

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Special Meeting – September 5, 2024**  
**Park North Administration Building- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room – 5:30 PM**

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:42 PM

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisa Johnson, President  
Carol Seehof, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Megan Messmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Wendy Canestro, Trustee  
Caroline Fanning, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Christopher Nehring, 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, Consultant  
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio

Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:43 PM made by President Johnson to consult with Legal Counsel regarding ATA Negotiations RFP review for Claims Auditor, Internal & External Auditors, Legal Counsel and review Superintendent Evaluation tool.

Motion made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Mrs. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

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There was a consensus of the Board of Education to resume the Open Meeting at 8:02 PM

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

**A. General**

**1. Non-Resident Student Request**

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3A-1 made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mrs. Kretz.

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

**B. Personnel**

Motion to Amend Agenda for **3B-7** from 30 hours to 60 hours

**3B-13** from 20 hours to 40 hours

**3B-27** from 10 hours to 20 hours

**3B-33** from 10 hours to 20 hours

Motion made by W. Canestro; seconded by C, Nehring

Discussion: Refer to Video of Meeting

Motion Carries: 7Yes; 0 No

**1. Appointment: Leave Replacement – Klindworth, D**

Motion to Approve Agenda Item **3B-1** made by Mr. Nehring; seconded by Mrs. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

**2. Appointment: Leave Replacement – D’Avanzo, L.**

Motion to Withdraw Agenda Item **3B-2** made by Mrs. Canestro; seconded by Mr. Nehring

Discussion: Refer to Recording

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

**3. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor Coordinator – Maisel, W.**

**4. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Harpaul, K.**

**5. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Katsigiorgis, John**

**6. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 1<sup>st</sup> Year – McGowan, J.**

**7. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Milan, L.**

**8. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Bausano, H.**

**9. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Brunson, C.**

**10. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Cammaroto, T.**

**11. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Dauria, D.**

**12. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, DeMonda, N.**

**13. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Lanser, N.**

**14. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Robinson, L.**

**15. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Rosario, K.**

**16. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Westphal, C.**

**17. Appointment: Add’l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Whitney, S.**

18. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Azzara, E.
19. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Bausano, H.
20. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Bianco, J.
21. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Bonny-Rankin, S.
22. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Ferrante, B.
23. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Grasso, J.
24. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Lettieri, C.
25. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – McCormack, M.
26. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Mejia, C.
27. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Mizrachi, D.
28. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Pappas, N.
29. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Scavo, P.
30. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Silon, R.
31. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Thompson, G.
32. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Thorn, K.
33. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Wilsher, J.
34. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Wilson, K.
35. Appointment: Add'l Assignment – Teacher Mentor 3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Zachary, C.

Motion Approve Agenda Items **3B-3 through 3B-35** made by Ms. Seehof; seconded by Mr. Nehring

Discussion: Refer to Recording

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Resume Executive Session at 8:13 PM for the purpose of discussion of RFPs and Superintendent Evaluation Process made by Mrs. Canestro; seconded by Ms. Seehof

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

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It was the consensus of the Board to resume Open Session at 8:56 PM

Motion to Adjourn Open Session at 8:57 PM made by Mrs. Kretz; seconded by Mr. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Becker

Interim District Clerk

**BOE APPROVED 08/25/24**