

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**May 30, 2024 - Special Session Meeting**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6pm on May 22, 2024 by President Lisa Johnson at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School - Auditorium

**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  
Ms. Wendy Canestro, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**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. 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 that everyone stand and recite the Pledge with the Board

**C. Presentations**

Dr. Talbert made a statement regarding the misinformation with respects to the Abolishments on the Agenda  
(See video for full statement)

**D. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only**  
N/A

**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**

**D. Audit Committee**

**E. Abolishments**

- 1. Teaching Positions
- 2. Teaching Assistant Positions
- 3. Non Instructional Positions

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

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

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Lisa Johnson	Wendy Canestro
Jeannette Santos	
Carol Seehof	
Leslie Kretz	

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

- A. General
- B. Personnel
- C. Business
- D. Finance
- E. Contracts for Special Education and PPS Services
- F. Curriculum and Instruction

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

- Nakia Wolfe
- Chris Nehring
- Debra McQuillan

**5. Reports**

- A. Legal Counsel for the District
- B. Superintendent of Schools
- C. Board of Education

The Board discussed the process of appointing a Board Member to David Heller’s vacant seat. There was a majority decision to fill the vacancy before the new Board members take their seat.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting was made by President Lisa Johnson at 6:30PM

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Wendy Canestro	Carole Seehof

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Minutes recorded & transcribed by:



Melissa Durnin  
District Clerk