

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Session Minutes – May 10, 2023**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee  
*(Trustees)* Mrs. Leslie Kretz, 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  
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** to Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history and receive advice from counsel.

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

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*(Trustees)* Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Arrived to executive session at \_\_\_\_\_)  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee (Arrived to executive session at \_\_\_\_\_)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Edward Fale, Superintendent of Schools  
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Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

**.RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
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Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
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**COMMUNITY:** 125 (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)**

1. Recognizing our NY State Champions- Track & Field
2. Middle School Highlights

President Johnson went to 3B-1 for the Board’s consideration, being that teachers were up for tenure and their families were present. Without objection:

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

**B. PERSONNEL**

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to **TABLE** item C (Appointment(s)- Summer 2023 Program(s)), #118 made by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

Motion to approve 3B| 1 with the amended change made by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

**BOARD RECESS**

The Board of Education took a 10-minute recess to celebrate the District’s newly tenured teachers.

The Board of Education resumed their meeting at 8:45p.m.

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

The following persons gave community input:

- Wendy Canestro
- Amanda O’Connor

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

**A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

1. April 4, 2023- Amityville Public Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election
2. April 12, 2023- Special Session
3. April 19, 2023- Regular Session
4. April 25, 2023- Special Session (Western Suffolk BOCES Budget Vote & Trustee Election)

Motion to approve 2A| 1| #1-4 by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Leon

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 Conference

Motion to approve 2C| 1 by 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**C. BUSINESS**

1. Donations
2. Disposal of Fixed Assets
3. Health Services Contracts (Other Schools)
4. Tax Anticipation Note- 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
5. Use of Facilities
6. Contractor Agreement- HMB Consultants, LLC.

Motion to approve 3C| 1-6 by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

**D. FINANCE**

1. Treasurer’s Report- March 2023

Motion to approve 3D| 1 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof

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

**E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

1. Long Island Tutorial Services Inc.- Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024
2. DaVinci Education & Research - Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024
3. Developmental Disabilities Institute- Special Education Services Contract 2023/2024
4. Developmental Disabilities Institute- Rider to Service Agreement 2023/2024
5. Cleary School for the Deaf- Special Education Services Contract 2023/2024
6. Health and Safety Connection, LLC- Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024
7. The Hagedorn Little Village- Special Education Services Contract
8. Innovative Tutoring, Inc.- Consultant Services Contract 2023/2024
9. Oyster Bay- East Norwich CSD School District- Special Education Services Contract 2022/2023
10. Syosset Central School District- Special Education Services Contract 2022/2023
11. Little Flower UFSD- Special Education Services Contract 2023/2024
12. Serene Home Nursing Agency- Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024

Motion to approve 3E| 1-12 by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

**F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Approval of Conferences

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

Discussion: *The Board of Education recommended that the administration take a look at lowering the expenses related to travel surrounding item #6*

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

**4. REPORTS**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District**

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

Dr. Fale acknowledged the High School Spring Concert and the Spring Concert/Art Show Series. He also clarified a statement regarding Proposition #2.

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

- a. Infifite Campus
- b. ScholarChip
- c. ParentSquare

**2. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources**

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

- a. School Lunch

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

The following Board members gave comments:

- Jeannette Santos
- Dr. Terry Fulton
- David Heller

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

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

- C. Harrioso

- Madeline Quintyne-McConney
- Amanda O'Connor
- Wendy Canestro

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.** by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Minutes recorded & transcribed by:*

Christian D. Code  
District Clerk