

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Session Meeting- May 8, 2024–7:30 PM**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39PM. 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  
   Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**ABSENT:**                      N/A

**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  
   Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Legal Counsel  
   Mr. John Sheahan, Legal Counsel (Arrived at 5:43PM)  
   Mr. Carl Fraser, Consultant (Arrived at 6:30pm)  
   Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:42 p.m. made President Lisa Johnson for the purpose of discussion of appointment of particular persons and seeking advice from legal Counsel.

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

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

## RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

### **1. Meeting Called to Order**

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 7:38 p.m.

#### **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 that everyone stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **C. Presentations**

##### **Dr. Talbert gave a statement**

**(See video for full statement)**

##### **1. Budget Hearing**

President Johnson reads a statement regarding the Budget Hearing followed by Olivia Buatsi

(See video for full statement and presentation)

##### **2. Edmund W. Miles Middle School Drama Club**

The Drama Club gave a preview from their upcoming production of Annie

(See video for performance)

##### **3. Forensic Auditor's Update**

StoneBridge gave their findings on their Forensic Audit

(See video for overview and presentation)

#### **D. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only**

- **Wendy Canestro**
- **Margaret Shuff**
- **Nakia Wolfe**
- **Chris Nehring**
- **Ken Egan**
- **Francis O'Brien**
- **Jodie Runfola**
- **Dan Holmes**
- **Dina Rosenberg**

**2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

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

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

**1. Appointment of Chairperson for the AUFSD Annual Meeting, Budget Vote & Trustee Election**

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

The Board of Education appoints Leslie Kretz.

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

**2. Appointment of Poll Workers for the AUFSD Annual Meeting, Budget Vote & Trustee Election**

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

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

**D. Audit Committee**

**E. Abolishment**

**1. Director of ENL and World Languages**

**2. Dean of Students**

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

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO: 1**

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

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

**A. General**

**B. Personnel**

**1. Personnel Action Report**

<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. Donations**

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

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

**2. Use of Facilities**

Motion to table 3C2A and 3C2B due to some questions that require more review from Ms. Buatsi

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

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

**3. Health Service Contracts Other Schools 2023-2024**

**4. Disposal of Fixed Assets**

**5. Disposal of Fixed Assets**

**6. District Printing Service Bid #2024-026**

**7. 2024-2025 Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program**

**8. Stationary, Forms & Envelope Printing Bid #2024-027**

**9. Budget Transfer**

**10. Motion to Increase the 2023-2024 Budget**

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

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

**D. Finance**

**1. Treasurer’s Report- March 2024**

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

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

**E. Contracts for Special Education Services**

**1. PJD Investigations (For Residency Checks)**

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

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

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

**1. Conferences and Travel**

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

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

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

- **Evan Farkas**
- **Wendy Canestro**
- **Heather Katron**
- **Margaret Shuff**
- **Chris Nehring**
- **Stephanie Andrews**
- **Pastor Calvin Collins**

5. **Reports**

A. **Legal Counsel for the District**

B. **Superintendent of Schools**

C. **Board of Education**

6. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:



Melissa Durnin  
District Clerk