

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701 Work Session Minutes**  
**June 5, 2024 Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School | Auditorium**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**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  
Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee  
Mrs. Wendy Canestro

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Leslie Kretz

**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. John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio (arrived at 5:53)  
Mr. Carl Fraser, Financial Consultant  
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 Council regarding ATA negotiations

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Carol Seehof	Jeanette Santos

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 7:35 p.m.

**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
- Mr. Juan Leon, Trustee
- Mrs. Wendy Canestro, Trustee

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

**A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement**

*\*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. \**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Johnson asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

President Johnson turns the meeting over to Dr. Talbert to introduce Dr. Joan Lange who will lead the CAC presentation.

**C. Presentations**

**1. CAC Year-End Summary**

Dr. Joan Lange gave presentation  
(See video for full presentation)

**D. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only**

- **Chris Nehring**

**President Johnson makes a motion to skip to Agenda item 3A1- Donation of Sick Days**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Juan Leon	Carol Seehof

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

**President Johnson makes a motion to table agenda item 3 B1 A1**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Carol Seehof	Juan Leon

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

YES	NO
Lisa Johnson	Jeannette Santos
Carol Seehof	
Juan Leon	
Wendy Canestro	

**President Johnson makes a motion to approve remaining items on 3B1**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Juan Leon	Jeannette Santos

Wendy Canestro recuses herself from the vote noting that she did not have ample time to review the large amount of documents regarding this agenda item

Motion to rescind previous Motion to excuse Wendy Canestro from the total count

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Wendy Canestro	Carol Seehof

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

**President Johnson makes a second motion to approve remaining items on 3A1, 3A3-3A12**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Juan Leon	Carol Seehof

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO: 0**

As previously stated, Wendy Canestro recuses herself from the vote

**President Johnson makes a second motion to**

approve remaining part of PAR page 2-10 3B1-3, 3C1-77,D1-D3,A1, B1-B4,C1,D1-2, E1-7

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	Juan Leon

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO: 1** (B1-2)

YES	NO
Lisa Johnson	Wendy Canestro
Carol Seehof	
Juan Leon	
Jeannette Santos	

Wendy Canestro approved everything but B1-2

Tenure recipients are recognized and congratulated

**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**

1. Review of Draft Agenda- Monthly Regular Meeting- June 12, 2024

**D. Audit Committee**

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

**A. General**

**1. Donation of Sick Days**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Leslie Kretz	Carol Seehof

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO: 0**

**B. Personnel**

1. Personnel Action Report
2. Tenure Recommendations

(See above)

**President Johnson resumes meeting after brief Tenure celebration**

**President Johnson makes a motion to amend the agenda and add Item 3C-1 for use of facilities**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	Carol Seehof

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

**President Johnson makes a motion to approve Agenda item 3C-1 for Freedom Chapel to utilize our parking lot**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Juan Leon	Carol Seehof

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

**C. Business**

**D. Finance**

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

1. Jericho UFSD- Special Education Contract 2023/2024

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Juan Leon	Wendy Canestro

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

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Leslie Kretz	Carol Seehof

Motion **CARRIED YES: 4 | NO: 0**

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

- **Caroline Fanning**
- **Margaret Shuff**
- **Donnelle Cronin**
- **Debra McQuillan**
- **Megan Messmann**
- **Chris Nehring**
- **Jen Trottman**
- **Nokia Wolfe**
- **Kayla Cooper**
- **Dan Holmes**
- **Jacqueline Stevenson**
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**5. Reports**

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

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Santos makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29pm

<b>Motion to Approve 1st</b>	<b>Motion to Approve 2nd</b>
Jeannette Santos	Wendy Canestro

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Minutes recorded & transcribed by:*



Melissa Durnin  
District Clerk