

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Work Session Meeting- April 3, 2024–7:30 PM**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Arrived at 5:45 PM)  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Mr. David Heller, 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. Carl Fraser (Joined during the Public Session)  
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio  
Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:39 p.m. made President Lisa Johnson for advice from Council as well as particular person's employment history.

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	Carol Seehof

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

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement**
- B. *\*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.\****
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Johnsons asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**D. Presentation**

Dr. Gina Talbert gave opening remarks. (See video for full remarks)

Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance gave a Budget overview presentation. (See video for full presentation)

**1. Budget Presentation #3**

President Johnson makes a Motion to amend the agenda to include 2C-3 to add the ATA retirement incentive for 2023-2024

**E. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only**

- **Caroline Fanning**
- **Wendy Canestro**
- **Ken Egan**
- **James Giambrone**
- **Margaret Shuff**
- **Chris Neehring**
- **Megan Messmann**

**2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

**B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee**

**C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education**

**1. Review of Draft Agenda- Monthly Regular Meeting- April 10, 2024**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	David Heller

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

**2. Appointment of Poll Workers for the Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

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

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3. ATA Retirement Incentive

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Carol Seehof	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | 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 Agenda item 3B-1 with exception of B2 on page 1 which will be tabled.

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Carol Seehof	Leslie Kretz

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

**2. Education Law 913 Examination**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Juan Leon	Jeannette Santos

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

**C. Business**

**D. Finance**

**E. Contracts for Special Education Services**

**1. Appointment of Psychiatrist**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Leslie Kretz	Carol Seehof

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

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**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

**4. Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only**

- **Wendy Canestro**
- **Megan Messmann**
- **Lucas Torres**
- **Jacqueline Cruz Stephenson**
- **Caroline Fanning**
- **Nicole Hopper**
- **Richard Hobson**
- **Margaret Shuff**

**5. Reports**

- A. Legal Counsel for the District**
- B. Superintendent of Schools**
- C. Board of Education**

**6. Adjournment**

President Johnson makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Juan Leon	Leslie Kretz

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Minutes recorded & transcribed by:



Melissa Durnin  
District Clerk