

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701 Work Session Minutes**  
**May 1, 2024 Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Vice President Jeannette Santos at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School in Art Room 107.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*(Trustees)* Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Ms. Lisa Johnson, President

**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 5:53)  
Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:39 p.m. made Vice President Jeannette Santos for advice from Counsel and discussion from our Superintendent

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

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 7:32 p.m.

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*(Trustees)*

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Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations/Deputy District Clerk  
Mr. Carl Fraser, Consultant  
Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

**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**

Vice President Santos asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

**C. Presentations**

Dr. Talbert gave a statement and introduced Principal Pauline Collins  
(See video for full presentation)

Pauline Collings gave a presentation regarding Northeast Elementary School  
(See video for full presentation)

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

- Wendy Canestro
- Megan Messmann
- Cheryl Quaintyne
- Kayla Cooper

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

- 1. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2024 Work Session
- 2. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2024 Regular Session
- 3. Approval of Minutes – March 27, 2024 Special Meeting
- 4. Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2024 Work Session

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Juan Leon	Carol Seehof

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

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

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

- 1. Review of Draft Agenda- Monthly Regular Meeting- May 8, 2024

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Carol Seehof

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

**3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools**

**A. General**

**B. Personnel**

- 1. Personnel Action Report
- 2. Termination of Employment
- 3. CSE/CPSE Chairpersons

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Carol Seehof	Leslie Kretz

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

**C. Business**

**D. Finance**

**E. Contracts for Special Education and PPS Services**

- 1. Contract for Assistive Technology

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

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Conferences and Travel

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Leslie Kretz	Carol Seehof

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

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

- Chris Nehring
- Megan Messmann

**5. Reports**

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

C. Board of Education

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Santos makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm

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Carol Seehof	Leslie Kretz

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Minutes recorded & transcribed by:*



Melissa Durnin  
District Clerk