

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – February 8, 2023
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 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
Mr. David Heller, Trustee
Dr. Terry Fulton
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
(Trustees)

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
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:39 p.m. made by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by Trustee Kretz for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular persons employment history and to receive advice and updates from legal counsel regarding union contracts.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

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

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
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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Mr. David Heller, Trustee
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ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward Fale, Superintendent of Schools
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COMMUNITY: 30

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)

The following presentations were made:

1. Recognizing Amityville’s Top 100 Boy’s Basketball Player (Christian Smiley)
2. Recognizing Amityville’s Female Wrestler (Madelyne Martinez)
3. Mid Year Review/ Math & ELA Update (Dr. Lange)
4. State of Our Facilities (H2M)

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The following persons provided community input on agenda items:

- Amanda O’Connor
- Margaret Shuff
- Nakia Wolfe

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. January 18, 2023- Regular Session
2. January 28, 2023- Special Session

Motion to approve 2A| 1-2 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Appointment of 913 Examination
2. Approval of Conference Attendance

Motion to approve 2C| 1-2 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

1. Donation of Sick Days

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

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

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

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

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

C. BUSINESS

1. Use of Facilities
2. Disposal of Fixed Assets
3. Health Services Contract (Other Schools) | 21-22
4. Budget Transfer

Motion to approve 3C| 1-4 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

D. FINANCE

1. Treasurer's Report- December 2022

Motion to approve 3D| 1 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Henry Viscardi School- 4201 Service Agreement 22/23
2. South Huntington- Special Education Contract 22/23
3. Farmingdale UFSD- Special Education Contract 21/22
4. Seaford UFSD- Special Education Contract 22/23

Motion to approve 3E | 1-4 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve 3F| 1 made by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools (Summarized)

Dr. Fale acknowledged that the District hosted the Town of Babylon’s Black History Month Celebration. The High School Jazz Band performed and did a marvelous job. He encouraged the community to come to all concerts in the Spring to see the performances of our students.

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

C. Board of Education (Summarized)

President Johnson reminded the community that the Board of Education will be meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Auditorium to review the 2022-2023 school year line by line budget.

The following Board of Education members gave comments:

1. Trustee Dave Heller
2. Trustee Juan Leon

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

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

- Amanda O’Connor
- Margaret Shuff
- Dina Rosenberg
- Nancy Jones
- Terry Holman

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Leon.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk