

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Work Session Minutes – December 7, 2022**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:33 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

**APPROVED**  
**December 14, 2022**

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
*(Trustees)* Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Edward M. Fale, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan K. Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Ms. Olivia T. Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** to Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of reviewing the employment of particular personnel and to receive advice from counsel.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 No: 0**

**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  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee *(Arrived during Executive Session at 5:40 p.m.)*  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee *(Arrived during Executive Session at 5:36 p.m.)*

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Edward M. Fale, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan K. Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Ms. Olivia T. Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq., Guercio & Guercio *(Arrived during Executive Session at 5:36 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 7:30 p.m.

**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  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Edward M. Fale, Superintendent of Schools  
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Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk

Legal Counsel was not present.

**COMMUNITY:** 15

**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)**

The following presentations were made:

1. Infinite Campus
2. Secondary Course Catalogue

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

The following persons spoke during this portion of the meeting:

1. Wendy Canestro
2. Pat Hobson

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

**A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

**B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

1. Review of Draft Agenda- Regular Monthly Meeting- November 16, 2022

**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 with the correction on page 2, item 13- changing the year end date of 2023 to 2022 made by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos.

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

**C. BUSINESS**

1. Acceptance of the Corrective Action Plan
2. Amendment of the Amityville UFSD 403(b) Retirement Plan
3. Payment Agreement
4. Certified Athletic Trainer Appointment
5. Payment Agreement

Motion to approve 2C| 1-5 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Leon

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

**D. FINANCE**

**E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

**F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve 3F| 1 made by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

**4. REPORTS**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District**

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

Dr. Fale spoke briefly regarding incoming emails from community members and encouraged follow up via phone call. He also addressed a post on Facebook regarding home instruction. Finally, Dr. Fale updated the Board and community regarding the website.

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

*President Johnson left the meeting space at 8:32 p.m.; with her absence, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos became the presiding officer.*

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

Remarks were given by the following Trustees:

- Trustee Heller – Exit interview & survey
- Trustee Leon- Regents level course teacher vacancy

*President Johnson returned to the meeting space at 8:34p.m., resuming her role as presiding officer.*

- Trustee Fulton- Exit interview- policy
- Trustee Kretz- Teacher vacancies
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof- Credit recovery

## 5. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

*To watch this portion starting at 1:14:30, please click here*

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

- Wendy Canestro
- Noah Bullard
- Amanda O'Connor
- Andrew Ayodeji
- Terry Holman

**Motion to extend** community input regarding non board agenda items by 5 minutes made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, second by Trustee Fulton

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

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

- Pat Hobson
- Wendy Canestro

The 5 minutes extension of community input on non board agenda items expired, however, the Board gave unanimous consent to extend community input to allow a community member (Rosemary Tejada-Torres) to speak for two minutes.

The following Board members provided comments:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos
- Trustee Kretz

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.** by Trustee Heller, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Minutes recorded & transcribed by:*

Christian D. Code  
District Clerk