

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Session Monthly Meeting Agenda – August 28, 2024
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School – Auditorium – 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement *Please note the emergency exits closest to you, there is no smoking on school grounds and please silence cell phones during the business of the board.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT:

Wendy Canestro, Trustee
Christopher Nehring, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools
Mary Stephens, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Carl Fraser, Consultant
Lisa Hutchison, Esq., Guercio & Guercio

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:35 PM made by President Johnson for advice regarding legal matters.

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

Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa Johnson, President
Carol Seehof, 1st Vice President
Megan Messmann, 2nd Vice President
Wendy Canestro, Trustee (arrived at 5:40 PM)
Caroline Fanning, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee
Christopher Nehring, Trustee (arrived at 5:40 PM)

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There was a consensus of the Board of Education to resume the Open Meeting at 7:38 PM

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

COMMUNITY: 15 members

C. Hearing

1. 2024-2025 Districtwide Safety Plan

a. Presentation: Altaris Consulting Group – Tom Donahue

D. Presentations

1. Back to School Updates – Dr. Talbert and Ms. Stephens

2. Transportation- Nathanael Spence

E. Community Input regarding Board Agenda Items Only – No Discussion

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

D. Audit Committee

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

A. General

1. Districtwide Safety Plan

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3A-1 made by W. Canestro; seconded by L. Kretz.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

B. Personnel

1. Probationary Appointment: ENL Teacher- Daley, Kim

2. Probationary Appointment: McKinney Vento Liaison- Bermudez, Jessenia

3. Probationary Appointment: Spanish Teacher- Riccio, Kaitlin

4. Appointment: Perm Sub Teacher- Morgan, Alexandra

5. Appointment: Perm Sub Teacher- Reid Jr., William

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B1 through 3B5 made by C. Nehring; seconded by W. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

6. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- McGlynn, Dr. Margaret

7. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Scheinderman, Brittany

8. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Hopkins, Mary Francis

9. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Sage, Stephanie

10. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Zachary, Corrine

11. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Davi-Ortiz, Nancy

12. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Naso, Keri

13. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Meisser, Patricia

14. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Harris, Ada

15. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Grasso, Paul

16. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Driscoll, Jessica

17. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Stein, Amy

18. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Reiner, Howard

19. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Bonny-Rankin, Soraya

20. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Carlucci, Suzanne

21. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Garofano, Christine

22. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Mizrachi, Dawn

23. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Building Level Leader- Wilsher, Jodi

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B6 through 3B23 made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Fanning

Discussion: Refer to Video/Audio

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Rescind Approval of Agenda Items 3B6 through 3B23 made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Fanning

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-6, 9, 10, 19, 20 made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Fanning

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-7, 8; 3B-11 through 3B-18; 3B-21 through 3B-23 made by C. Seehof; seconded by C. Nehring

Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 1 No (W. Canestro)

24. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Broadcasting Co-Advisor- Greiss, Matt
25. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Drama- DeMato-Garcia, Joseph
26. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Echo Newspaper- Keenan, Kara
27. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Future Teachers- Roberts, Melissa
28. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Hispanic Heritage- Castro, Elisa
29. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Interact- Bonny-Rankin, Soraya
30. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Jazz Band- Abate, Anthony
31. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Key Club- Mizrachi, Dawn
32. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club National Art Honor Society- Grasso, Jayne
33. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club National Honor Society- Schulken, Jennifer
34. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Rho Kappa Honor Society Co-Advisor- Mizrachi, Dawn
35. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Rho Kappa Honor Society Co-Advisor- Schulken, Jennifer
36. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Student Government- Wilsher, Jodi
37. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Tri-M- Ferrante, Bianca
38. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club World Language Honor Society Co-Advisor- Limprevil-Divers, Dominique
39. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club World Language Honor Society Co-Advisor- Whitney, Sandra
40. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Yearbook- Scherzinger, Patricia
41. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Black Student Union- Taliefero, Shiverne
42. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Senior Class- Fulford, Amy
43. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Junior Class- Gordon, Lindsey
44. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Sophomore Class- Ellahi, Khudeja
45. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment - Club Freshman Class- Mendelson, Tiffany
46. Appointment: Instructional Addt'l Assignment- Ruiz De Ojeda, Maria
47. Appointment: Nurse - Athletic Practices & Physicals- Fulford, Amy
48. Appointment: Junior Varsity Sideline Cheerleading Head Coach- Moronta, Stacey
49. Appointment: Junior Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Head Coach- Moronta, Stacey

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-24 through 3B-49 made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Seehof

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

50. Appointment: Volunteer Football Coach- Looney, Gary
51. Appointment: Volunteer Wrestling Coach- Magnani, Jack
52. Appointment: Volunteer Basketball Coach- Price, Anthony

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-50 through 3B-52 made by W. Canestro; seconded by M. Messmann

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

53. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Claps, Robert

54. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Diot, Chris
55. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Abbondondolo, Michael
56. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Abbondondolo Sr., Michael
57. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Agostino, Jack
58. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Agostino, Anthony
59. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Armenia, Michelle
60. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Bueno, Reynaldo
61. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Chamberlain, Christopher
62. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Chambliss, Raheem
63. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Epps, Jason
64. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Gallo, Doreen
65. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Gannon, Chris
66. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- George, Berten
67. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Germain, Pascal
68. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Howard, Margot
69. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Jackson, James
70. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Karafantis, George
71. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Kretz, William
72. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Kreuzscher, Brooke
73. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Lewis, Donnell
74. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Maloney, Tom
75. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- McCoy, Greg
76. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Mendelson, Tiffany
77. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Miasel, William
78. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Moronta, Stacey
79. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Orellana, Erick
80. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Price, Anthony
81. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Reyes, Samantha
82. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Rugen, Randy
83. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Sage, Stephanie
84. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Thomas, Olivia
85. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Zider, Jack

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-53 through 3B-85 made by C. Nehring; seconded by W. Canestro
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

86. Resignation: Assistant Principal- Rodrigo, Sonia

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3B-86 made by M. Messmann; seconded by C. Fanning
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

87. FMLA: Special Ed. Teacher- Lisle, Daniel
88. Rescind: Middle School Competitive Cheerleading Assistant Coach- Moronta, Stacey
89. Appointment: Leave Replacement- Klindworth, Daniel
90. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- Ahl, Joan
91. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- Cammaroto, Deborah
92. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- Castaldi, Jean
93. Appointment: Sub Custodial Worker- Coaxum, Daryl
94. Appointment: School Nurse Leave Replacment- Corbin-Williams, Cara-Mia
95. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- Cruse, Nancy
96. Appointment: Sub School Nurse Physical & Sports Practices- Fulford, Amy
97. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- Guglieri, Marianne

98. Appointment: Sub Office Assistant- Harrison, Carmelia
99. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- Jackson, Patricia
100. Appointment: Sub Office Assistant- Kuperstein, Susan
101. Appointment: Sub School Nurse- Martin, Pamela
102. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- O'Neill, Jeanne
103. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- Quintanilla, Irene
104. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- Reedy, Patricia
105. Appointment Annual: Bus Monitor- Reese, Jean
106. Appointment Annual: Sub Office Assistant- Saunders, Cassandra
107. Appointment: Security Guard Per Diem- Cuda, Saverio
108. Appointment: Security Guard Per Diem- Porter, Pablo
109. Resignation: Monitor- Latimer, Leslie
110. Appointment: Director for Leaders of Tomorrow Afterschool Program- Impagliazzo, Diane
111. Appointment: Substitute Teacher- Cox, Mary
112. Probationary Appointment: Technology Teacher- Cori, Stefano
113. Agreement Addendum: Interim Administrator for Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services- Kosser, Susan

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-87 through 3B-113 made by C. Fanning; seconded by C. Seehof
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

C. Business

1. Cooperative Bid for Tree Maintenance Service Bid #2023-453-Extension
2. Use of Facilities
3. Certification of Acceptance: Community Eligibility Provision- School Lunch (2024-2025)
4. Disposal of Fixed Assets
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6. Disposal of Fixed Assets
7. Tax Levy 2024-2025

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-6 made by C. Seehof; seconded by L. Kretz
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

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

D. Finance

1. Treasurer's Report: June 2024

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by L. Kretz; seconded by C. Nehring
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

E. Contracts for PPS & Special Education Services

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Conferences and Travel

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Nehring
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

4. Old Business

Please listen to the audio/video for discussion.

Discussion regarding the RFP's for Legal Counsel included not enough applicants responded. It was brought up to extend the RFP two weeks and post again. The discussion was then put to a vote:

Lisa Johnson, President	No
Carol Seehof, 1 st Vice President	No

Megan Messmann, 2 nd Vice President	Yes
Wendy Canestro, Trustee	Yes
Caroline Fanning, Trustee	Yes
Leslie Kretz, Trustee	No
Christopher Nehring, Trustee	No

Motion Fails: 3 Yes; 4 No

5. **New Business**

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

- N. Williams
- M. Greiss
- F. O'Brien
- E. Farkas
- P. Dieck

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7. **Reports**

A. Legal Counsel for the District

B. Superintendent of Schools

C. Board of Education

8. **Adjournment**

Motion Adjourn Open Meeting at 10:18 PM made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Seehof

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Becker
Interim District Clerk

BOE APPROVED 08/25/24