

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – March 8, 2023
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 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

ABSENT: Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
(Trustees) 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 5:33 p.m. made by Trustee Heller and seconded by 1st Vice President Santos for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history and to receive advice from counsel.

Motion **CARRIED Yes: | 5 No: 0**

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Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Mr. David Heller, Trustee
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Mr. John Sheahan, Esq. Guercio & Guercio

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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COMMUNITY: 150 (approx.)

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. High School Highlights

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The following persons provided community input on agenda items:

- Dina Rosenberg

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. February 1, 2023- Work Session
2. February 8, 2023- Regular Session
3. February 11, 2023- Special Session
4. February 28, 2023- Special Session

Motion to **TABLE** 2A| 1| #1-4 by Trustee Fulton, seconded by Trustee Leon

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

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

1. Policy 5151- McKinney-Vento **2nd Reading**

Discussion: *President Johnson stated that there are updates to this policy that needs to be reviewed by the committee.*

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)
2. Notice of Annual Meeting, Budget Vote & Trustee Election
3. Appointment of Workers for the 2023 Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Motion to amend the agenda to move 2C-1 (Notice of Annual Meeting, Budget Vote & Trustee Election) to 2C-2 and 2C-2 (Appointment of Workers for the 2023 Budget Vote & Trustee Election) to 2C-3 by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

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

Motion to amend the agenda to add 2C-1 (State Environmental Quality Review Act-SEQRA) by Trustee Kretz and seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

Motion to approve 2C| 1-3 by Trustee Heller, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

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

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

1. 2023-2024 Academic Calendar
2. Settlement of Grievance- ATA

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

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

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to approve 3B| 1 made by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Seehof

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

C. BUSINESS

1. Use of Facilities
2. Disposal of Fixed Assets
3. Donations
4. Health & Welfare Contracts – 22/23
5. 2022-2023 Budget Increase
6. 2023-2024 Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program

Motion to approve 3C| 1-6 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

D. FINANCE

1. Treasurer’s Report- January 2023

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

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

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Brookville Center for Children’s Services- Amendment 21/22
2. Innovative Tutoring Inc.- Consultant Services Agreement 22/23
3. Innovative Tutoring Inc.- Rate Sheet 22/23

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

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

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve 3F| 1 made by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

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

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools (Summarized)

Dr. Fale spoke on the following items:

- New York State Council of State Superintendent’s Meeting
- FOIL- Appeal to the Commissioner
- Upcoming District Events

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

C. Board of Education (Summarized)

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

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

- Nakia Wolfe (On behalf of the Amityville Teacher’s Association)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk