

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2022**  
**Edmund W. Miles Middle School Cafeteria**

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Motion to call the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Ms. Seehof

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:16 p.m. for the purpose of matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person and seeking legal advice from the Board's attorney made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terry Fulton, President  
Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)  
Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee (by Zoom)  
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  
(arrived at 5:45 p.m.)  
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Director for Human Resources  
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP  
Patricia Unz, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

ABSENT: David Heller, Trustee  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DATE 5-11-2022  
DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE  
Eileen Becker

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Motion to adjourn Executive Session and resume Open Meeting at 7:25 p.m. made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Santos.  
Motion carries unanimously.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Terry Fulton, President  
Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Carol Seehof, Trustee  
Dr. Edward Fale, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
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Dr. Bridgette Waite, Director for Human Resources  
Patricia Unz, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP  
Eileen Becker, District Clerk

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Crossing Guard's Recognition
2. English Language Arts Curriculum Committee
3. Math Curriculum Committee

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. March 2, 2022- Special Meeting
2. March 9, 2022- Regular Monthly Meeting

**Motion to approve** Agenda Items 2A-1 and 2A-2 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Ms. Seehof.  
Motion carries unanimously.

**BOARD ACTION**

1. Appointment of Chairperson of the Annual Budget Vote/Trustee Election

**Motion to approve** Agenda Item 2C-1 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Ms. Seehof.  
Motion carries unanimously.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. Acceptance of Internal Audit Risk Assessment Corrective Action Plan

The Board suspended Open Session to enter to Audit Committee at 9:02 p.m. and resumed Open Session at 9:05 p.m.

**Motion to approve** Agenda Item 2D-1 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Santos.  
Motion carries unanimously.

**2022-2023 BUDGET**

A motion to accept the 2022-2023 Budget for publication was made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Santos.

Motion carries unanimously.

**GENERAL**

1. Donation of Sick Days
2. Donation of Sick Days

**Motion to approve** Agenda Items 3A-1 and 3A-2 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Santos.  
Motion carries unanimously.

**PERSONNEL**

1. Termination: Special Education 1:1 Aide/NW- Fitzgerald, C.
2. Rescind Appointment: Empire After-School Program Assistant Instructor- Cooking & Hospitality /HS- Watkins, M.
3. Rescind Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/MS- Kaplan, C.
4. Rescind Appointment: Monitor/PA- Eckert, S.
5. Resignation for Retirement: Music Teacher/HS- Maccarone, J.
6. Resignation for Retirement: Building Principal Secretary/MS- Paul, K.
7. Resignation for Retirement: Cook/NE- Hernandez, M.
8. Resignation: Teaching Assistant/NW- Lawson, D.
9. Resignation: Reimagining Secondary Education in Amityville Committee- Tomasi, M.
10. Resignation: Monitor/HS- DeMarco, S.
11. Resignation: Monitor/PA- McCabe, M.
12. Revised FMLA: Mathematics Teacher/MS- Dambrose, L.
13. Intermittent FMLA: Assistant Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services & Special Education- Figueroa, V.
14. Intermittent FMLA: ENL Teacher/NW- Meisser, P.
15. Intermittent FMLA: School Librarian/PA- Quinn, T.

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16. Intermittent FMLA: Special Education Teacher/MS- Castagna, S.
17. Leave of Absence W/O Pay: Cook/NW- Reyes-Cruz, A.
18. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: Elementary Teacher/NW- Maglione, A.
19. Revised Probationary Appointment: Elementary Teacher/PA- Flyntz-Zider, J.
20. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: ENL Teacher/MS- Kaplan, C.
21. Revised Leave Replacement Appointment: ENL Lead Teacher/MS- Mejia, C.
22. Leave Replacement Appointment: School Psychologist/NE- Gudaitis, J.
23. Revised Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/PA- Mazes, T.
24. Revised Probationary Appointment: Spanish Speaking Office Assistant- Rios, B.
25. Appointment: Leave Replacement Monitor/HS- Hickman, F.
26. Appointment: Part-Time Registered Nurse/DW- Joseph, C.
27. Appointment: Monitor/PA- Perkins, K.
28. Appointment: Monitor/NE- Revell, J.
29. Appointment: Summer 2022 Extended School Year: Site Coordinator- Gigante, N.
30. Appointment: District Sub Committee: Diversity Equity and Inclusion: Admin- Paternostro, P.
31. Appointment: District Sub Committee: Diversity Equity and Inclusion: Teacher- James, S.
32. Appointment: District Sub Committee: Diversity Equity and Inclusion: Teacher- McCormack, T.
33. Appointment: Digital Literacy Committee/MS- O'Brien, F.
34. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Hyland, K.
35. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Collins, P.
36. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Carey, L.
37. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Floyd, J.
38. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Herrera, M.
39. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Plaia, N.
40. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Pravata, C.
41. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Rankin, S.
42. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Rosario, N.
43. Appointment: Social Emotional Learning Committee- Sarlo, C.
44. Appointment: World Language Committee- Tandy, J.
45. Appointment: Substitute Clerical for Training- Gastman, F.
46. Appointment: Food Service Worker/MS- Vargas Reyes, R.
47. Appointment: Food Service Worker/MS- Drineas, C.
48. Appointment: Summer Academic Success Program: Administrator- Suckle, B.
49. Appointment: Summer Academic Success Program: Administrator- Lim, N.
50. Appointment: Summer Academic Success Program: Administrator- Tomasi, M.
51. Appointment: Summer Academic Success Program: Administrator- Asbell, M.
52. Appointment: Summer Academic Success Program: Administrator- McCormack, T.
53. Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Brunson, C.
54. Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Cohen, M.
55. Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Dady, J.
56. Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Davi-Ortiz, N.
57. Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Greco, M.

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- 58.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Harpaul, K.
- 59.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Heck, L.
- 60.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Karounos, O.
- 61.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Keaveny, N.
- 62.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Roman, J.
- 63.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Schulken, J.
- 64.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Smith, J.
- 65.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: General Education- Zachary, C.
- 66.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Guidance- Gross, K.
- 67.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Psychologist- Bausano, H.
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- 69.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Psychologist- Bonny-Rankin, S.
- 70.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Psychologist- Brijmohan, P.
- 71.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Psychologist- Fried, K.
- 72.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Psychologist- Gomez, S.
- 73.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Social Worker- Bermundez, J.
- 74.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Social Worker- Buzzerio, J.
- 75.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Social Worker- Offitto, B.
- 76.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Social Worker- Spady, A.
- 77.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Special Education- Ciancarelli, N.
- 78.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Special Education- Grasso, P.
- 79.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Special Education- Herz, D.
- 80.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Special Education- Krepil, M.
- 81.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Special Education- Kuletsky, K.
- 82.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Special Education- Penick, S.
- 83.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Special Education- Pepe, J.
- 84.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Special Education- Tesoro, K.
- 85.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Speech- Scavo, P.
- 86.Appointment: Summer CSE/CPSE Meetings: Speech- Thorn, K.
- 87.Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/NW- McCreary, A.
- 88.Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher/HS- Caprino, F.
- 89.Appointment: Interpreter- Rios, B.
- 90.Appointment: Chaperone- Kane, M.
- 91.Appointment: Chaperone- Shepherd, F.
- 92.Appointment: Chaperone All American Soccer Trip- Abbondondolo, M.
- 93.Appointment: JV Softball Head Coach- Claps, R.
- 94.Appointment: Varsity Girls Track & Field Assistant Coach- Church, C.
- 95.Appointment: MS Girls Track & Field Coach- Germain, P.
- 96.Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Daley, K.
- 97.Probationary Appointment: Business Teacher/HS- Curci, L.
- 98.Probationary Appointment: Elementary Teacher/MS- Hardial, D.

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**Motion to approve** Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-98 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mr. Leon. Motion carries unanimously.

### BUSINESS

1. Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding
2. Donations
3. Disposal of Fixed Assets
4. Increase in 2021-22 Budget
5. Health Service Contracts- Other Schools
6. Use of Facilities

**Motion to approve** Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-6 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion carries unanimously.

### FINANCE

1. Treasurer's Report February 2022

**Motion to approve** Agenda Item 3D-1 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Motion carries unanimously.

### CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Massapequa School District
2. Sunshine Alternative Education Center

**Motion to approve** Agenda Items 3E-1 and 3E-2 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion carries unanimously.

### CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of Conferences

**Motion to approve** Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Motion carries unanimously.

### REPORTS

#### Superintendent of Schools

- After COVID restrictions, we were able to have the AMHS National Honor Society Induction, World Language Induction and Tri-M Music Honor Society Recitals and the students were excited to share with their families these outstanding honors.
- RULAR Program – Yale literacy a very successful and new program promoting social and emotional support.
- Alumni Games was a huge success.

#### Board of Education

- Dr. Fulton expressed frustration of the poor grades and is in full support of the staff, their dedication and vision for the future.

### COMMUNITY INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Jones was very disappointed that Dr. Fale has not returned her calls and Eddie Backus resolved her issue. Dr. Fale was unaware of this call and situation. She is frustrated her daughter is struggling and these new programs will not benefit her as a 12<sup>th</sup> grader. Ms. Jones received a report of her daughters attendance saying she missed 32 days when it turned out it was 58 days. Why is she just hearing about

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this in a report and not a phone call to find out why she is out so much? The response she got was “well, she’s passing.” Dr. Fale will reach out to Mrs. Jones the following day.

Noah (last name?) – there are several incidents of drug use, fights and policy presence and why aren’t parents made aware of these situations in a general recap.

Mrs. Hobson concerned with the two previous parents comments and fully support their concerns. She directed her question to legal counsel as to what can parents/public know without revealing individuals names.

Ms. Joanne Rodriquez what is the protocol of teachers using their cell phones in class while students are told to put them away. Dr. Fale said the same rules apply. Ms. Rodriquez claims teachers are harassing students and the principal is not acting on any of the complaints. It seems the Board protects the staff members.

Nakia Wolfe wants the Board and Administration to pay attention to the data being used, communication and transparency is important. He is concerned some teachers are not going to be granted tenure, how and when they be notified. Dr. Fulton shared that they Board has not received any recommendations at this time. Dr. Fale assured that the process is ongoing and there are many parts to this task.

Joseph Prestonwood (last name?) also concerned about drugs being confiscated and wants to be kept apprised of ongoing incidents, not specifics to violate anyone’s privacy, but to know what is going on and what action is being taken to correct this going forward. Also expressed concern the seniors are not benefiting from these new programs presented this evening. Dr. Lange explained the seniors are not being overlooked there is just so much that can be done in a school year but the next school year, there will be a program for the seniors as well.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn** at 10:00 P.M. made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Ms. Seehof.  
Motion carries unanimously.