

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – June 14, 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 1st Vice President Jeannette Santos at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School in Art Room 107.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
(Trustees) Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
Mr. David Heller, Trustee

ABSENT: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President
(Trustees) Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
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
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 2nd 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: 4 | No: 0**

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President *(Arrived to executive session at 6:00 p.m.)*
(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 5:35 p.m.)*
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee *(Arrived to executive session at 5:40 p.m.)*

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
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio
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 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
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Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio
Peter Paternostro, Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services
Dr. Virginia Figueroa, Assistant Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health
Dr. Frances Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Dr. Stephanie Thomas, Director of Guidance
Kathleen Hyland, Principal- Northwest Elementary School
Sonia Rodrigo, Assistant Principal- Northwest Elementary School
Edward Plaia, Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Denise Graham, Assistant Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Rose Hutcherson, Acting Principal- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Lurdez Berrios, Assistant Principal- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Paul Duguay, Assistant 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, Assistant Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Natasha Lim, Dean of Students- Amityville Memorial High School
Kenneth Coard, Acting Assistant Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Dr. Tonya Bates, District Wide Math Supervisor
Nicole Gigante, District Wide English Language Arts Supervisor

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. Elementary School Highlights
2. New York State Seal of Bi-literacy Presentation

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The following persons gave community input:

- Nakia Wolfe
- Patricia Hobson
- Margaret Shuff

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. May 3, 2023- Work Session
2. May 10, 2023- Regular Session
3. May 15, 2023- Special Session
4. May 16, 2023- Special Session
5. May 25, 2023- Special Session
6. May 26, 2023- Special Session

Motion to approve 2A| 1| #1-6 by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 2nd Vice President Santos

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. Date of Reorganization Meeting

Motion to approve 2C| 1 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Fulton

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

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to **SEPARATE (INDIVIDUAL VOTE)** item A (Certified Instructional Appointment(s)- Probationary), #1 and to **TABLE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** item B (Instruction Resignation(s)), #1-2 made by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

Motion to **AMEND** the agenda to add to item A (Certified Instructional Appointment(s)- Probationary), #1 that the appointment is contingent upon the appointee resigning from the Assistant Principal position at the high school by June 30, 2023 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

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Motion to approve agenda item 3B-1 | item A | #1 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **FAILED YES: 3** (Fulton, Johnson, Santos) | **NO: 0** | **ABSTAIN: 4** (Heller, Kretz, Leon & Seehof)

Motion to approve item 3B|1 as amended made by Trustee Leon seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

C. BUSINESS

1. Disposal of Fixed Assets
2. Health & Welfare Services (Other Schools)
3. Use of Facilities
4. AS-7 BOCES Agreement
5. Donations

Motion to approve 3C| 1-5 by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

6. Bid Award

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

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6** | **NO: 0** | **ABSTAIN: 1** (Heller)

7. Budget Transfer
8. Acceptance of Corrective Action Plan

Motion to approve 3C| 7-8 by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

D. FINANCE

1. Treasurer's Report- April 2023

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

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

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Beverly Home Healthcare Agency- Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024
2. Mill Neck Interpreter Services - Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024
3. Sensational Developmental Occupational Therapy- Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024
4. St. James Tutoring- Consultant Services Contract 2023/2024
5. St. James Tutoring- Data Privacy Agreement 2023/2024
6. Eden II/ Genesis Programs- Instructional Services Agreement 2023/2024
7. United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk- Private Nonresidential Special Education Services Contract 2023/2024

Motion to approve 3E| 1-7 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to **AMEND** the agenda to add to item #4 Custodial & Maintenance Workshop on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at Centereach HS for 7 persons at \$90 per person registration by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Fulton

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

Motion to approve 3F| 1 as amended made by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools (Summarized)

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

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

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

- Nakia Wolfe
- Madeline Quintyne-McConney
- Ed Plaia
- Patricia Hobson
- R. Hobson
- Bishop Walter Willie
- Matthew Greiss
- Francis O'Brien
- Margaret Shuff
- Wendy Canestro

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS (SUMMARIZED)

The following Board members gave comments:

- David Heller

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RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to reconvene to open session at 10:27 p.m. made by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded Trustee Heller
Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

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COMMUNITY: 5

RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to approve agenda item 3B-1 | item A | #1 by Trustee Heller, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos
Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos
Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk