

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – September 14, 2022
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Lisa Johnson at Park North 1st Floor Board Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. made by Trustee Heller and seconded by Trustee Kretz for the purpose of conducting interviews for architects, matters pertaining to particular persons and personnel items.

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

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
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee

APPROVED
October 19, 2022

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

Legal Counsel was not present.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Executive Session was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education and the Open Meeting was resumed at 7:35 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President
(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
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Mr. David Heller, Trustee
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
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Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk

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Mr. John Sheehan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio
Administrators (Building Principals and Assistant Principals/Deans)

COMMUNITY: 20

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)

1. UnboundED Institute Presentation

The presentation covered the vision, GLEAM, Target and how it is accomplished; why they chose this program, what they did during the conference. What they learned from ELA & Math, structural racism; a blueprint for academic success, addressing unfinished learning & cultivating productive mindsets.

2. RULER (Recognize. Understand. Label. Express. Regulate)

The RULER program teaches the skills of emotional intelligence - those associated with recognizing, understanding, labeling, expressing and regulating emotion. Decades of research shows that these skills are essential to effective teaching and learning, sound decision making, physical and mental health and success in school and beyond.

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Summarized)

Community Member's Name	Community Input
Margaret Shuff	Stated what she felt about teacher beliefs from the first presentation. Regarding the second presentation, would the mood of one child take away from the overall teaching of the lesson?
Wendy Canestro	Interested in the metrics of success regarding the presentations. UnboundED has some overlap with the BOCES offering and asked why we are not focused on nextGen standards. Ensured that the Board would not take action on items in the PAR as they were left blank. Minutes (hard copy) were not made available to the public at the meeting.

<p>Amanda O'Connor <i>Read on behalf by Wendy Canestro</i></p>	<p>As a follow up from the last meeting, she wanted to ensure that the meeting minutes from August 10th were corrected.</p>
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3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. July 6, 2022- Reorganization Meeting
2. July 6, 2022- Regular Meeting
3. August 10, 2022- Regular Meeting
4. August 24, 2022- Special Meeting

Motion by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by Trustee Kretz

Discussion: Trustee Leon asked if the meeting minutes should be approved given there is a discrepancy with the August 10th minutes. Legal responded that minutes are supposed to capture actions of the Board and would like to discuss more in executive session.

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

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. District Clerk Workshop

Motion by Trustee Fulton and seconded by Trustee Kretz

Discussion: None

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

2. New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Annual Convention

Motion by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Heller

Discussion: President Johnson will serve as the delegate.

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

3. Board Officer's Academy

Motion by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by Trustee Kretz

Discussion: None

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

4. Reform Educational Financing Inequities Today (REFIT) Annual Meeting

Motion by Trustee Kretz and seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

Discussion: President Johnson will serve as the delegate.

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

5. Membership Dues

Motion by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Kretz

Discussion: None

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

6. Special District Meeting- Amityville Public Library

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Kretz and duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

AYES: President Lisa Johnson, 1st Vice President Jeannette Santos, 2nd Vice President Carol Seehof, Trustee Terry Fulton, Trustee David Heller, Trustee Juan Leon

NOES:

ABSTAINING: Trustee Leslie Kretz

The resolution was declared adopted.

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. General

B. Personnel

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Kretz to approve the Personnel Action Report (PAR) with the exception of III-A (Personnel Matters-Non Instructional- Non-Certified Rescinds), III-C (Personnel Matters-Non Instructional- Additional Assignments), III-D (Personnel Matters- Non Instructional – Certified leave(s) of absences without pay) and III-F (Personnel Matters- Non Instructional – Revisions).

Discussion: The exceptions are noted as they are left intentionally blank.

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

C. Business

1. Use of Facilities- Amityville Flag Football

Motion by Trustee Heller and seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof to amend the agenda to include item 3C-1

Discussion: None

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

Motion by Trustee Heller and seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof to approve item 3C-1

Discussion: None

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

D. Finance

1. Treasurer's Report

Motion by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Kretz

Discussion: None

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

E. Contracts

1. Contracts for Special Education Services

Motion by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

Discussion: Legal has reviewed the contracts and have nothing to report at this time.
 Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | No: 0**

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion by Trustee Fulton and seconded by Trustee Kretz

Discussion: None

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

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

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

C. Board of Education

President Johnson shared with the community that with a new District Clerk being in place, the matter regarding draft minutes being posted in its two week window will be handled in a timely matter.

The policy committee will be reviewing policies regarding community input and live streaming.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS (Summarized)

Community Member Name	Comment/Community Input
Wendy Canestro	Decision making for the Board Tax-payer dollars support the District Audio recording archiving - policy Live-streaming Agenda acknowledgement via email to the Board President, but there is no response as to whether or not it is on the agenda. Old business and new business areas should be added to the agenda.
Margaret Shuff	Email acknowledgement from Board President, but there is no response on the request.
Margaret Shuff (Continued)	The HS senior is owed an apology for how the Board treated her at the last meeting.

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	<p>August 8 - live streaming.</p> <p>The Board should follow the belief statement.</p>
Patricia Hobson	<p>On Zoom, the chat is disabled.</p> <p>What is in place to prevent schedule being non-complete.</p> <p>Who built your master schedules?</p>
Noah Bullock	<p>Parents want to be informed ahead of time and not get information at the end.</p> <p>The Board should be united and represent all of Amityville.</p>
Terry Holman <i>Read by Wendy Canestro</i>	<p>Posted classes are full- will the District offer other classes?</p> <p>Staff appointments- Guidance Counselor and advisors for National Honor Society, Drama Club and Freshman Class</p>
Amanda O'Connor <i>Read by Wendy Canestro</i>	<p>Do we have enough Chrome books for virtual classes in the event there is a snow day? Will we still have snow days?</p> <p>Safer space for dismissal at Park Avenue?</p> <p>Was the lunch pass program announced at the High School?</p> <p>Was the computer paper returned home?</p> <p>What are the new programs that have been added and when will students be able to take advantage of the programs?</p>

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. made by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by 1st Vice President Santos for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular persons.
 Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 No: 0.**

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RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to reconvene to Open Meeting at 11:26 p.m. made by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular persons.
Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 No: 0.**

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COMMUNITY: 0

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 11:27 p.m. made by Trustee Kretz; seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof.
Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 NO: 0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:



Christian D. Code
District Clerk