

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Work Session Minutes – September 6, 2023
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 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
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
Mr. David Heller, Trustee
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
(Trustees)

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Gina Talbert, 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 5:36 p.m. made by Trustee Heller and seconded by Trustee Kretz for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history, receive advice regarding an update and discussion regarding negotiations for the Amityville Teachers' Association (ATA), Amityville Committee of Educational Secretaries (ACES) and Nurses' Union.
Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

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RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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COMMUNITY: 15

Legal Counsel was not present.

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)

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Review of Draft Agenda- Monthly Regular Meeting- September 13, 2023
2. Attendance of Conference- N-SSBA Annual Resolutions Meeting
3. Attendance of Conference- REFIT Annual Meeting
4. Voting Delegate- REFIT Annual Meeting

Motion to approve 2C| 2-4 by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

5. Attendance of Conference- 2023 District Clerk Workshop
6. Memorandum of Agreement- Amityville Committee of Educational Secretaries (ACES)

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7. Memorandum of Agreement- New York State Nurses Association

Motion to approve 2C| 5-7 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Fulton

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

Motion to **AMEND** the agenda to add 2C| 8 (Attendance of Conference- NYSSBA Convention) to the agenda by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

Discussion: Trustee Leon will be attending.

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

Motion to approve 2C| 8 by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

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

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

C. BUSINESS

1. 2023-2024 Tax Anticipation Note (T.A.N.)

2. Donations

Motion to approve 3C| 1-2 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

D. FINANCE

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Kidz Educational Services Contract Addendum 2023-2024

Motion to approve 3E| 1 by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools (Summarized)

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

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

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

- Michael McDonald
- Patricia Hobson (via email sent to the District Clerk)
- Madeline Quintyne-McConney

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS (SUMMARIZED)

The following Board members gave comments:

- 1st Vice President Santos
- Trustee Leon
- Trustee Fulton

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk