

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Minutes – September 13, 2023
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 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
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
Mr. David Heller, Trustee

ABSENT: Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President (Attending CUBE Annual Conference)
(Trustees) Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Attending CUBE Annual Conference)
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Gina Talbert, 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
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. made by Trustee Fulton and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history and to receive advice from legal counsel

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO: 0**

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ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
(left Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. | rejoined at 5:51 p.m.)
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
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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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Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio
Dr. Virginia Figueroa, Asst. Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services
Evan Farkas, Director of Athletics, Physical Education & Health
Angela Garcia, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages
Dr. Frances Fernandez, Director of Fine Arts
Dr. Pauline Collins, Principal- Northeast Elementary School
Kathleen Hyland, Principal- Northwest Elementary School
Sonia Rodrigo, Asst. Principal- Northwest Elementary School
Edward Plaia, Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Denise Graham, Asst. Principal- Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School
Lurdez Burrios, Asst. Principal- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Paul Duguay, Asst. Principal- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
David Mevs, Dean of Students- Edmund W. Miles Middle School
Mary Stephens, Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Dr. John Cardone, Asst. Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Natasha Lim, Dean of Students- Amityville Memorial High School
Kenneth Coard, Acting Asst. Principal- Amityville Memorial High School
Dr. Tonya Bates, Math Supervisor
Nicole Gigante, ELA Supervisor

COMMUNITY: 25

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. 9/11 Moment of Silence

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There was no community input regarding agenda related items.

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

1. August 3, 2023- Special Session
2. August 9, 2023- Regular Session
3. August 23, 2023- Special Session
4. August 30, 2023- Emergency Session

Motion to approve 2A| 1| #1-4 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. GENERAL

1. Addendum to the Stipulation of Settlement

Motion to **TABLE** 3A| 1 by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

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

2. Stipulation of Settlement & Agreement

Motion to approve 3A| 2 by Trustee Heller, seconded by Trustee Fulton

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

B. PERSONNEL

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to approve 3B| 1 made by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

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

C. BUSINESS

1. Use of Facilities

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

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

D. FINANCE

1. Treasurer's Report- July 2023

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

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

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Alternatives for Children - Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations 2023/2024
2. Hicksville UFSD Special Education Contract 2023/2024
3. East Islip UFSD Special Education Contract 2023/2024
4. SCO Family of Services/Madonna Heights- Special Education Services Contract 2023/2024
5. The Long Island Home/ South Oaks Consultant Service Contract 2023/2024

Motion to approve 3E| 1-5 by Trustee Leon, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

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

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Conferences & Travel
2. Overnight Student Trip

Motion to approve 3F| 1 | #1-5 & 3F| 2 by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Heller

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

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 & Operations

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

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

- Margaret Shuff
- Wendy Canestro
- James Shramboni
- Donnelle Cronin

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS (SUMMARIZED)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Fulton

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Christian D. Code
District Clerk