

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, Auditorium**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting – October 23, 2024**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by President Lisa Johnson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Johnson, President  
Carol Seehof, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Caroline Fanning, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, 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, Financial Consultant

**It was the consensus of the Board of Education to enter to Executive Session at 5:36 PM for the purpose of advice from Counsel regarding ATA negotiations, matters regarding particular person's employment history, conduct interviews for Part Time Director Fine & Performing Arts and meeting with Financial Advisors/Bond**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Johnson, President  
Carol Seehof, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Megan Messmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (arrived 5:40 PM)  
Wendy Canestro, Trustee (arrived 5:40 PM)  
Caroline Fanning, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Christopher Nehring, Trustee (arrived 5:40 PM)

**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, Financial Consultant  
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP (arrived 5:38 PM)

**There was consensus of the Board to reconvene Open Session at 7:54 PM.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisa Johnson, President  
Carol Seehof, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Megan Messmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
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Carl Fraser, Financial Consultant  
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP  
Eileen Becker, Interim District Clerk

**COMMUNITY:** 38 Members

**A. The Emergency Exit/No Smoking Statement Read**

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

**C. Presentations - Refer to the video recording of the meeting**

1. Board of Education Recognition Week
2. National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Long Island Suffolk County Chapter, Inc. – Mentoring Program
3. iReady Baseline Data Presentation

**D. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only – Refer to the video recording of the meeting**

- Jacqueline Stevens
- James Giambrone
- Robert Plaia
- Donelle Cronin
- Winsome Brown-Cooke
- Margaret Shuff

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

**A. Approval of Board Minutes**

1. Draft #1 - September 25, 2024 - Regular Monthly Meeting
2. Draft #1 - September 30, 2024 - Special Meeting
3. Draft #1 - October 7, 2024 - Special Meeting
4. Draft #1 - October 9, 2024 - Special Meeting - Policy Committee
5. Draft #1 - October 10, 2024 - Special Meeting

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-5 made by M. Messmann; seconded C. Seehof  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

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

1. Policy # 2245 Student Representative to the Board of Education
2. Policy # 3210 Organizational Chart 2024-2025
3. Policy # 5605 Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration
4. Policy # 8112-R Health and Safety Committee Regulation
5. Policy #9150 Staff-Student Relations (Fraternization)

**As this was the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft, the Board will submit the Policies to Legal Counsel for review.**

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

1. Citizens Budget Advisory Committee
2. District Clerk Appointment
3. Student Stipulation and General Release
4. Student Stipulation and General Release

**Motion to Table Agenda Item 2C-2 made by W. Canestro; seconded L. Kretz**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 2C-1, 2C-3 and 2C-4 made by W. Canestro; seconded M. Messmann**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**D. Board Action Recommended by the Audit Committee**

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

**A. General**

1. Donation of Sick Bank Days
2. Non-Resident Student Request

**Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3A-1 made by C. Seehof; seconded C. Nehring**

**Discussion: Refer to Recording**

**Motion to Rescind Agenda Item 3A-1 made by W. Canestro; seconded M. Messman**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3A-2 made by W. Canestro; seconded by L. Kretz**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**B. Personnel**

1. Resolution PEL Appointment: Physical Education Teacher – Steiger, Angela
2. Resolution PEL Appointment: Teacher Assistant - Spence, Jasmine
3. Resolution Appointment: P/T Director for Fine & Performing Arts - TBD
4. Appointment: School Psychologist - Gulkis, Leslie

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-4 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Seehof**

**Discussion: 3B-3 Dr. Frances Fernandez was appointed.**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

5. Appointment: FACS Teacher – TBD

**Motion to Withdraw Agenda Item 3B-5 made by M. Messmann; seconded W. Canestro**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

6. Appointment: Speech Teacher - Cohen, Tami

**Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3B-6 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Nehring**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

7. Appointment: Speech Teacher – TBD

**Motion to Withdraw Agenda Item 3B-7 made by C. Seehof; seconded W. Canestro**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

8. Appointment: Perm Sub Teacher - D'Antonio, Joanna
9. Appointment: DASA Coordinator - Bermudez, Jessenia
10. Appointment: DASA Coordinator - Rodriguez, Angelica
11. Appointment: DASA Coordinator - Balducci, Kimberly
12. Appointment: DASA Coordinator - Brodack, Marily

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-8 through 3B-12 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Nehring**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

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13. Appointment: DASA Coordinator - Lee, Debra

**Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3B-13 made by C. Seehof; seconded by C. Nehring**

**Motion Carries: 4 Yes; 3 No (M. Messman, W. Canestro, C. Fanning)**

14. Appointment: Teacher Mentor -3rd year- 10 hours - Zwerling, Corey

15. Appointment: Teacher Mentor -3rd year- 10 hours - Brooks, Margaret

16. Appointment: Teacher Mentor -1st year- 30 hours - Pepe, Jennifer

17. Appointment: Parent Trainer - Cammaroto, Tricia

18. Appointment: Parent Trainer - Sage, Stephanie

19. Appointment: Parent Trainer - Lee, Debra

20. Appointment: Parent Trainer - Feehan, Rebecca

21. Appointment: Parent Trainer - Litras, Victoria

22. Appointment: Parent Trainer - Lanser, Nicole

23. Appointment: Building Level Leader - Silon, Renee

24. Appointment: Interpreter - Ayala, Yohana

25. Appointment: Interpreter - Delgado, Jessica

26. Appointment: Interpreter - Godinez, Danielle

27. Appointment: Interpreter - Gollin, Axxa

28. Appointment: Interpreter - Harris, Carmen

29. Appointment: Interpreter - Hay, Keysha

30. Appointment: Interpreter - Idrovo, Cinthia

31. Appointment: Interpreter - Juna-Loy, Roxana

32. Appointment: Interpreter - Louis, Gerde

33. Appointment: Interpreter - Pomare-Davis, Celia

34. Appointment: Interpreter - Quiroz, Martha

35. Appointment: Interpreter - Ruiz de Ojeda, Maria

36. Appointment: Interpreter - Tandy, Jeannette

37. Appointment: Interpreter - Varas, Lissa

38. Appointment: Interpreter - Whitney, Sandra

39. Appointment: Translator - Delgado, Jessica

40. Appointment: Translator - Godinez, Danielle

41. Appointment: Translator - Gollin, Axxa

42. Appointment: Translator - Harris, Carmen

43. Appointment: Translator - Hay, Keysha

44. Appointment: Translator - Juna-Loy, Roxana

45. Appointment: Translator - Louis, Gerde

46. Appointment: Translator - Pomare-Davis, Celia

47. Appointment: Translator - Quiroz, Martha

48. Appointment: Translator - Ruiz de Ojeda, Maria

49. Appointment: Translator - Soto, Kenia

50. Appointment: Translator - Tandy, Jeannette

51. Appointment: Translator - Thepenier, Karina

52. Appointment: Translator - Varas, Lissa

53. Appointment: Translator - Whitney, Sandra

54. Appointment: LoT Nurse - Corbin-Williams, Cara-Mia

55. Appointment: LoT Nurse - Fulford, Amy

56. Appointment: LoT Nurse - Joseph, Emelda

57. Appointment: LoT Nurse - Tetrault, Samantha

58. Appointment: LoT Sub Nurse - Johnson, Patricia

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59. Appointment: LoT Co Site Coordinator - Cardone, John
60. Appointment: LoT Co Site Coordinator - Vineyard, Maria
61. Appointment: LoT Co Site Coordinator - Rodriguez, Angelica
62. Appointment: LoT Sub Site Coordinator - Castro, Elisa
63. Appointment: LoT Sub Site Coordinator - Wilsher, Jodi
64. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Rosario, Kathryn
65. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Mott, Kerri
66. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Harpaul, Kelly
67. Appointment: LoT Sub Teacher - Blando, Luigina
68. Appointment: Chaperone - Altamura, Nicole
69. Appointment: Chaperone - Ashe, Megan
70. Appointment: Chaperone - Boell, John
71. Appointment: Chaperone - Bonny-Rankin, Soraya
72. Appointment: Chaperone - Borja, Ashley
73. Appointment: Chaperone - Borycki, Justyna
74. Appointment: Chaperone - Breittfeller, Jacklyn
75. Appointment: Chaperone - Brink, Donna
76. Appointment: Chaperone - Brown-Fields, Jacqueline
77. Appointment: Chaperone - Button, Kristen
78. Appointment: Chaperone - Byrd, Jessica
79. Appointment: Chaperone - Cabanas, Hugo
80. Appointment: Chaperone - Cammaroto, Tricia
81. Appointment: Chaperone - Casey, Annemarie
82. Appointment: Chaperone - Castro, Elisa
83. Appointment: Chaperone - Claps, Robert
84. Appointment: Chaperone - Collura, Noelle
85. Appointment: Chaperone - Delgado, Jessica
86. Appointment: Chaperone - DeMato-Garcia, Joseph
87. Appointment: Chaperone - Diliberto, Carol
88. Appointment: Chaperone - Doht, Patricia
89. Appointment: Chaperone - Eastwood, Michelle
90. Appointment: Chaperone - Faber, Nicole
91. Appointment: Chaperone - Feehan, Rebecca
92. Appointment: Chaperone - Ferebee, Kapreece
93. Appointment: Chaperone - Ferrante, Bianca
94. Appointment: Chaperone - Floyd, Micia
95. Appointment: Chaperone - Forstbauer, Judith
96. Appointment: Chaperone - Franchi, Christine
97. Appointment: Chaperone - Frank, Katharine
98. Appointment: Chaperone - Fulford, Amy
99. Appointment: Chaperone - Gibson, Angela
100. Appointment: Chaperone - Godinez, Danielle
101. Appointment: Chaperone - Gollin, Axxa
102. Appointment: Chaperone - Grasso, Jayne
103. Appointment: Chaperone - Gray, Adriana
104. Appointment: Chaperone - Greco, Michael
105. Appointment: Chaperone - Harris, Adrienne
106. Appointment: Chaperone - Herz, Dana
107. Appointment: Chaperone - Idrovo, Cinthia

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108. Appointment: Chaperone - Intrieri, Christine
109. Appointment: Chaperone - Johnson, Elizabeth
110. Appointment: Chaperone - Jordan, Constance
111. Appointment: Chaperone - Juna-Loy, Roxana
112. Appointment: Chaperone - Kaplan, Christina
113. Appointment: Chaperone - Karounos, Olimpia
114. Appointment: Chaperone - Klimek, Christine
115. Appointment: Chaperone - Koraus, Debra
116. Appointment: Chaperone - Langford, Bernadette
117. Appointment: Chaperone - LaPersonerie, Alison
118. Appointment: Chaperone - Lettieri, Chris
119. Appointment: Chaperone - Litras, Victoria
120. Appointment: Chaperone - Louis, Gerde
121. Appointment: Chaperone - Lovett, Kristie
122. Appointment: Chaperone - Lynch, Barbara
123. Appointment: Chaperone - Manley, Dan
124. Appointment: Chaperone - Mannion, Joseph
125. Appointment: Chaperone - Mazes, Tara
126. Appointment: Chaperone - McCarthy, Cindy
127. Appointment: Chaperone - McCatty, Daisy
128. Appointment: Chaperone - Mizrachi, Dawn
129. Appointment: Chaperone - Morgan, Alexandria
130. Appointment: Chaperone - Ollivierre-Williams, Amecia
131. Appointment: Chaperone - Pappas, Nicole
132. Appointment: Chaperone - Pugliese, Gina
133. Appointment: Chaperone - Reese, Jean
134. Appointment: Chaperone - Reichel, Allison
135. Appointment: Chaperone - Reid, William
136. Appointment: Chaperone - Rivera, Jennifer
137. Appointment: Chaperone - Robinson, Lydia
138. Appointment: Chaperone - Rogers, Michael
139. Appointment: Chaperone - Rolston, Carolyn
140. Appointment: Chaperone - Ruiz de Ojeda, Maria
141. Appointment: Chaperone - Sage, Stephanie
142. Appointment: Chaperone - Sbarra, Eileen
143. Appointment: Chaperone - Scherzinger, Patricia
144. Appointment: Chaperone - Schulken, Jennifer
145. Appointment: Chaperone - Spady, Antonia
146. Appointment: Chaperone - Stone, Carolyn
147. Appointment: Chaperone - Taliefero, Shiverne
148. Appointment: Chaperone - Tejada Torres, Rose Mary
149. Appointment: Chaperone - Tesoro, Katie
150. Appointment: Chaperone - Walker, Tiffany
151. Appointment: Chaperone - Westphal, Cara
152. Appointment: Chaperone - Whitney, Sandra
153. Appointment: Chaperone - Wishin, Brian
154. Appointment: Chaperone - Wunderlich, Ellen
155. Appointment: Chaperone - Zachary, Corinne
156. Appointment: Chaperone - Zaratin, Susan

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157. Appointment: Chaperone - Zwerling, Corey
158. Appointment: Coach - High School Baseball Intramural - Zider, Jack
159. Appointment: Coach - High School Boys Basketball Intramural - Agostino, Jack
160. Appointment: Coach - High School Boys Soccer Intramural - Abbondandolo, Mike
161. Appointment: Coach - High School Boys Volleyball Intramural - Mendelson, Tiffany
162. Appointment: Coach - High School Cheerleading Intramural - Cohen, Meredith
163. Appointment: Coach - High School Flag Football Intramural - Maisel, William
164. Appointment: Coach - High School Football Intramural - Epps, Jason
165. Appointment: Coach - High School Girls Basketball Intramural - Maloney, Tom
166. Appointment: Coach - High School Girls Lacrosse Intramural - Howard, Margot
167. Appointment: Coach - High School Girls Soccer Intramural - Armenia, Michele
168. Appointment: Coach - High School Girls Volleyball Intramural - Reiner, Howard
169. Appointment: Coach - High School Softball Intramural - DeMonda, Nicholas
170. Appointment: Coach - High School Tennis Intramural - Greiss, Matt
171. Appointment: Coach - High School Wrestling Intramural - Manley, Dan
172. Appointment: Coach - High School Challenger Soccer Intramural - Annese, Robert
173. Appointment: Coach - High School Challenger Basketball Intramural - Annese, Robert
174. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Baseball Intramural - Zider, Jack
175. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Boys Basketball Intramural - Boell, John
176. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Boys Soccer Intramural - Katsigiorgis, John
177. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Cheerleading Intramural - Romeo, Christina
178. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Football Intramural - Epps, Jason
179. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Girls Basketball Intramural - Maloney, Tom
180. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Girls Soccer Intramural - Putelo, Laura
181. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Girls Volleyball Intramural - Dexter, Julie
182. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Softball Intramural - DeMonda, Nicholas
183. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Wrestling Intramural - Manley, Dan
184. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Physical Education Intramural - Hamilton, Isha
185. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Physical Education Intramural - Karafantis, George
186. Appointment: Coach - Middle School Girls Lacrosse Intramural - Kretz, Allyson
187. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Soccer Intramural - Abbondandolo, Mike
188. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Baseball Intramural - Zider, Jack
189. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Flag Football Intramural - Maisel, William
190. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Basketball Intramural - Maloney, Tom
191. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Volleyball Intramural - Reiner, Howard
192. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Wrestling Intramural - Jackson, James
193. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Softball Intramural - Charles, Coleen
194. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Cheerleading Intramural - Cohen, Meredith
195. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Lacrosse Intramural - Howard, Margot
196. Appointment: Coach - Elementary Multi-Sport Intramural - White, Brian
197. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - Jordan, Kenia
198. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - Keenan, Kara
199. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor - Lynch, Barbara
200. Resignation: Math Teacher - Medici, Melissa
201. Resignation: Teaching Assistant - Miller, Patricia
202. FMLA: Kindergarten Teacher - Chandler, Renee
203. Intermittent FMLA: Special Ed Teacher - Martine, Charles
204. Intermittent FMLA: Elementary Teacher - Carman, Yvette
205. Revision: Club - Drama - Dieck, Patti

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206. Revision: Club - National Jr. Honor Society - Wallenstein, Carlee
207. Rescind: Teacher Mentor -3rd year- 10 hours - Bianco, Jennifer
208. Appointment (Preferred Eligibility List): Monitors
209. Appointment: Special Ed 1:1 Aide Substitute- Higgins, Joseph
210. Appointment: Guard Per Diem - Simcox, Elizabeth
211. Appointment: Provisional Account Clerk - Harrison, Carmelia
212. Resignation: Custodial Worker I - D'Amore, Cesare
213. Resignation: Office Assistant - Goldberg, Toni
214. Resignation: Special Ed 1:1 Aide - Nunez, Katie
215. Resignation: Food Service Worker - Sepulveda, Yuberca
216. FMLA: Groundskeeper II - Lewis, Donnell
217. Rescind: Sub Custodial Worker - Tolliver-Gainey, Jaelen
218. Revision: Monitor - Davis, Darion
219. Rescind: District Translator - Ruiz De Ojeda, Maria
220. Appointment: 6th Period Reading Class - Grillo, Janice

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-14 through 3B-220 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Seehof**  
**Motion Carries: & Yes; 0 No**

**C. Business**

1. Disposal of Fixed Assets
2. Use of Facilities
3. Donations
4. Consent for Remote Access to Cameras
5. BusPatrol

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-5 made by W. Canestro; seconded by L. Kretz**  
**Discussion: Regarding Disposal of Fixed Assets, refer to Recording**  
**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**D. Finance**

1. Treasurer's Report: August 2024

**Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by C. Fanning; seconded C. Nehring**  
**Discussion: Refer to Recording**  
**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

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

1. Copiague UFSD - Special Education Services Contract 2023-2024
2. Dragonfly ABA P.C. - Consultant Services Contract 2024-2025
3. Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC - Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024-2025
4. Mindcare Tutoring Services, Inc. - Consultant Services Contract 2024-2025
5. Suffolk County Dept. of Health Division of Services for Children with Special Needs - Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024-2025

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-5 made by L. Kretz; seconded W. Canestro**  
**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**



**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences A-J
2. MOU - National Coalition for 100 Black Women, Long Island Suffolk County Chapter, Inc.

**Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by M. Messmann; seconded W. Canestro**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3F-2 made by C. Seehof; seconded M. Messmann**

**Discussion: Refer to Recording**

**Motion to Rescind Approved Agenda Item 3F-2 made by W. Canestro; seconded M. Messmann**

**Discussion: The Certificate of Insurance was not current**

**Motion to Table Agenda Item 3F-2 made by W. Canestro; seconded M. Messmann**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**3. Old Business**

**Refer to the video recording of the meeting**

**4. New Business**

**Refer to the video recording of the meeting**

**5. Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only:**

**Refer to the video recording of the meeting**

- F. O'Brien
- M. Greiss
- M. Shuff
- N. Wolfe
- Winsome Cooke
- Robert Plaia
- Jacqueline Stevens
- James Giambrone
- Jannell Ellis
- Madeline Quintyne-McConney
- P. Dieck

**7. Reports**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District**

**B. Superintendent of Schools**

**C. Board of Education**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President M. Messmann gave a report on the Health and Safety Committee

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn at 11:20 PM made by C. Nehring; seconded W. Canestro**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eileen Becker

**BOE APPROVED 11/22/24**