

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Special Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2022**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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**Motion to call** the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Lisa Johnson at Park North 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** to Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. made by Mrs. Carol Seehof and seconded by Mrs. Jeannette Santos for the purpose of interviews for the District Clerk, Director Guidance and for discussion on matters pertaining to particular persons.

Motion carries **YES: 4 No: 0.**

**APPROVED**  
**September 14, 2022**

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President  
Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee (Absent)  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee **\*Arrived in-person at 5:45 p.m.\***  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Absent)

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward Fale, 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  
Ms. Buatsi served as Deputy District Clerk

Legal Counsel was not present.

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Motion to adjourn** Executive Session and resume Open Meeting at 7:30 p.m. made by Mrs. Seehof; seconded by Mr. Leon.

Motion carries **YES: 5 No: 0.**

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President  
Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
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Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

COMMUNITY: 25

**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**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

**D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY.**

**2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY 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**

**3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**A. GENERAL**

**B. PERSONNEL**

1. Personnel Action Report

**Motion to approve** Agenda Item 3C-1 in whole, with the exception of 1C-1 (Certified Appointment(s)- Probationary/Yearly *Director of Guidance*) tabling that item to executive session made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Dr. Fulton.

**Discussion:** None. Motion carries **YES: 5 No: 0**

**C. BUSINESS**

1. 2022-2023 Tax Levy
2. 2021-2022 AS-7

**Motion to approve** Agenda Item 3C-1 & 3C-2 made by Mrs. Seehof; seconded by Dr. Fulton.

**Discussion:** None. Motion carries **YES: 5 No: 0**

**D. Finance**

**E. Contracts for Special Education Services**

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

**COMMUNITY INPUT  
REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS  
(Summarized)**

The community expressed that they were not allowed into the building until 7:30 p.m. The Board President expressed that the Board was not aware of the community being outside of the building and stated that it would not happen again.

<b>Community Member Name</b>	<b>Comment/Community Input</b>
<b>Amanda O'Connor</b>	<p>Meeting started before the community was let into the building and the District is refusing to go over the items. She also wanted to know if the District Calendar approved and the estimated time of arrival on Student Information for PAMES.</p> <p>Why are robo-calls not being utilized for any other information?</p> <p>Computers were stolen from the HS guidance office. Why were parents not notified, was student data stolen &amp; how is our student data stored?</p> <p>Linked Classrooms?</p> <p>Any new afterschool programs?</p>
<b>Debbie McQuillan</b>	<p>Board minutes</p> <p>Philosophy- Grants</p> <p>What is “affirming curriculum”?</p> <p>Board of Education &amp; Superintendent Goals</p> <p>Who are the recognized stakeholders from the community?</p>
<b>Wendy Canestro</b>	<p>The Board approved a 5-day conference for an estimated \$41K. The District paid the consultant \$5K to go to the conference. Why did the Board take this route and not the BOCES offering?</p> <p>Live streaming meeting (audio &amp; visual)</p> <p>Vacancies in advance of the opening day of school?</p> <p>Tax Increase</p>

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	Community Agenda Items- for the next agenda, live streaming be discussed. How can we communicate with the community and District?
<b>Margret Shuff</b>	What other part of the country could they have gone to for the conference?  Live streaming- visual has been requested and has been ignored. The District continues to enhance audio, however, the community is asking for visual.
	Scholar is going to 11 <sup>th</sup> grade and her transcript is not accurate; schedule is not out and the parent cannot help to see if there any holes or anything that needs to be fixed.
<b>Rosa Torres</b>	Amazing professional development on Tuesday. Is there going to be good food district wide? Middle School food needs to be improved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. for the purposes of matters pertaining to a particular person made by Mrs. Seehof and second by Mrs. Santos.

Motion carries **YES: 5 NO: 0**.

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to adjourn** Executive Session and resume Open Meeting at 9:08 p.m. made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Dr. Fulton.

Motion carries **YES: 5 NO: 0**.

**RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION**

**3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**B. PERSONNEL**

1. Personnel Action Report – 1C-1 (Certified Appointment(s)- Probationary/Yearly)

**Motion to approve** Agenda Item 3C-1 specifically of 1C-1 (Certified Appointment(s)- Probationary/Yearly *Director of Guidance*) made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Dr. Fulton.

**Discussion:** None. Motion carries **YES: 5 No: 0**

**BOARD COMMENT**

Trustee Juan Leon asked a question regarding the school lunch program, inquiring if the District would be providing free meals to all students, as the COVID-era universal free school lunches program has ended. Ms. Buatsi stated that although the federal program has ended, the District applied and was granted to participate in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). This program would allow for all District students to receive free meals.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn** at 9:16 p.m. made by Mr. Leon; seconded by Mrs. Seehof.  
Motion carries **YES: 5 NO: 0**.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded by:

Olivia Buatsi  
*Deputy District Clerk*

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Minutes transcribed by:

Christian D. Code  
District Clerk