

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Work Session Minutes – May 3, 2023
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 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
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

ABSENT: Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
(Trustees)

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

Legal Counsel was not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. made by Trustee Leon and seconded by Trustee Kretz for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history, receive advice from counsel and update regarding AAA negotiations.

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

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 (Arrived to executive session at 5:40p.m.)
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. John P. Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio (arrived to executive session at 5:45p.m.)

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, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
Mr. David Heller, Trustee
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

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MR. Christian D. Code, District Clerk
Mr. John P. Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

COMMUNITY: 50

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. Budget Hearing

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The following persons gave community input:

- Amanda O’Connor
- Donnelle Cronin

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

1. Review of Draft Agenda- Regular Monthly Meeting- May 10, 2023

Motion to amend the agenda to add 2C-2 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Leon
Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

2. Dedication of High School Track

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

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 1** (Santos)

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

1. Donation of Sick Days

Motion to approve 3A| 1 by Trustee Leon, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

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

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

C. BUSINESS

1. Budget Transfer

Motion to approve 3C| 1 | #1 by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

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

D. FINANCE

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools (Summarized)

Dr. Fale acknowledged Teacher’s Appreciation Week, Warrior ban, NYSSBA Leadership Trainings for Board of Education Trustees Seehof & Kretz.

1. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
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:

- Francis O’Brien
- Matt Greiss
- Nakia Wolfe
- Amanda O’Connor
- Terry Holman
- Vaughn Gerbe

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 8:46 p.m. made by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent.

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

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
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee (left executive session at 9:42p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. John P. Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 10:01 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President
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Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
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COMMUNITY: 5

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Heller.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk