

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Special Session Meeting – June 28, 2024 – 5:30PM

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by President Lisa Johnson at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School in the Auditorium.

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.**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

President Johnson asked that everyone stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President
(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Mr. Juan Leon,
Mr. David Heller

ABSENT: N/A

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, Consultant
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio
Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:31pm. made President Lisa Johnson for a major issue

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
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Leslie Kretz	Jeannette Santos
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Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0**

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 5:36pm

President Johnson makes a Motion to amend the agenda to add Agenda Items:

- 2C-4
- 2C-5
- 2C-6

2C 4 - Resolution regarding a vacancy appointment whereas effective June 22, 2024, the seat of Board Member Wendy Canestro became vacant as the Oath of Office was not filed with the office of the district clerk by that date. Whereas the Education Law section 1709 authorized the Board of Education to fill such vacancy by appointment. Now therefore be it resolved the Board of Education hereby appoints Wendy Canestro to the vacant seat and authorizes the Oath of Office be administered to set individual effective immediately and said Board member shall serve until the next regular school district election on May 20, 2025.

2C-5 - Resolution regarding vacancy appointment number 2, where as effective April 19th the seat of Board member David Heller became vacant due to his resignation from the Board of Education and whereas the Board of Education law section 1709 authorizes the Board of Education fill such vacancy by appointment. Now therefore be it resolved the Board of Education hereby appoints _____.

No decision has been made to said vacant seat and authorizes the Oath of Office to be administered to the set individual effective immediately upon Appointment and said Board Member shall serve into the next regular school district election on May 20th, 2025.

2C-6 - Resolution regarding vacancy appointment number 3, resolve the Board of Education hereby appoints Melissa Durnin to serve as District Clerk for the balance of the 23 24 school year and authorizes the Oath of Office to be administered to set individual effective immediately.

President Johnson makes a Motion to add these Agenda Items

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

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

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2C-4

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

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

Board Trustee Wendy Canestro is sworn in

Motion to appoint Wayne Thompson made by Wendy Canestro

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Wendy Canestro	Leslie Kretz

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

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
LISA JOHNSON		X	
JEANNETTE SANTOS		X	
CAROL SEEHOF		X	
LESLIE KRETZ		X	
JUAN LEON			X
WENDY CANESTRO	X		

Motion **CARRIED YES: 1 | NO: 4 ABSTAIN: 1**

Motion to appoint Jacqueline Stevenson made by Wendy Canestro

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Wendy Canestro	Carol Seehof

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
LISA JOHNSON		X	
JEANNETTE SANTOS		X	
CAROL SEEHOF		X	
LESLIE KRETZ		X	

JUAN LEON			X
WENDY CANESTRO	X	X	

Motion **CARRIED YES: 1 | NO: 4 ABSTAIN: 1**

Motion to appoint Christopher Nehring made by Carol Seehof

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Carol Seehof	Jeannette Santos

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
LISA JOHNSON	X		
JEANNETTE SANTOS	X		
CAROL SEEHOF	X		
LESLIE KRETZ	X		
JUAN LEON			X
WENDY CANESTRO		X	

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 1**

Christopher Nehring is appointed to the vacant seat and is sworn in

C. Presentations

D. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only

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. Culvert Replacement Project Property Release Form

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Wendy Canestro	Carol Seehof

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

2. Independent Investigation

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Jeannette Santos

NAME	YES	NO
LISA JOHNSON	X	
JEANNETTE SANTOS	X	
CAROL SEEHOF	X	
LESLIE KRETZ	X	
JUAN LEON		X
WENDY CANESTRO	X	

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 1**

3. Consideration of Candidates for Board Vacancy and Potential Board Action

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Jeannette Santos

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

4. Re-Appointment of Trustee Wendy Canestro

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

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

5. Appointment of Christopher Nehring to vacant seat of David Heller

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Carol Seehof	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO: 1 ABSTAIN: 1**

6. Re-Appointment of District Clerk Melissa Durnin

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Wendy Canestro	Juan Leon

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1**

(Christopher Nehring abstained as he was newly sworn in)

D. Audit Committee

E. Abolishments

1. Rescinding Excessed Music Teacher Position
2. Rescinding Excessed Custodial Position

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Wendy Canestro	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1**

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

A. General

B. Personnel

1. Personnel Action Report

4. Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Wendy Canestro

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1**

A. Business

B. Finance

C. Contracts for Special Education and PPS Services

D. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Overnight Out of State Field Trip: Pine Forest Road Cheer Camp

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Wendy Canestro

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1**

Leslie Kretz left the Meeting at this time

5. Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only

- Debra McQuillan

- **Jacqueline Stevenson**
- **Margaret Shuff**

6. Reports

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

7. Adjournment

President Johnson makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47PM

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Carol Seehof	Wendy Canestro

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

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes recorded & transcribed by:

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