

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium
140 Park Avenue, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – February 14, 2024

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 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 (Arrived at 5:45pm)
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
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/Deputy District Clerk
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio (Arrived at 6:02pm)
Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:36 p.m. made by President Lisa Johnson for the purpose of a particular person's employment history as well as advice from counsel regarding ATA negotiations.

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
David Heller	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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Mr. John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio
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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

Dr. Talbert gives a statement.

(See Video Link for Complete Details)

Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance

- BUDGET WORKSHOP # 1 – Budget Review and Drivers

The link below will allow you to access the presentation:

http://www.amityvilleschools.org/Assets/BOE_Presentations/021323_23-24_Budget_Development- Draft_1.pdf?t=638118846289830000

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The following person(s) gave community input:

- Wendy Canestro
- Terry Holman
- Kenneth Egan
- Nakia Wolfe
- Brendan McGlone
- Megan Messman

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Approval of Board Minutes

N/A

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee

N/A

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

N/A

D. Audit Committee

N/A

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

A. General

1. Revised Approval of 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

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

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add Agenda item 3B - 2 regarding the Consultant Service Agreement for Consultant Carl Fraser

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Carol Seehof	Jeannette Santos

B. Personnel

1. Donation of Sick Days

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Carol Seehof

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

2. Consultant Service Agreement

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Carol Seehof	Leslie Kretz

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

C. Business

1. Health Services Contracts (Other Schools) 23-24
2. License Agreement – Village of Amityville

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	David Heller

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

D. Finance

N/A

E. Contracts for Special Education Services

N/A

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Conference and Travel

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

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

4. Community Input Regarding Non Board Agenda Items Only

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| • Julius Reynolds | • Allie McGlone | • Megan Messmann |
| • Carla Benitez | • Brendan McGlone | • Nakia Wolfe |
| • April Kenny | • Terry Holman | • Francis O’Brien |
| • Delainey Katz | • Wendy Canestro | • Matt Greiss |
| • Faith Robinson | • Rita Brooks Tyson | • James Giambrone |
| • Brendan McGlone | • Margaret Shuff | • Kale Rivera |

5. Reports

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

C. Board of Education

2. Adjournment

President Johnson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm

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Carol Seehof	David Heller

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 NO: 1**

YES	NO
Lisa Johnson	Juan Leon
Jeannette Santos	
Carol Seehof	
David Heller	
Leslie Kretz	

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:


Melissa Durnin
District Clerk