

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2021**

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The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Leon, at the Park North Administration Building, Board Room

**AMITYVILLE U F S D**  
**APPROVED**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**DATE 9-22-2021**  
**DISTRICT CLERK SIGNATURE**  
*Eileen Becker*

IN ATTENDANCE: Juan Leon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jeannette Santos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Lisa Johnson, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Carol Seehof, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Edward Fale, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan Lange, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Joseph Dragone, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Mary Stephens, Director of English as a New Language and World Languages  
Lisa L. Hutchinson, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP  
Torrey Chin, Guercio & Guercio, LLP

ABSENT: Dr. Terry Fulton, President  
David Heller, Trustee

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. for the purpose of seeking legal advice from the Board's Attorney made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Ms. Kretz. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public meeting at 7:15 p.m. made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Ms. Kretz. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain.

Open Meeting resumed at 7:35 p.m. in the Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Auditorium

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Eileen Becker, District Clerk

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COMMUNITY: 7 Community Members attended

Mr. Leon led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION(S)**

Mr. Dragone and Gary Sheedy, BBS Architects reviewed the delay in the Park Avenue gym floor being replaced due to moisture. It has all been repaired and ready for the opening of school.

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### COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Draft #2 – Special Remote Meeting – May 28, 2021
2. Draft #1 – Reorganization Meeting – July 7, 2021
3. Draft #1 – Regular Monthly Meeting – July 7, 2021
4. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – July 17, 2021
5. Draft #1 – Special Meeting – June 30, 2021

Motion to approve Agenda Item 2A-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Discussion: None Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to amend and approve Agenda Item 2A-2 to add location of meeting made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Ms. Johnson. Discussion: Amended to add location of the Regular Meeting Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2A-3 through 2A-5 made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Mrs. Santos. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

#### BOARD ACTION

1. Public Use of Facilities

Motion to approve Agenda Items 2C-1 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Kretz. Discussion: None Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

#### GENERAL

1. Reconfiguration of Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3A-1 through 5 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

#### PERSONNEL

1. Rescind Leave Replacement Appointment: Music Teacher: HS/NE- Demato-Garcia, J.
2. Rescind Appointment: Student Academic Success Program: Teaching Assistant- Ramsaywach, R.
3. Rescind Appointment: Summer Enrichment Program: Sub Teacher/NW- Rimland, M.
4. Rescind Appointment: Food Service Worker/MS- Lopez, A.
5. Rescind Appointment: Head Football Varsity Coach- Kretz, W.
6. Rescind Appointment: Mathematics Grade Level Resource Teacher – McClafferty, V.
7. Resignation: Custodial Worker I/PA- Ankudovych, O.
8. Revised Probationary Appointment: Teaching Assistant/NE- Gruhn, M.
9. Revised Appointment: Summer Special Education 1:1 Aide/NW- Castro, V.
10. Revised Appointment: Summer Special Education 1:1 Aide/PA- Jordan, K.
11. Revised Appointment: Summer Special Education 1:1 Aide/MS- Langford, B.
12. Revised Appointment: Summer Special Education 1:1 Aide/MS- Marrone, D.
13. Intermittent FMLA: Social Studies Teacher/MS- Ciliotta, L.
14. Probationary Appointment: Science Teacher/HS – DiDonna, M.
15. Appointment: Summer Social Worker- Buzzerio, J.

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16. Appointment: Summer Social Worker- Lee, D.
17. Appointment: Summer Social Worker- Marrero, K.
18. Appointment: Summer Social Worker- Offitto, B.
19. Appointment: Extended School Year: Substitute Teacher- McGowan, J.
20. Appointment: Extended School Year: Sub Teacher- Pepe, J.
21. Appointment: Mentor Coordinator- Randolph, L.
22. Appointment: Custodial Worker I/PA- Lopez, A.
23. Appointment: Academic Camp: ELA 7/MS- Attanasio, D.
24. Appointment: Academic Camp: Special Ed 6/MS- Trotman, J.
25. Appointment: Academic Camp: General Science/MS- Umana, P.
26. Appointment: Academic Camp: Special Ed 6/MS- Kretz, A.
27. Appointment: Academic Camp: Special Ed 6/MS- Dauria, D.
28. Appointment: Academic Camp: Sub Teacher/MS- Silon, R.
29. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Black College & Universities Coordinator/HS- Hawkins, R.
30. Appointment: Activity Advisor: Video Announcements/MS- Colon, L.
31. Appointment: Guards- Schwaner, J.
32. Appointment: Guards- Burke, K.
33. Appointment: Guards- Becht, T.
34. Appointment: Special Education Aide/PA- Popovych, I.
35. Appointment: Special Education Aide/NW- Davis-Augustine, J.
36. Appointment: Special Education Aide/PA- Nazim, B.
37. Appointment: Full-Time Food Service Worker/HS- Radziewicz, C.
38. Appointment: Full-Time Food Service Worker/PA- Posy, R.
39. Appointment: Part-Time Food Service Worker/TBD- McPherson, S.
40. Appointment: Part-Time Food Service Worker/TBD- Andrade, B.
41. Appointment: Substitute Food Service Worker/DW- Morris, J.
42. Appointment: Athletic Coordinator/HS- Claps. R.
43. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Abbondandolo, M.
44. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Abbondandolo, Sr., M.
45. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Albano, M.
46. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Ammirati, J.
47. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Annese, R.
48. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Asbell, G.
49. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Baloga, P.
50. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Boell, P.
51. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Brower, T.
52. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Brown, B.
53. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Brown-Fields, J.
54. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Bueno, R.
55. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Butler, S.
56. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Byrd, E.
57. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Byrd, J.

58. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Castro, N.
59. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Charles, C.
60. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Cimmino, P.
61. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Claps, R.
62. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Cohen, M.
63. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Cohen, R.
64. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Dambrose, L.
65. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- DeMonda, N.
66. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Dexter, J.
67. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Diliberto, C.
68. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Diot, C.
69. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Doht, P.
70. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Epps, J.
71. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Fallot, P.
72. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Fallot, R.
73. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Forman, R.
74. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Forstbauer, J.
75. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Fulford, A.
76. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Fulton, B.
77. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Gannon, C.
78. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- George, B.
79. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Gibson, A.
80. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Giordano, G.
81. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Greco, M.
82. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Greene, T.
83. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Greiss, M.
84. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Hawkins, R.
85. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Herz, D.
86. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Howard, M.
87. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Hunt, B.
88. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Idrovo, C.
89. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Jackson, A.
90. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Kelly, J.
91. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Latty, B.
92. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Lettieri, C.
93. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Levy, C.
94. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Maisel, W.
95. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Maloney, T.
96. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- McCoy, G.
97. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- McGowan, J.
98. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Milan, L.
99. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Morales, M.

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100. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Muniz, D.
  101. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Myers, V.
  102. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Nunez, E.
  103. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- O’Neill, J.
  104. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Ortiz, A.
  105. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Patel, N.
  106. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Schezinger, P.
  107. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Paul, K.
  108. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Reichel, A.
  109. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Robinson, P.
  110. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Rogers, M.
  111. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Rugen, R.
  112. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Ruiz de Ojeda, M.
  113. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Schweigert, J.
  114. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Shepherd, F.
  115. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Shivers, B.
  116. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Sicoli, B.
  117. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Sinatra, L.
  118. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Smith, J.
  119. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Spero, J.
  120. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Steiger, A.
  121. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Tejada-Torres, R.
  122. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Tesoro, K.
  123. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Kretz, W.
  124. Appointment: Athletic Supervisor- Zachary, C.
  125. Appointment: Bus Monitor- Focarino, J.
  126. Appointment: Substitute Custodial Worker- Jones, R.
- Motion to approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 126 made by Mrs. Santos; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

### **BUSINESS**

1. Donations
2. Use of Facilities
3. Change Order #5R- NW School (Irwin Contracting)
4. Allowance Authorization #1- NW School (Botto Mechanical Corp)
5. Allowance Authorization #1R- NW School (Irwin Contracting)
6. Allowance Authorization #2- NW School (Rolands Electric)
7. Allowance Authorization #3R- NW School (Irwin Contracting)

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 7 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.  
Discussion: None. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

### **CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

1. All About Kids

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2. Alternatives for Children
3. Brookville Center for Children's Services
4. Cleary School for the Deaf
5. Developmental Disabilities Institute
6. Hagedorn Little Village School
7. Henry Viscardi School
8. Leeway School
9. Little Angels Center
10. Long Island Home d/b/a South Oaks Hospital
11. NYSARC, Inc. Suffolk-Saul & Elaine Seiff Educare Center
12. Rising Ground
13. Serene Home Nursing Agency
14. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc- The Children's Learning Center
15. Variety Child Learning Center

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 15 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

Discussion: Confirmed with Legal Counsel all contracts are reviewed. Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve Agenda Items 3F-1 made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Mrs. Kretz. Discussion: None

Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

**REPORTS**

A. Legal Counsel for the District – No Report

B. Superintendent of Schools

- The Re-Opening Committee will be next Tuesday via Zoom
- Finalizing filling the position for PAMES Principal
- The Board will be reviewing the Code of Conduct, Student Attendance and Grading Policies
- We expect full in person instruction come September
- Girls' Softball Dedication
- Announced Opening Home Football Game, Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>
- Theme for Opening Day Staff Meeting will be Resilience, Respect and Rebuilding. Dr. Marc Brackett will be the speaker
- The Board and Administrators will tour the buildings the last week of August
- The PAMES gym floor has been repaired from the flood damage

C. Board of Education – No Report

**COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Ms. Wendy Canestro

- Asked about summer school attendance.
- Asked how the committee was selected for hiring PAMES Principal.
- At the Middle School, ask if there any change in the Principal position.

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- It was stated at the last meeting, that this meeting would announce the HR position but it was done at an earlier Special Meeting.
- Asked if Dr. Waite is the best candidate since she was involved with the lawsuit at the high school assistant principal.

Ms. Rose Torres

- Thanked the Board for hiring back Dr. Waite.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. made by Ms. Johnson; seconded by Ms. Seehof. Discussion: None  
Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain