

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Park Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium**  
**Budget Session Meeting– February 12, 2025**

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**Meeting Called to Order:** at 5:33 PM by President Johnson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Johnson, President  
Carole Seehof, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Megan Messmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Wendy Canestro, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Christopher Nehring, 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

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:34 PM made by C. Seehof; seconded W. Canestro for advice from Counsel regarding particular person.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

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Consensus to resume Open Session at 7:45 PM

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

**A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement** *Please note the emergency exits closest to you, there is no smoking on school grounds and please silence cell phones during the business of the board.*

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Presentation**

1. Budget Presentation

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

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

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

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add agenda item 2C1; Resolution for Compliant alleging a violation of District Policies made by C. Fanning; 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Nehring  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 2C1; Resolution for Compliant alleging a violation of District Policies made by C. Fanning; 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Nehring  
Motion Carries: 5 Yes - C. Fanning C, Seehof; L. Kretz; C. Nehring; L. Johnson; 2 Recuse - M. Messmann; W. Canestro

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add agenda item 2C-2; Resolution for Denying Transportation Appeal Made by C. Seehof; 2<sup>nd</sup> by W. Canestro  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion for Agenda Item 2C-2; Resolution for Denying Transportation Appeal made by C. Nehring; C. Fanning, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

**Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only** (1:28:47)

- M. Shuff
- D. Egglinger
- N. Wolfe

*Please listen to the audio/video for discussion.*

**Community Attendees In-Person:** 27

**Attendees by Zoom:** 22

**Adjournment**

There was a consensus of the present Members to adjourn at 9:37 PM made by C. Seehof; seconded W. Canestro.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Larson