

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701 Work Session Minutes –**  
**February 7, 2024 Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Arrived at 5:50pm)  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Mr. David Heller

**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/Deputy District Clerk  
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio  
Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:43 p.m. made President Lisa Johnson for advice from Council and also for particular person's employment history.

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Carol Seehof	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO: 0**

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
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Mr. John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio  
Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

**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. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Hearing for Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Voluntary Ambulance Workers

**PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENTS**

- Ken Egan
- Chief Gavin Budde

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing at 7:42 PM by President Johnson

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Carol Seehof	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

The Public portion of the Meeting was reopened by Lisa Johnson at 7:43pm

**D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

The following person(s) gave community input:

- Margaret Shuff
- Wendy Canestro
- Debra McQuillan

**2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

1.Special Session – January 3, 2024

2.Audit Session – January 3, 2024

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

**B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee**

N/A

**C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education**

1. Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Juan Leon	Carol Seehof

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

**2. Budget Workshop Calendar**

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Carol Seehof

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

\*\*President Johnson notes revision to be made to the last page of the Budget Calendar to correct the location from the High school to Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School\*\*

**3. Review of Draft Agenda – Monthly Regular Meeting – February 14, 2024**

**No questions regarding the Draft Agenda**

**D. Audit Committee**

N/A

**3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools**

**A. General**

**1. Approval of 2024-2025 Academic Calendar**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Leslie Kretz	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

**B. Personnel**

**1. Personnel Action Report**

**Motion to amend 3B #1 (PAR) Correction to page 1. Dates should read 1/24/24 - 6/30/24**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Carol Seehof	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

**2. Employment Agreements- Confidential Employees**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Carol Seehof	Juan Leon

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

**C. Business**

**1. Use of Facilities**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	Juan Leon

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

**WORK SESSION MONTHLY AGENDA – FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

2. Budget Transfer

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	Carol Seehof

Motion **NOT CARRIED** YES: 3 | NO: 2

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Jeannette Santos	Lisa Johnson
Carol Seehof	Juan Leon
Leslie Kretz	

**D. Finance**

**1. Treasurer’s Report – November 2023**

**2. Treasurer’s Report – December 2023**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Leslie Kretz	Carol Seehof

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 5 | NO: 0

**E. Contracts for Special Education Services**

1. The Whole Child Academy – Special Education Contract 2023/2024
2. South Huntington UFSD – Special Education contract 2023/2024
3. SCO Theresa Paplin School – Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations Sedcar Contract 2023/2024
4. Seaford UFSD – Special Education Contract 2023/2024

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Leslie Kretz	Carol Seehof

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 5 | NO: 0

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. DCIP – District Comprehensive Improvement Plan 2023/2024
2. Consultant Services Contract – Digital Age Learning
3. Consultant Services Contract – LANRover Network Service Inc.
4. MTSS Plan

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Juan Leon	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 5 | NO: 0

**4. Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only**

**WORK SESSION MONTHLY AGENDA – FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

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- Wendy Canestro
- Debra McQuillan
- Margaret Shuff
- Megan Messman
- Gladys Cudjoe

**2. Reports**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District**

N/A

**B. Superintendent of Schools**

(See Video Link for Complete Details)

**C. Board of Education**

(See Video Link for Complete Details)

**3. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Lisa Johnson at 8:37 pm

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 5 | NO: 0

Respectfully submitted,

*Minutes recorded & transcribed by:*



Melissa Durnin  
District Clerk