

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Work Session Minutes – June 7, 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
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
(Trustees)

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 5:34 p.m. made by Trustee Kretz and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history, receive advice from counsel.

Motion **CARRIED Yes: 6 | 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
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee (Arrived to executive session at 5:35 p.m.)

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 P. Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio *(Arrived to Executive Session)*

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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Mr. David Heller, Trustee
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COMMUNITY: 50 (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. Discussion regarding NYS Guidance on Indigenous names, logos and mascot use

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The following persons gave community input:

- Amanda O'Connor
- Donnelle Cronin

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- June 14, 2023
2. Stipulation Agreement

Motion to approve 2C| 2 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0 | ABSTAIN: 1** (Heller)

3. Settlement Agreement

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

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0 | ABSTAIN: 1** (Heller)

4. Special Hearing Officer Appointment

Motion to approve 2C| 4 by Trustee Heller, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

5. Termination of Agreement

Motion to **TABLE** 2C| 5 by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 2nd 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 **TABLE** item A (Certified Instructional Appointment(s)- Probationary), #2 made by Trustee Heller, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

Motion to **AMEND** the original motion to table also item D (Appointment(s)- Summer 2023 Program(s), #19 & #21 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 1** (Santos)

Motion to approve item 3B|1 as amended made by Trustee Heller, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

C. BUSINESS

1. Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve
2. Capital Reserve
3. Reserve for Worker's Compensation
4. Reserve for Retirement Contributions- ERS
5. Reserve for Retirement Contributions- TRS
6. Unemployment Insurance Reserve
7. Budget Transfer

Motion to approve 3C| 1-7 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2nd Vice President Seehof

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

D. FINANCE

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

4. REPORTS

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools (Summarized)

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

C. Board of Education (Summarized)

- Trustee Dave Heller
- Trustee Juan Leon

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

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

- Francis O'Brien
- Matt Greiss
- Nakia Wolfe
- Amanda O'Connor
- Terry Holman
- Vaughn Gerbe

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. made by Trustee Fulton and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of receiving advice from counsel regarding negotiations.

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

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RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to reconvene to Open Session at 9:35 p.m. made by Trustee Fulton and seconded by Trustee Heller.

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

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Heller.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk