

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Work Session Minutes – February 1, 2023**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 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  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee  
Dr. Terry Fulton  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Mr. Juan Leon, 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  
Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk

Legal Counsel was not present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** to Executive Session at 5:39 p.m. made by Trustee Kretz and seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular persons employment history and to interview for the position of Director of Data & Technology.  
Motion **CARRIED Yes:** | 5 **No:** 0

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Legal Counsel was not present.

**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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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)**

The following presentations were made:

1. Superintendent Search Firm Update
2. NYSSBA Board Achievement Award

**D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

The following persons provided community input on agenda items:

- Amanda O'Connor
- Lorna Christian
- Patricia 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- February 8, 2023
2. Suffolk County Board of Elections- Polling Place Contract for 2023 & 2024

3. Denial of Grievance
4. Consultant Services Agreement- District Wise Search Consultants

Motion to approve 2C| 2-4 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, tabling item II (Personnel Matters-Non Instructional).E (FMLA).#2, made by Trustee Heller, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

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

**C. BUSINESS**

**D. FINANCE**

**E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

**F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve 2F| 1 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

**4. REPORTS**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District**

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

Dr. Fale acknowledged that the Middle School was off the state’s list as school for needs of improvement. He also gave an update regarding the website, stating that the District’s public relations firm is still working on updates to the website. This was followed by questions and comments from members of the Board of Education. The assistant superintendent’s also gave reports.

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

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

The following Board of Education members gave comments:

1. Trustee Dave Heller
2. Trustee Juan Leon

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

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

- Amanda O’Connor
- Lorna Christian
- Patricia Hobson
- Madeline Quintyne-McConney

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.** by Trustee Fulton, 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