

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Park North Administration Building – 1st Floor Conference Room
Special Meeting – December 19, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: at 5:32 PM by President Johnson

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Johnson, President
Carole Seehof, 1st Vice President
Wendy Canestro, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Christopher Nehring, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee

ABSENT: Megan Messmann, 2nd Vice President (arrived 5:34 PM)
Caroline Fanning, Trustee (arrived 5:36PM)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools
Mary Stephens, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Carl Fraser, Financial Consultant

COMMUNITY: 0 in person; 0 zoom

2. Board Action

2C-1 Appointment of District Clerk – Larson, L.

Motion to Approve amended Agenda Item 2C-1 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Seehof

Discussion: Amended resolution to read January 6, 2025 through June 30, 2025

Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Adjourn Open Session and enter to Executive Session for the purpose of ATA Negotiations and advice from Counsel at 5:34 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Johnson, President
Carole Seehof, 1st Vice President
Megan Messmann, 2nd Vice President
Wendy Canestro, Trustee -
Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Christopher Nehring, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee

Caroline Fanning, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools
Mary Stephens, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Carl Fraser, Financial Consultant
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP (arrived 5:39 PM)

There was a consensus of the present Members to resume Open Session 7:06 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Johnson, President
Carole Seehof, 1st Vice President
Megan Messmann, 2nd Vice President
Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Christopher Nehring, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee

ABSENT: Wendy Canestro, Trustee (left at 6:02 PM)

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Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Carl Fraser, Financial Consultant
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

2. Board Action

Motion to Amend Agenda to Add 2C-2 Revise the Charge of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee to remove paragraph under Operational Procedures: “Meetings of the committee shall be open to the public (who can observe), and shall be conducted in accordance with the spirit and intent of New York State’s open meetings law” made by C. Nehring; seconded C. Seehof
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 2C-2 made by C. Nehring; seconded L. Kretz
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No

3. Action Recommended by the Superintendent of School

3B-1 Additional Assignment – 6th Class – Special Education – Dauria, D.
3B-2 Additional Assignment – 6th Class – Special Education – Manley, D.

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-1 and 3B-2 made by C. Nehring; seconded M. Messmann
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No

4. Adjournment

There was a consensus of the present Members to adjourn at 7:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Becker