities and custodial crew as well as the restoration company for working hard to get the building back online and opened for the 1st day of school coming off of the break. Ms. Buatsi also provided comments as well.

1. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
2. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
3. Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operation

C. Board of Education

President Johnson asked the Board to consider changes to the February & March 2023 series of Board meetings as they do not align with the 1st and 2nd meetings that Board meetings are normally scheduled.

The new dates for the February meeting are as follows:

- Work Session (February 1)
- Regular Session (February 8)

The new dates for the March meeting are as follows:

- Work Session (March 1)

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- Regular Session (March 8)

Also, the Board of Education will meet on February 11, 2023 in open session for the purpose of discussion and review of the 2023-2024 Budget. This meeting will be opened to the public.

Without objection, the Board agreed to the dates of these meetings.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Wendy Canestro
- Pat Hobson

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk