

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Special Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2022**  
**Via Zoom**

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Dr. Fulton called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. Dr. Fulton called for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:51 p.m. for the purpose of discussing COVID, regarding attendance, quarantine and testing. Dr. Fulton appointed Joseph Dragone as Clerk Pro Tem for the meeting. Motion made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terry Fulton, President  
Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
David Heller, Trustee  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Carol Seehof, Trustee  
Dr. Edward Fale, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Joseph Dragone, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

ABSENT: Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Dr. Fale reported the status of staff and student attendance over the past three days. He noted we have had a professional in every classroom every day and are hopeful that this will continue through Friday. He also noted that the Suffolk County Department of Health has not yet adopted the shortened quarantine period recommended by the CDC.

Dr. Lange reiterated the staff is working to ensure continued safety of children and continuation of the instruction program and recapped the number of absences students and staff.

Dr. Fale discussed the possibility of going remote and noted that, if teachers are sick, remote instruction is not possible anyway even though students may be available. In addition, remote instruction eliminates our Ability to cover for teachers who are unable to teach. He also pointed out that closing schools would require us to use a “snow day” and we have only three available. He is reluctant to use a snow day in January when the bulk of storms happen in February and March. Finally, he reminded the Board that our concern was first and foremost the safety of students, and therefore we are carefully monitoring staff attendance more than student attendance.

A motion to return to Open Session at 6:12 p.m. made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mr. Heller. Motion passes 6 Yes; 0 No.

A motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion passes 6 Yes; 0 No.