

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – December 14, 2022
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

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The meeting was called to order at 5:33 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, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
Mr. David Heller, Trustee
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee

APPROVED
January 18, 2023

ABSENT: Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
(Trustees)

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward M. Fale, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan K. Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Olivia T. Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations/Deputy District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. made by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of reviewing the employment of particular personnel and to receive advice from counsel.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 No: 0**

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RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Motion to return to open session at 7:35 p.m. made by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos.

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

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Mr. John Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services
Angela Garcia, Director of English as a New Language and World Language
Dr. Frances Fernandez, Director Fine Arts
Dr. Stephanie Thomas, Director of Guidance
Kathleen Hyland, Principal- Northwest Elementary School
Edward Plaia, Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Denise Graham, Asst. Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Lurdez Berrios, Asst. Principal- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Mary Stephens, Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Dr. John Cardone, Asst. Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Natasha Lim, Dean of Students- Amityville Memorial High School
Kenneth Coard, Acting Asst. Principal- Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 15

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 presentation was made:

1. Junior Ambassador

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Summarized)

There was no community input regarding agenda items.

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. November 9, 2022- Work Session
2. November 16, 2022- Regular Session
3. November 22, 2022- Special Session

Motion to approve 2A| 1-3 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Heller

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Approval of 913 Examination
2. Settlement Agreement
3. Adoption of Bond Resolution- Amityville Public Library

Motion to approve 2C| 1-3 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

1. Employment Agreements- Confidential Secretaries

Motion to approve 3A| 1 by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

2. Memorandum of Agreement- ACES
3. Memorandum of Agreement- CSEA II

Motion to **TABLE** 3A| 2-3 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Heller

Discussion: *These agreements are being simultaneously reviewed by the union and it must be ratified by the union first.*

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

4. 2022-2023 Course Catalog- AMHS & EWMMS

Motion to approve 3A| 4 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to approve 3B| 1 with the correction on page 1, item 1- changing the year effective date of 2022 to 2023 made by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Heller

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

C. BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Donations
2. Disposal of Fixed Assets
3. Use of Facilities

Motion to approve 3C| 1-3 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

D. FINANCE

1. Treasurer's Report- October 2022

Motion to approve 3D| 1 by Trustee Heller, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. North Shore Animal League America- Consultant Contract 2022-2023
2. UCP Nassau-Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023
3. Henry Viscardi School- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023
4. DDI- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023
5. Just Kids Early Childhood Learning- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023
6. Alternatives for Children- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023
7. AHRC- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023
8. Eden II/ Genesis Programs- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023
9. Martin De Porres School- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023
10. Suffolk County D.O.H. Division of Services for Children with Special Needs- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023
11. The Hagedorn Little Village School- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2022-2023

Motion to approve 3E | 1-11 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve 3F| 1 made by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools (Summarized-Remarks begin at the 1:00:00 mark)

Dr. Fale spoke briefly regarding yesterday's events with basketball (varsity and junior varsity), Park Avenue's Winter Concert and shared the upcoming concerts for the holiday season. He also provided an

update regarding the Earth Science class coverages, Syntax (District Website) and the headdress/use of the name “Warrior”. He also congratulated Ms. Natasha Lim, who was appointed as Dean of Students for the High School.

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

Ms. Buatsi provided clarification of the 403 (b) retirement plan, as there was a question at the December 7 work session.

C. Board of Education

Remarks were given by the following Trustees:

- 1st Vice President Santos- Junior Ambassador

5. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

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

- Pat Hobson
- Wendy Canestro

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 8:21p.m. made by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of addressing a particular person’s employment history.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | No: 0**

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There was a consensus of the Board of Education to resume the open meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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AMENDMENT & RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

4. 2022-2023 Course Catalog- AMHS & EWMMS

Motion to AMEND resolution 3A |4 to change the 2022-2023 Course Catalog to 2023-2024 made by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Heller

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

4. 2023-2024 Course Catalog- AMHS & EWMMS

Motion to APPROVE 3A| 4 made by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 2nd Vice President Kretz.

Motion **CARRIED** YES: 7 | No: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded by:

Minutes transcribed by:

Olivia T. Buatsi
Deputy District Clerk

Christian D. Code
District Clerk