

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Work Session Minutes – October 12, 2022
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Lisa Johnson at Park North 1st Floor Board Room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. made by Trustee Kretz and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of interviews for the Assistant Principal position at Amityville Memorial High School. 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
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee

APPROVED
November 16, 2022

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 Sheehan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio (**Joined the meeting in person at approx. 6:40 p.m.**)

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 8:10 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
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
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Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk

Legal Counsel was not present.

COMMUNITY: 10

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. Grants
2. Report Card Committee

Because of the meeting starting later than scheduled, tonight’s presentation will be moved to a later date.

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (Summarized)

Community Member’s Name	Community Input
Amanda O’Connor	On agenda item 2B- who is on the policy committee? How does the Board decide how many presentations are made at meetings.
Margaret Shuff	On agenda item 2B-1- why is this revised without mentioning video livestreaming? She also asked the Board to review Babylon UFSD policy 9150 (Staff-Student Relations/Fraternization) On the PAR page 3- what is awareness weekend?

President Johnson reviewed who was on the policy committee and explained to the community the process of which policies are reviewed and processed. She also shared how the Board’s leadership decides presentations. She mentioned that she would talk about video-livestreaming in the Board report as well.

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

- 1.#1000 Community Relations Goals
2. #1120R School District Records Regulation
3. #1130 News Media Relations
4. #1400 (Ex. 1) Correspondence to the Board from the Public
5. #1230 Public Comment at Board Meetings – **First Reading**
6. #1530 Smoking and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises- **First Reading**
7. #1900 Parental Involvement- **First Reading**

Motion to approve agenda items 2B | 1-4 as a first and final reading made by Trustee Heller, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

Discussion: President Johnson reviewed for the Board all policies and mentioned that items 1-4 were reviewed with minor changes, while items 5-7 need to be reviewed by the Board for possible approval at the next meeting.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 No: 0**

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Review of Draft Agenda- Regular Monthly Meeting- October 19, 2022

Discussion: President Johnson stated that some modifications will have to be made to the presentation for this particular meeting.

2. Request for Defense and Indemnification

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-2 made by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

Discussion: None

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 the Personnel Action Report, pulling item #37 on page 8 made by Trustee Heller, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 No: 1** (Santos)

C. BUSINESS

1. Use of Facilities

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3C-1 made by Trustee Leon, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof.

Discussion: None.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 No: 0**

Note: *On the PAR, Page 6 (1- Personnel Matters- Teaching & Administrative | C. Certified Appointment(s)- Probationary item 3) the name of DR. JOHN CARDONE will be the listed name*

D. Finance

E. Contracts for Special Education Services

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Fulton.

Discussion: None.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 No: 0**

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

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

C. Board of Education

Video live streaming- President Johnson asked for the Board to state individually what is their pleasure around the execution of video live streaming.

- President Johnson- Yes
- 1st Vice President Santos- Yes
- 2nd Vice President Seehof- Yes
- Dr. Fulton- Yes
- Trustee Heller- Abstained
- Trustee Kretz- Yes
- Trustee Leon- Yes

President Johnson stated that she will work with the District Clerk to ensure that this is executed next week.

5. REPORTS

COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS (Summarized)

Community Member Name	Comment/Community Input
Amanda O'Connor	<p>Why is the Board lowering the time for community input?</p> <p>How is the District's data stored?</p> <p>Why is the District refusing to make an announcement about lunch being available in the High School for students with no lunch on their schedule?</p> <p>Has the paper for the 3rd graders been returned?</p> <p>Has the money been returned for the Drama Club?</p>
Margaret Shuff	<p>Video live-streaming- will it be archived?</p> <p>What is the deficit for hiring?</p> <p>How many postings are out and how many positions need to be filled?</p>
Terry Hollman	<p>Announcement regarding lunch has not been done.</p>

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	Classroom sizes are still large in the High School. There are enough teachers in the Social Studies department.
Nakia Wolfe	Asked that the Board give the union a hearing based off of a grievance.

Trustee Heller left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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ABSENT: Mr. David Heller, Trustee
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RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to return to the open meeting at 10:16 p.m. made by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 No: 0**

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COMMUNITY: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:17 p.m. made by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Fulton.
Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 NO: 0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk