

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Work Session – September 11, 2024
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Johnson, President
Carol Seehof, 1st Vice President
Megan Messmann, 2nd Vice President
Wendy Canestro, Trustee
Caroline Fanning, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Christopher Nehring, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools
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Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:35 PM for advice from Counsel regarding, CSEA and particular person

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It was the consensus of the Board to resume Open Meeting at 7:43 PM

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Lisa Hutchison, Esq., Guercio & Guercio
Eileen Becker, Interim District Clerk

A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Presentations

1. 9/11 Tribute- First Responders
2. Amityville Memorial High School 2024-25 Goals & Initiatives
3. Edmund W. Miles Middle School 2024-25 Goals & Initiatives

D. Community Input regarding Board Agenda Items Only

Refer to the Recording of this Meeting

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes

1. Draft #2 – June 5, 2024 Work Session
2. Draft #2 – June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting
3. Draft #2 – June 24, 2024 Special Meeting
4. Draft #2 – June 28, 2024 Special Meeting

Motion to Approve Agenda Items **2A-1 through 2A-4** made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Fanning

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

1. Consent to Change Attorney

Motion to Approve Agenda Item **2C-1** made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Seehof

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

D. Audit Committee

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

A. General

1. AAA Leaders of Tomorrow Side Letter Agreement
2. AAA CAC Side Letter Agreement
3. Interim Dignity Act Coordinators (DASA)

Motion to Approve Agenda Items **3A-1 through 3A-3** made by C. Seehof; seconded by W. Canestro

Discussion: Refer to Video of Meeting

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

B. Personnel

1. Appointment: Substitute Teacher- Thorn, Kathleen
2. Appointment: Leave Replacement: ENL Teacher- D'Antonia, Joanne
3. Appointment: Substitute Teacher Assistant- Kaiser, Gail
4. Appointment: Probationary Assistant Principal/HS- TBD
5. Appointment: Probationary Assistant Principal/MS- McCord, K.
6. Appointment: 0.4 Spanish Teacher- Castiblanco, Belinda
7. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher- Galante, Justine
8. Appointment: Permanent Substitute Teacher- Morgan, Alexandria
9. Appointment: Cap & Gown Coordinator- Donovan, Sandra
10. Appointment: AV Coordinator- Abate, Anthony
11. Appointment: Band Director- Abate, Anthony

12. Appointment: Stage Advisory- Abate, Anthony
13. Appointment: Chamber Orchestra- Ferrante, Bianca
14. Appointment: Chorus Director- DeMato, Joseph
15. Appointment: Asst. Marching Band Director- DeMato, Joseph
16. Resignation: Teaching Assistant- Mizensak, Deana
17. Resignation: Permanent Sub Teacher- Toscano, Reed
18. Resignation: Permanent Sub Teacher- Conti, Kayla
19. Resignation: Permanent Sub Teacher- Stemmler, Samantha
20. FMLA: Teaching Assistant- Simmons, Amanda
21. FMLA: Physical Ed Teacher- Claps, Robert
22. Appointment: Head Custodian- Camelliri, Joseph
23. Appointment: Food Service Worker 5.0 Hour- Gonzalez, Santos
24. Appointment: School Nurse Leave Replacement- Panesar, Prem
25. Resignation: Food Service Worker 7.0 Hour- Rodriguez Marte, Orquidea
26. Appointment: (Preferred Eligibility List) Monitors

Motion to Approve Agenda Items **3B-1 through 3B-3** made by W. Canestro; seconded by M. Messmann
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Table Agenda Item **3B-4** made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Seehof
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve and add Kenneth McCord to Agenda Item **3B-5** made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Seehof
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Items **3B-6 through 3B-26** made by L. Kretz; seconded by C. Seehof
Discussion: Discussion: Refer to Video of Meeting
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

C. Business

D. Finance

E. Contracts for PPS & Special Education Services

1. Martin De Porres- Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
2. Metro Therapy- Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
3. United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau DBA The Children's Learning Center- Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
4. Variety Child Learning Center- Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025

Motion to Approve Agenda Items **3E-1 through 3E-4** made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Nehring
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

F. Curriculum and Instruction

4. Old Business

1. Northeast Elementary School
2. Leaders of Tomorrow Program
3. Mascot
4. Energy Performance Contract (EPC)

Discussion: Refer to Video of Meeting

5. New Business

Discussion: Refer to Video of Meeting

6. Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only

- Nakia Wolfe
- Mr. Plaia

- Ms. Ahl

7. **Reports**

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

C. Board of Education

It was the consensus of the Board to return to Executive Session at 10:07 PM for the purpose of discussion particular person(s) employment history.

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Motion to Amend the Agenda to add Agenda Item **2C-3** Student Settlement Agreement made by C. Nehring; seconded by M. Messmann

Discussion: Refer to Video of Meeting

Resolution read

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Item **2C-3** Student Settlement Agreement made by M. Messmann; seconded by C. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Amend the Agenda Item **3B-4** and Approve Agenda Item **3B-4** Appointment: Assistant Principal/AMHS – Angelica Rodriguez made by C. Fanning; seconded by C. Nehring.

Resolution Read

Discussion: Refer to Video of Meeting

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

8. **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn Open Meeting at 11:45 PM made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Becker

Interim District Clerk

BOE APPROVED 08/25/24