

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Session Minutes – April 19, 2023**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 p.m. by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School in Art Room 107.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
*(Trustees)* Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Ms. Lisa Johnson, President  
*(Trustees)* Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

**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  
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** to Executive Session at 5:42 p.m. made by Trustee Heller and seconded by Trustee Kretz for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history and to receive advice from counsel.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Lisa Johnson, President *(Arrived at 6:15 p.m.)*  
*(Trustees)* Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee  
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**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
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Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk  
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio  
Peter Paternostro, Asst. Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services  
Dr. Virginia Figueroa, Asst. Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services  
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  
Paul Duguay, Asst. Principal, Edmund W. Miles Middle School  
David Mevs, Dean of Students, 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  
Nicole Gigante, English Language Arts (ELA) Supervisor

**COMMUNITY:** 50 (approx.)

**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. HS Drama Club
2. Budget Workshop #4

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

The following persons provided community input on agenda items:

- Amanda O'Connor
- Margaret Shuff

**2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

1. February 1, 2023- Work Session
2. February 8, 2023- Regular Session
3. February 11, 2023- Special Session
4. February 28, 2023- Special Session
5. March 1, 2023- Work Session
6. March 8, 2023- Regular Session
7. March 18, 2023- Special Session
8. March 22, 2023- Special Session

Motion to approve 2A| 1| #1-8 by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

**B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE**

1. #5151- McKinney-Vento
2. #3210- Administrative Organization Chart
3. #6700-R – Purchasing Regulation
4. #9240-R- Recruiting and Hiring Regulation
5. #9620- Child Abuse in an Educational Setting

Motion to approve 2B| 1-5 by Trustee Heller, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

**C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1. Adoption of the 2023-2024 Budget
2. Appointment for Workers for the AUFSD Annual Meeting, Budget Vote & Trustee Election
3. Appointment of Chairperson for the AUFSD Annual Meeting, Budget Vote & Trustee Election
4. Approval of Conferences
5. Federal Single Audit Report

Motion to approve 2C| 1-5 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

**D. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

**A. GENERAL**

**B. PERSONNEL**

1. Personnel Action Report

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

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

**C. BUSINESS**

1. District-Wide Carting Bid #2013-123
2. Cooperative Bid for Tree Maintenance Services Bid #2023-453
3. Health & Welfare Services- Other Schools
4. Disposal of Fixed Assets
5. Use of Facilities
6. Donations
7. Scholarship- Kathleen Connolly National Memorial Scholarship
8. Scholarship- New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal Scholarship
9. Western Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement
10. Property Tax Report Card

Motion to approve 3C| 1-10 by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

**D. FINANCE**

1. Treasurer's Report- January 2023

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

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

**E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

1. Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer
2. The Opportunity Preschool- Amendment 21/22
3. Babylon UFSD- Special Education Services Contract 22/23
4. Oyster Bay East Norwich School District- Special Education Services Contract 21/22
5. Health Source Group- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
6. Horizon Healthcare Staffing- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
7. Horizon Healthcare Staffing- Non-Hire Clause 23/24
8. Dr. Ochoa- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
9. Martin De Porres- Special Education Services Contract 23/24
10. United Cerebral Palsy Nassau- Special Education Services Contract 23/24

11. New York Therapy- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
12. Sunshine Alternative Education Center- Consultant Services Contract Tutoring 23/24
13. MKSA- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
14. Metro Therapy, Inc.- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
15. Achieve Beyond/ Bilinguals, Inc.- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
16. Kidz Educational Services- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
17. Kidz Educational Services- Addendum #1 23/24
18. All About Kids, PLLC- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
19. Dr. Donna Geffner- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
20. Positive Behavior Support Consulting- Consultant Services Contract 23/24
21. Blue Sea Educational Consulting Inc.- Consultant Services Contract 23/24

Motion to approve 3E| 1-21 by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

#### **F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Approval of Conferences
2. Out of State/Overnight Trip- Art Madric Invitational
3. Out of State/Overnight Trip- Penn Relays (Boys)
4. Out of State/Overnight Trip- Penn Relays (Girls)

Motion to approve 3F| 1-4 made by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Heller

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **A. Legal Counsel for the District**

##### **B. Superintendent of Schools (Summarized)**

Dr. Fale spoke on the following items:

- Recent District Events
- Social & Emotional Behavior
- Upcoming Board Presentations
- FOIL Appeal

##### **1. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction**

- State Testing opt-outs

##### **2. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources**

##### **3. Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operation**

##### **C. Board of Education (Summarized)**

#### **5. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS (Summarized)**

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

- Wendy Canestro
- Margaret Shuff
- Amanda O'Connor
- Nancy Jones
- Sidney Martin

- Terry Holman

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** to Executive Session at 9:11 p.m. made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Kretz for the purpose of matters pertaining to discussion regarding the Superintendent.

Motion **CARRIED Yes: 6 | No: 0**

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**COMMUNITY:** 7

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:31 p.m.** by Trustee Fulton and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos,  
Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

Respectfully submitted,

*Minutes recorded & transcribed by:*

Christian D. Code  
District Clerk