

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – October 19, 2022
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Lisa Johnson at Park North 1st Floor Board Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. made by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by 1st Vice President Santos for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular persons and to receive advice from counsel.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 No: 0**

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President
(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee (*Arrived during Executive Session*)
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

APPROVED
November 16, 2022

ABSENT: Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
(Trustees) Mr. David Heller, Trustee

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
Mr. John Sheehan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio (*Arrived during Executive Session*)

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 7:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President
(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

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
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk
Mr. John Sheehan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio
Ms. Catherine Lang, Director of Data & Instructional Technology
Mr. Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services

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Ms. Virginia Figueroa, Asst. Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health
Ms. Angela Garcia, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages
Dr. Frances Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Dr. Stephanie Thomas, Director of Guidance
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal- Northeast Elementary School
Ms. Kathleen Hyland, Principal- Northwest Elementary School
Ms. Sonia Rodrigo, Asst. Principal- Northwest Elementary School
Mr. Edward Plaia, Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Ms. Denise Graham, Asst. Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Ms. Rose Hutcherson, Acting Principal- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Ms. Lurdez Berrios, Asst. Principal- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Mr. David Mevs, Dean of Students-Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Ms. Mary Stephens, Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Dr. John Cardone, Asst. Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Ms. Natasha Lim, Dean of Students- Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 20

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 everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PRESENTATIONS (Summarized)

The following presentations were made:

1. Amityville's Top Scholar Athletes
2. Board of Education Recognition Week
3. Multiple Support Systems
4. Elementary Schools Report Card

ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Motion to go to agenda item 3-B | 1 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to approve agenda item 3-B | 1, with the adjustment for Kenneth Coard's start date to be November 21, 2022 made by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Summarized)
Full audio pertaining to this is found by clicking [here](#)

The following persons spoke on matters pertaining to Board Agenda items:

- Amanda O'Connor
- Margaret Shuff
- Nakia Wolfe

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. September 7, 2022- Work Session
2. September 14, 2022- Regular Session
3. September 22, 2022- Special Session

Motion to approve agenda item 2-A | #1-3 made by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Leon
Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

1. #1230 Public Comment at Board Meetings – **Second Reading**
2. #1530 Smoking and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises- **Second Reading**
3. #1900 Parental Involvement- **Second Reading**

Motion to approve agenda items 2-B | #1-3 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Appointment of Workers for Special District Meeting

Motion to approve agenda item 2-C | 1 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

1. Appointment of Architectural/Engineering Services

Motion to TABLE agenda items 2-A | #1 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

ADMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Motion to amend the agenda item 3-C | #1 to include the Mack Foundation on October 29-30, 2022 in the Middle School Gym by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

C. BUSINESS

1. Use of Facilities

Motion to approve agenda item 3-C| #1 made by Trustee Leon, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

Discussion: This is approved pending the approval, upon the determination of the Superintendent of Schools that roster meets the requirement of Board policy.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

2. Disposal of Fixed Assets
3. Health Services Contracts-21/22 SY
4. Janice & J.C. Jones Scholarship

Motion to approve agenda item 3-C | #2-4 made by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Leon.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

D. Finance

1. Treasurer’s Report- August 2022

Motion to approve agenda item 3-D | #1 made by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

E. Contracts for Special Education Services

1. Lindenhurst UFSD- 21-22 SY
2. Lindenhurst UFSD- 22-23 SY
3. West Hills Academy

Motion to approve agenda item 3-E | #1-3 made by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Leon.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve agenda item 3-F | #1 Trustee Leon, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof.

Discussion: President Johnson noted the following costs on the report that were not previously filled in:

Item Number	Cost
5	\$0
8	\$150
11	\$0
13	\$0

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Fale acknowledged the District’s Principals as it is National Principal’s Month and he thanked them for their service to the District. He also thanked the teachers for their help this year in committees and to implement positive changes. Dr. Fale also acknowledged Mr. Kenneth Coard who was appointed as Acting Principal.

1. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
2. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
3. Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operation

C. Board of Education

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Motion to approve agenda item 2-C | 1 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof
Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 No: 0**

5. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

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The following persons provided community input on non-board agenda items:

- Amanda O'Connor
- Margaret Shuff
- Patricia Hobson
- Terry Hollman
- Trustee Juan Leon

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Leon.
Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 NO: 0**.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk