

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Work Session Minutes – December 6, 2023
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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

ABSENT: Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
(Trustees) 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/Deputy District Clerk
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk Consultant

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. made by 2nd Vice President Seehof and seconded by Trustee Heller for the purpose of matters pertaining to particular person's employment history and to receive advice from counsel.

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

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 (arrived at 5:39p.m.)
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee (arrived at 5:43p.m.)

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
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio (arrived at 5:48p.m./left at 7:28pm)

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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COMMUNITY: 30

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)

Fiscal Update was provided by Ms. Buatsi

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

C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Review of Draft Agenda- Monthly Regular Meeting- December 13, 2023
2. District Clerk Appointment

Discussion: President Johnson stated that the start date for Ms. Durnin is January 2, 2024.

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

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | 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 made by 1st Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

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

2. Services Agreement- Comply Corporation

Discussion: President Johnson stated more information is required

Motion to **TABLE** 3B| 2 made by 2nd Vice President Seehof seconded by 1st Vice President Santos.

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

C. BUSINESS

1. Use of Facilities

2. Donations

Motion to approve 3C| 1-2 made by Trustee Heller, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

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

D. FINANCE

E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

1. Building Blocks Developmental Preschool- SEDCAR Contract 2022/2023

2. Little Angels Center- SEDCAR Contract 2022/2023

3. US Medical Staffing- Consultant Services Contract 2023/2024

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

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

F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Conferences & Travel

2. 2022-2023 Contract: SpringBoard Incubators, Inc.

3. 2023-2024 Contract: SpringBoard Incubators, Inc.

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

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | 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:

- Wendy Canestro
- Donelle Cronin

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS (SUMMARIZED)

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Board Vacancy

After a discussion, the Board determined to not fill the seat of Dr. Fulton and to leave it open until the May 2024 Budget Vote and Trustee Election.

Voting To Not Fill The Seat

Heller
Leon
Santos
Seehof

Voting To Fill The Seat

Johnson
Kretz

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by 2nd Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Kretz.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

Olivia T. Buatsi
Deputy District Clerk