

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, Auditorium
Regular Meeting – July 11, 2024 – 7:30pm

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:18 PM by President Lisa Johnson following Reorganization Meeting
Motion to open meeting made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Canestro
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Johnson, Trustee
Carol Seehof, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Wendy Canestro, Trustee
Megan Messmann, Trustee
Caroline Fanning, Trustee
Christopher Nehring, 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
Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Carl Fraser, Consultant
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio
Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

A. The Emergency Exit/No Smoking Statement read

B. The Board of Education led the Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

C. Presentations

1. 2023-24 Financial Update

Olivia Buatsi gave an overview of the district's current financial status
(See video for full presentation)

D. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only

- Matt Greiss
- Edward Plaia
- Margaret Shuff

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. Advance Payment Agreement (Reserves Claim Rights) (NYS DOT)

Motion to Approve **3C-1** made by W. Canestro; seconded by L. Kretz
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

2. Agreement of Adjustment and Release of Owner (Full Release of Claims) (NYS DOT)
Advised by Counsel that **2C-2** is the same as **2C-1** only **2C-1** was voted on and **2C-2** is
withdrawn.

Motion to Withdraw **2C-2** made by C. Seehof; seconded by W. Canestro
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No.

Motion to Amend the Agenda to include item **2C-3** for the purpose of Board members to attend a Law conference. The cost per person would be \$210 virtually or \$325 in person.

Motion made by L. Kretz; seconded by C. Fanning.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion for Board Members to attend Law Conference **2C-3** made by C. Nehring; seconded by C. Fanning

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

D. Audit Committee

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

A. General

1. Table of Organization Modification-Special Education/PPS.

Motion to Approve **3A-1** made by C. Nehring; seconded by L. Kretz

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

2. Side Letter Agreement: ATA Building Level Leaders.

Motion to Approve **3A-2** made by C. Fanning; seconded by C. Nehring

The Board called for a roll call as follows:

NAME	YES	NO
Lisa Johnson	X	
Carol Seehof	X	
Megan Messmann	X	
Leslie Kretz	X	
Wendy Canestro	X	
Caroline Fanning		X
Christopher Nehring	X	

Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 1 No

B. Personnel

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to Approve **3B-1** made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Seehof

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

2. Service Agreement: Comply Corporation

Motion to Approve **3B-2** made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Seehof

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

3. Stipulation of Agreement Return to Work

Motion to Approve **3B-3** made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Seehof

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add Agenda Items **3B-4**, **3B-5** and **3B-6** made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Fanning.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

4. Appointment: Transportation Coordinator – Spence, N.

5. Appointment: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – Stephens, M.

6. Appointment: Interim Secondary Principal/AMHS – Cardone, J. Dr.

Motion to Approve Agenda Items **3B-4**, **3B-5** and **3B-6** made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Ms. Seehof.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

C. Business

1. Donations

2. Use of Facilities

Motion to Approve **3C-1** and **3C-2** made by Mrs. Canestro; seconded by Mr. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

3. AS-7 BOCES Agreement for 2024-25 School Year

Motion to Approve **3C-3** made by Mrs. Canestro; seconded by Mr. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

D. Finance

1. Treasurer's Report – May 2024

Motion to Approve **3D-1** made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Mr. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

E. Contracts for Special Education Services

1. Plainedge UFSD- Special Education Contract 2024/2025

2. Amergis Healthcare Staffing Inc.– Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025

3. Dr. Caryl Oris, MD- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025

4. Dr. Jodi Mishkin-Michaelson- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025

5. South Oaks/ The Long Island Home- Consultant Services Contract 2024/2025

Motion to Approve **3E-1 through 3E-5** made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

F. Curriculum and Instruction

4. Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only

- Nakia Wolfe
- Debra McQuillan
- Robert Plaia
- Jacqueline Stevenson
- Margaret Shuff

5. Reports

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

C. Board of Education

6. Adjournment

Motion adjourn the Open Meeting at 12:09 AM made by President Johnson

Motion approved Mrs. Canestro; seconded Mr. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Becker
Interim District Clerk

BOE APPROVED 08/25/24