

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Regular Monthly Meeting - March 13, 2024 – 7:30 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President Lisa Johnson at Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School in Art Room 107.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Lisa Johnson, President
(Trustees) Mrs. Jeannette Santos, 1st Vice President
Ms. Carol Seehof, 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Arrived at 5:45pm)
Mr. Juan Leon,
Trustee Mr. David Heller

ABSENT: N/A

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Joan Lange, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance &
Operations/Deputy District Clerk
Mr. Carl Fraser, Consultant
Mr. John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio (arrived at 5:33)
Mrs. Melissa Durnin, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. made President Lisa Johnson for a particular person's employment history as well as advice from Counsel regarding ATA negotiations.

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	David Heller

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was a consensus of the Board of Education to enter the open meeting at 7:31 p.m.

A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement

B. **In the unlikely event of an emergency, you need to note that exits are clearly marked. Take a moment to note the exit nearest to where you are seated. *Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. *As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.**

C. Pledge of Allegiance

President Johnson asked that everyone stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Presentations

1. Amityville Memorial High School Top 10 Student Scholars

Dr. Talbert acknowledges the accomplishments of the Top 10 Student Scholars. (See video for full speech)

Principal Mary Stephens, joined by the building leadership team of the Amityville Memorial High School introduces the Scholars (See video for full Presentation)

2. Budget Presentation #3

Dr. Talbert makes a statement. (See video for full speech)

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, Olivia Buatsi gave the Budget Presentation (See video for full presentation)

(Carol Seehof Left the Meeting due to a death in her family)

E. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only

- Student Speaker
- Wendy Canestro
- Julius Erving (?)

President Johnson makes a motion to extend the time to 30 minutes at the request that people stay to the three minutes.

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Juan Leon	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

D. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only (Continued)

- Caroline Fanning
- **Mark Romaine**
- **Megan Messmann**
- **Debra McQuillan**
- **Margaret Schuff**
- **Sierra Pedeway**

- **Rita Brooks Tyson**
- **Ethan Garrett**
- **Jacqueline Stevenson**
- **Nokia Wolfe**

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes

1. Work Session Meeting – February 7, 2024
2. Regular Monthly Meeting - February 14, 2024

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. made President Lisa Johnson for a particular person's employment history as well as advice from Counsel regarding ATA negotiations.

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	David Heller

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee

C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education

Motion to amend Agenda to add 2C-1

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	David Heller

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

1. Appointment of Financial Auditor

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Juan Leon	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

D. Audit Committee

E. Abolishment

1. Various Non-Instructional Titles
2. Teaching Assistant
3. Instructional Supervisor

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
David Heller	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO 1**

YES	NO
Lisa Johnson	Juan Leon
Carol Seehof	
David Heller	
Leslie Kretz	

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

A. General

1. Donation of Sick Days

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

B. Personnel

1. Personnel Action Report

2. Appointment of Interim Administrator for Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

C. Business

1. Health Service Contracts (Other Schools) 23-24

- a. Jericho Union Free School District
- b. Smithtown Central School District
- c. Farmingdale Union Free School District
- d. Hicksville Union Free School District
- e. Valley Stream Union Free School District 24
- f. Deer Park Union Free School District

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

- 2. SoundThinking Agreement
- 3. Donations
- 4. Use of Facilities
- 5. Accept Use of Town of Brookhaven Facilities

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Juan Leon	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

President Johnson asked for a motion to amend that the agenda item voted on was 3C -1 A-F

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

D. Finance

- 1. Treasurer’s Report- January 2024

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Juan Leon	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

E. Contracts for Special Education Services

- 1. Maxim Healthcare Staffing- Consultant Services Contract 2023/2024

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

F. Curriculum and Instruction

- 1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Jeannette Santos	Leslie Kretz

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

4. Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only

- Michelle Bedoe
- Ken Egan
- Nokia Wolfe
- Wendy Canestro
- Rita Brooks Hayes
- Ada Fanning Holmes
- Debra McQuillan
- Noah Bullard

5. Reports

- A. Legal Counsel for the District**
- B. Superintendent of Schools**
- C. Board of Education**

6. Adjournment

President Johnson makes a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 PM

Motion to Approve 1st	Motion to Approve 2nd
Leslie Kretz	Jeannette Santos

Motion **CARRIED YES: 5 | NO: 0**

Respectfully submitted,
Minutes recorded & transcribed by:



Melissa Durnin
District Clerk