

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Regular Session Minutes – July 12, 2023**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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The Meeting was immediately followed the conclusion of the Annual Reorganization Meeting held at the Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, Auditorium

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Lisa Johnson, President  
(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Dr. Terry Fulton, Trustee  
Mr. David Heller, Trustee  
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Edward M. Fale, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Joan Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Mr. Christian D. Code, District Clerk  
Mrs. Lisa Hutchinson, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio  
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq.- Guercio & Guercio

**COMMUNITY:** 35 (Approximately)

**C. PRESENTATIONS (Summarized)**

There were no presentations.

**D. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

The following persons gave community input:

- Wendy Canestro
- Margaret Shuff
- Bishop Walter Willie
- Madeline Quintyne-McConney
- Megan Messmann

**2. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**A. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

1. June 2, 2023- Special Session
2. June 7, 2023- Work Session
3. June 13, 2023- Special Session
4. June 14, 2023- Regular Session
5. June 28, 2023- Special Session

Motion to approve 2A| 1| #1-5 by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Seehof

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

**B. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE**

**C. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1. Acceptance of Report
2. Acceptance of Report

Motion to approve 2C| 1-2 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Heller

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

3. Employee Agreement Amendment

Motion to **AMEND** the agenda to add 2C-3 as the resolution listed above by Trustee Heller, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

Motion to approve 2C| 3 by Trustee Fulton, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

4. Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

Motion to **ADD** 2C| 4 to consideration by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

Motion to approve 2C| 4 by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 1 (Leon)**

**D. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**3. BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**A. GENERAL**

1. Employment Agreements (Confidential Staff)
2. Employment Agreements (Administrative Staff)

Motion to approve 3A| 1 -2 by Trustee Kretz, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

**B. PERSONNEL**

1. Personnel Action Report

Motion to approve 3B| 1 made by Trustee Leon, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0 | ABSTAIN (On Recusal): 1 (Heller)**

**C. BUSINESS**

1. Bid Award- Food Service Management
2. Bid Award- Printing
3. Use of Facilities
4. Acceptance of AS-7

Motion to approve 3C| 1-4 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof, seconded by Trustee Heller

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

**D. FINANCE**

1. Treasurer’s Report- May 2023

Motion to approve 3D| 1 by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

**E. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES**

1. St. Anne Institute- 2022-2023
2. St. Anne Institute- 2023-2024
3. SCO Family of Services- 2022-2023
4. West Hills Montessori/Gersh Academy- 2023-2024
5. Lindenhurst UFSD- 2023-2024
6. Bay Shore UFSD- 2023-2024
7. Metro Therapy- Federal Part B- 2023-2024
8. Martin De Porres School- Federal Part B- 2023-2024
9. Syosset Home Tutoring- 2023-2024
10. Birch Family Services- 2023-2024
11. Just Kids- Federal Part B- 2023-2024
12. ACDS - Federal Part B- 2023-2024
13. United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. of Nassau/ The Children’s Learning Center - Federal Part B- 2023-2024
14. Suffolk County Department of Health- Division of Services for Children with Special Needs - Federal Part B- 2023-2024
15. Eden II Programs/Genesis School - Federal Part B- 2023-2024
16. United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. of Greater Suffolk - Federal Part B- 2023-2024
17. Kidz Therapy Services - Federal Part B- 2023-2024
18. Developmental Disabilities Institute - Federal Part B- 2023-2024

Motion to approve 3E| 1-18 by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof, seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

**F. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to approve 3F| 1 made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Santos, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED YES: 6 | NO: 0 | ABSTAIN (On Recusal): 1 (Heller)**

**4. REPORTS**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District**

**B. Superintendent of Schools (Summarized)**

1. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
2. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
3. Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operation

**5. COMMUNITY INPUT REGARDING NON BOARD AGENDA ITEMS (Summarized)**

The following persons provided community input on non-board agenda items:

- Margaret Shuff
- Donnelle Cronin
- Wendy Canestro

**6. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS (SUMMARIZED)**

The following Board members gave comments:

- David Heller

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to enter** to Executive Session at 8:50p.m. made by Trustee Kretz and seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Seehof for the purpose of matters pertaining to advice from counsel regarding ATA & Nurses negotiations.

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

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**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to resume open session at 9:35p.m.

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**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.** by Trustee Kretz, seconded by Trustee Fulton

Motion **CARRIED YES: 7 | NO: 0**

Respectfully submitted,

*Minutes recorded & transcribed by:*

Christian D. Code  
District Clerk