

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – August 9, 2023
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 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
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Gina Talbert, 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
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:36 p.m. made by 1st Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Kretz for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history, receive advice regarding an update and discussion regarding negotiations for the Amityville Teachers' Association (ATA), receive an internal audit report and to meet with the Food Service Director.
Motion CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0

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Mr. John Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio (left at 6:34pm | rejoined at 6:52pm)
Yolanda Haynes, Food Service Director (arrived at 6:35pm | left at 6:51pm)
Lauren Agunzo, CPA- Nawrocki Smith (arrived at 6:52pm | left at 7:22pm)

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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Mr. John Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio
Mary Stephens, Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Natasha Lim, Dean of Students- Amityville Memorial High School

COMMUNITY: 13

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. Oath of Office – Superintendent of Schools

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The following person gave community input:

- Patricia Hobson

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. July 6, 2023- Special Session
2. July 12, 2023- Annual Reorganizational Meeting
3. July 12, 2023- Regular Session

Motion to approve 2A| 1| #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. Attendance of Conference- 2023 SCOPE Annual Meeting
2. Employment Agreement- District Clerk
3. Abolishment of Position- Director of Guidance

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

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 approve 3B| 1 made by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Leon

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

C. BUSINESS

1. Health & Welfare Services Contract (2022-2023)
2. Certification of Acceptance- School Lunch (2023-2024)
3. Disposal of Fixed Assets

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

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

D. FINANCE

1. Treasurer's Report- June 2023

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

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

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Leeway School - Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2023/2024
2. Christine Baudin, MS., CCC-SLP. - Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024
3. The Hagedorn Little Village School- Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2023/2024
4. Henry Viscardi School- Special Education Contract 2023/2024
5. Brookville Center for Children's Services- - Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2023/2024
6. LearnWell- Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024

Motion to approve 3E| 1-6 by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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 & Operations

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

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

- Margaret Shuff

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS (SUMMARIZED)

The Board President shared with the Board and Community a draft statement of Public Participation at Board Meetings. President Johnson stated that this would be read at the Board meetings going forward beginning in September.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 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