

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Mr. David Heller, Trustee
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

ABSENT: Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee
(Trustees)

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/Deputy District Clerk

No legal counsel was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:34 p.m. made by Trustee Heller and seconded by Trustee Kretz for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history and review of the District Clerk consultant agreement.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

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Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations/Deputy District Clerk
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 7:32 p.m.

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No legal counsel was present.

COMMUNITY: 12

Legal Counsel was not present.

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)

D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The following person(s) gave community input:

- Wendy Canestro

2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

1. #6240-R: Investments (1st Reading)

2. #6830-R: Expense Reimbursement (1st Reading)

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Review of Draft Agenda- Monthly Regular Meeting- November 8, 2023

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 made by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz

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

C. BUSINESS

D. FINANCE

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Conferences & Travel

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

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 gave community input:

- Debbie McQuillan
- James Giambrone
- Wendy Canestro
- Daphne Baptiste
- Megan Messman
- Paul Hobson

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS (SUMMARIZED)

The following person(s) offered comments:

- Trustee Kretz
- Trustee Heller

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 1st Vice President Santos

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Olivia T. Buatsi
Deputy District Clerk