

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Special Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2022
Edmund W. Miles Middle School Cafeteria

Dr. Fulton called the Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Fulton called for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:01 p.m. for discussion of employment history of a particular person. Dr. Fulton appointed 2nd Vice President Jeannette Santos as Clerk Pro Tem. Motion made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Motion carries: 7 Yes; 0 No.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terry Fulton, President
Juan Leon, 1st Vice President (arrived at 5:11 p.m.)
Jeannette Santos, 2nd Vice President
David Heller, Trustee
Lisa Johnson, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)
Carol Seehof, Trustee (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)
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
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Director for Human Resources

Dr. Fulton asked for a motion to return to Open Session at 7:29 p.m. made by Mr. Heller; seconded by Mrs. Kretz. Motion carried.

ALSO PRESENT: Eileen Becker, District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 4 Community Members and 3 Representatives from ATA

Dr. Fulton led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the safety statement.

1C. Presentations:

1. Park East Construction & BBS Architects
2. Budget Workshop #1

With no community input on Agenda items, Dr. Fulton and the Board reviewed the Draft Agenda for the Regular Business Meeting – February 9th.

Ms. Johnson mentioned that the draft minutes need to be revised to specifically state the reason for Executive Session and who is appointed Clerk Pro Tem. Mrs. Becker will make those corrections prior to the next Board meeting.

Mr. Heller ask about Agenda Item 3B-63 Appointment: Activity Advisor: Rho Kappa National Honor Society Co-Advisor, is this new? Dr. Lange responded it is not new and is connected the Social Studies.

Returning to the February 2nd agenda:

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3A. General

1. Agreement With Employee

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A-1 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mr. Heller.
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

3C. Business

1. Budget Transfer

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Ms. Seehof.
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0

REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel – No Report

B. Superintendent of Schools

- Complimented the Facilities Crew for the clean-up of the snow over the weekend.
- Leaders of Tomorrow Program up and running with 70 students participating.
- February is Black History Month a time to honor those who have helped and continue to help improve social injustice for all.
- And a Happy Chinese New Year to all

C. Board of Education

- Mr. Heller complimented the Presentation of the Bond work that has been completed
- Mr. Heller asked about the current Guidance Counselor staff and will we be able to add more positions in the new budget.

COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Patricia Hobson – Asked if there was any update on the Student Life Committee. Dr. Fale responded that he and the high school principal are currently identifying the selection of students to participate. Mrs. Hobson also mentioned the flyer she received from Juan Leon and felt it was in poor taste to highlight his individual accomplishments and not the board as a whole. She also mentioned the typo errors. Mrs. Hobson felt this was in very poor taste.

Madeline Quintyne McConney spoke on behalf of her mother, Delores Quintyne, and herself regarding Juan Leon's literature. They also felt this was in very poor taste, self-promoting and asked what was the motive for this?

Richard Hobson – Also commented on Juan Leon flyer that was sent to homes. He highlighted how the flyer was not created at the taxpayers' expense; paid for by the Friends of Juan Leon. This made the board look like clowns and the board needs to talk to counsel about this incident.

Nakia Wolfe – President ATA – There was a request for a teacher LOA w/o pay missing from the agenda. Dr. Fale answered it was not brought to the board. Also at the last meeting, a donation of sick days was pulled and asked why it was denied.

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The District Clerk read an email from Ms. Megan Messmann as follows: “I would like to ask the Board of Education to comment on why the District’s Covid isolation policy has not been updated to reflect the CDC’s guidelines. I understand the NYSED follows the CDC guidelines and the isolation period has been adjusted from 10 to 5 days for mild cases.” Dr. Fale responded that not only do we follow CDC guidelines but also from the Suffolk County Department of Health. Dr. Lange mentioned the website is just not updated but will address that the next morning. Ms. Messmann also commented that the audio for the zoom meeting is very poor and not everything is heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:54 P.M. made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Santos.
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No