

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Session Meeting – June 12, 2024**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 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 shortly after executive session began)

Mr. Juan Leon,  
Mrs. Wendy Canestro

**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  
Mr. Carl Fraser, Consultant  
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio (arrived shortly after executive session began)  
Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. made President Lisa Johnson for advice from counsel regarding a legal complaint as well as any updates from negotiations and particular person's employment history

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

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

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 7:34 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 the Community to stand with the Board for the Pledge**

**Dr. Talbert makes an opening statement and introduces Dr. Joan Lange to award students (See video for all of the recipients)**

**C. Presentations**

1. Portrait of a Graduate
2. Seal of Biliteracy
3. National French Exam- Le Grand Concours
4. Years of Service Awards/Retirement

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

- Margaret Shuff
- Debra McQuillan
- Patricia Hobson
- Dr. Sally Thompson
- Caroline Fanning
- Sabba Chunzi (?)

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

1. April 10, 2024 - Regular Meeting
2. April 16, 2024 - Special Meeting
3. April 23, 2024 – Special Meeting
4. May 1, 2024 – Work Meeting
5. May 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting
6. May 21, 2024 – Special Meeting (Election)
7. May 30, 2024 – Special Meeting

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Wendy Canestro	Leslie Kretz

Motion to rescind that Motion because Trustee Canestro was not a Trustee and was unable to review 2A1-6

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Carol Seehof	Jeannette Santos

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

Motion to approve 2A7

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

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

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

1. Employment Agreement: Durnin, M.
2. Independent Investigation
3. Appointment of Poll Workers

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

**D. Audit Committee**

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

**A. General**

1. Consultant Services Agreement- Fraser, C.

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Wendy Canestro	Carol Seehof

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 1**

YES	NO
Lisa Johnson	Wendy Canestro
Jeannette Santos	
Carol Seehof	
Leslie Kretz	
Juan Leon	

2. Consultant Services Agreement- Lange, J.

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

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

3. Table of Organization Modification – Special Education/PPS

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

**B. Personnel**

1. Personnel Action Report
2. Tenure Probationary Extension
3. Probationary Appointment: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction: Stephens, M.
4. Employment Agreement 2023-24: Buatsi, O.
5. Employment Agreement 2023-24: Waite, B.

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

Dr. Talbert acknowledged and congratulated Principal Rose Hutchinson on her tenure, and Ms. Mary Stephens on her appointment as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

**C. Business**

1. Donations
2. Health Service Contracts Other Schools 2023-2024
3. Budget Transfer
4. Transfer Capital Funds to General Fund
5. Disposal of Fixed Assets
6. Motion to Increase the 2023-2024 Budget
7. Budget Transfer

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

**D. Finance**

1. Treasurer's Report- April 2024

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Carol Seehof	Wendy Canestro

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

**E. Contracts for Special Education Services**

1. The Whole Child Academy- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
2. Developmental Disabilities Institute- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
3. Developmental Disabilities Institute- Rider to Service Agreement 2024/2025
4. Health and Safety Connection, LLC- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
5. Martin de Porres- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
6. Sunshine Alternative Education Center- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
7. The Hagedorn Little Village School- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
8. Homecare Therapies/ Horizon Healthcare Staffing- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
9. Homecare Therapies/ Horizon Healthcare Staffing- Non-Hire Clause 2024/2025
10. Health Source Group- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
11. Dr. Donna Geffner- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
12. St. James Tutoring- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
13. Kidz Educational Services- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
14. Kidz Educational Services-Contract Addendum #1 2024/2025
15. NY Therapy- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
16. Positive Behavior Support Consulting- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
17. Syosset Home Tutoring- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
18. Serene Home Nursing Agency- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
19. Brookville Center for Children's Services Inc.- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
20. United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau dba The Children's Learning Center- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
21. Long Island Tutorial Services Inc.- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
22. Christian Nursing Registry Inc.- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025

- 23. Achieve Beyond/ Bilinguals Inc.- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 24. Dr. Ochoa, PH. D - Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 25. Da Vinci Education and Research- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 26. Mill Neck Interpreter Services- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 27. Cleary School for the Deaf- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
- 28. Innovative Tutoring, Inc. - Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 29. All About Kids- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 30. St. Anne Institute- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
- 31. Bayshore UFSD- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
- 32. ACP- Early Intervention (previously known as MKSA)- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 33. Metro Therapy, Inc.- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 34. Sensational Development Occupational Development- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 35. SCO Family of Services, Madonna Heights - Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
- 36. United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
- 37. Birch Family Services- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 38. Eden II School/ Genesis Programs- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
- 39. Henry Viscardi School- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
- 40. Little Flower UFSD- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025
- 41. Beverly's Home Healthcare Inc.- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 42. Blue Sea Educational- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025
- 43. Judge Rotenberg Center- Special Education Services Contract 2024/2025

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

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

- 1. AMHS ELA/DEI Curriculum Project 2023-2024
- 2. Digital Literacy Curriculum Project 2023-2024
- 3. Blue Ribbon Committee Project 2023-2024

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

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

- Debra McQuillan
- Robert Plaia
- Alexa Perez
- Cale Rivera (?)
- Dina Rosenberg
- Ada Fanning-Holmes
- Jacqueline Stevenson
- Rose Torres

**5. Reports**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District**

**President Johnson makes a Motion to go back into Executive Session for advice from Counsel regarding negotiation updates at 9:55pm**

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Carol Seehof	Leslie Kretz

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

**B. Superintendent of Schools**

**C. Board of Education**

**6. Adjournment**

President Johnson makes a Motion to resume the meeting at 10:55 PM

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Carol Seehof	Wendy Canestro

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

Jeannette Santos left at the end of Executive Session before Public Session resumed.

President Johnson makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 PM

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Carol Seehof	Wendy Canestro

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:



Melissa Durnin  
District Clerk