

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School, Auditorium
Regular Monthly Meeting – September 25, 2024

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by President Lisa Johnson

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Johnson, President
Carol Seehof, 1st Vice President
Megan Messmann, 2nd Vice President
Wendy Canestro, Trustee
Caroline Fanning, Trustee

ABSENT: 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, Financial Consultant

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to enter to Executive Session at 5:32 PM for the purpose of advice from Counsel regarding ATA negotiations, matters regarding particular person(s) employment and conduct interviews for Acting Assistant Principal and Director for PPS/Special Education.

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John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

There was consensus of the Board to reconvene Open Session at 7:57 PM.

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John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Eileen Becker, Interim District Clerk

COMMUNITY: 38 Members

A. The Emergency Exit/No Smoking Statement Read

B. The Board of Education led the Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

C. Presentations - Refer to the video recording of the meeting

1. Park Avenue Elementary School 2024-25 Goals & Initiatives
2. Northwest Elementary School 2024-25 Goals & Initiatives
3. Northeast Elementary School 2024-25 Goals & Initiatives

D. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only – Refer to the video recording of the meeting

- R. Plaia
- E. Farkas
- W. Cook
- D. Egglinger
- C. Quintyne-Best
- F. Robinson
- N. Suarz
- M. Lloyd
- Mr. Ukasoanyu

2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

A. Approval of Board Minutes

1. Draft #2 - June 17, 2024 - Special Meeting
2. Draft #2 - July 11, 2024 - Audit Committee
3. Draft #2 - July 11, 2024 - Regular Meeting
4. Draft #2 - July 11, 2024 - Reorganization Meeting
5. Draft #2 - July 17, 2024 - Emergency Meeting
6. Draft #2 - August 8, 2024 - Special Meeting
7. Draft #1 - August 14, 2024 - Work Session
8. Draft #1 - August 15, 2024 - Special Meeting
9. Draft #1 - August 22, 2024 - Special Meeting
10. Draft #1 - August 28, 2024 - Regular Meeting
11. Draft #1 - September 5, 2024 - Special Meeting
12. Draft #1 - September 11, 2024 - Work Session
13. Draft #1 - September 16, 2024 - Special Meeting

Motion to Approved Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-13 made by C. Seehof; seconded M. Messmann

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

B. Policy Committee

C. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

1. Appointment of School Attorney- General Counsel
2. Appointment of School Attorney- Labor Counsel

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 2C-1 and 2C-2 made by L. Kretz; seconded C. Seehof

Discussion: Refer to the video recording of the meeting

Motion Passes: 4 Yes; 3 No (M. Messmann, W. Canestro, C. Fanning)

3. Appointment of External District Auditor

Motion to Table Agenda Item 2C-3 led to discussion refer to the video recording of the meeting

Motion to Appoint R. S. Abrams as External District Auditor made by W. Canestro led to discussion refer to the video recording of the meeting

Motion to Withdraw previous motion to Appoint R. S. Abrams made by C. Nehring; seconded L. Kretz

Motion to Table Agenda Item 2C-3 made by C. Seehof; seconded C. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

4. Appointment of Internal District Auditor

5. Appointment of Claims Auditor

6. Settlement Agreement Myers

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 2C-4 through 2C-6 made by C. Nehring, seconded W. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

7. Withdrawal of Mascot Litigation

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 2C-7 made by C. Nehring; seconded C. Fanning

Discussion: Refer to the video recording of the meeting

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

8. Approval of Attendance NYSSBA Convention and Voting Delegate

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 2C-8 made by C. Nehring; seconded W. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

9. Approval of Attendance NYSSBA State Mandated Training

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 2C-9 made by C. Nehring; seconded M. Messmann

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

A. Audit Committee

3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

A. General

1., Request for Student to remain in AUFSD

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add Agenda Item 3A-1 made by C. Seehof; seconded W. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3A-1 made by C. Seehof; seconded W. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

B. Personnel

1. Appointment: Special Education Teacher/NW - Gigante, Nicole

2. Appointment: Director for Special Education / PPS - Lopez, Jennifer

3. Appointment: Acting Assistant Principal / HS - De Carlo, Paul

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-3 with the names replacing TBD as noted above made by L. Kretz; seconded by W. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

4. Appointment: LoT Co-Site Coordinator - Plaia, Edward
5. Appointment: LoT Co-Site Coordinator - Hyland, Kathy
6. Appointment: LoT Co-Site Coordinator - Duguay, Paul
7. Appointment: LoT Co-Site Coordinator - Hutcherson, Rose
8. Appointment: LoT Co-Site Coordinator - Graham, Denise

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-4 through 3B-8 made by C. Seehof; seconded W. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

9. Appointment: LoT Co-Site Coordinator - Wilsher, Jodi
10. Appointment: LoT Co-Site Coordinator - Castro, Elise

Motion to Table Agenda Items 3B-9 and 3B-10 made by W. Canestro; seconded M. Messmann

Discussion: Refer to the Recording

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

11. Appointment: LoT Substitute Site Coordinator - Zachary, Corinne
12. Appointment: LoT Substitute Site Coordinator - Stein, Amy
13. Appointment: LoT Substitute Site Coordinator - Meisser, Patricia
14. Appointment: LoT Substitute Site Coordinator - Hopkins, Mary Frances
15. Appointment: LoT Substitute Site Coordinator - McGlynn, Margaret
16. Appointment: LoT Substitute Site Coordinator - Postiglione, Mary

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-11 through 3B-16 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Nehring

Discussion: Refer to the Recording

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

17. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Ramirez, Maria
18. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Annese, Robert
19. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Castro, Elisa
20. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Whitney, Sandra

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-17 through 3B-20 made by W. Canestro; seconded M. Messmann

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

21. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Fallot, Patrick

Motion to Table Agenda Item 3B-21 made by C. Nehring; seconded M. Messmann

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

22. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Khudeja, Ellahi
23. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Rivera, Jennifer
24. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Gordon, Lindsey
25. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Roberts, Melissa
26. Appointment: LoT Teacher - McGowan, Jason
27. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Louis, Gerde
28. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Madigan, Thomas
29. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Nadler, Emily
30. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Katsigiorgis, John
31. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Cesiro, Lynn

32. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Germain, Pascal
33. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Arnold, Courtney
34. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Reid, William
35. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Breitfeller, Jacklyn
36. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Byrd, Jessica
37. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Boell, John
38. Appointment: LoT Teacher - McGlynn, Margaret
39. Appointment: LoT Teacher - LaBarca, Rebecca
40. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Hopkins, Mary Francis
41. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Postiglione, Mary
42. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Quinn, Timothy
43. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Dieck, Patricia
44. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Cottone, Maria
45. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Thorn, Katherine
46. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Komsic, Kristina
47. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Critelli, Anthony
48. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Enright, Deirdre
49. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Chandler, Renee
50. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Altamura, Nicole
51. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Delgiorno, Alyssa
52. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Litras, Victoria
53. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Riccio, Annalise
54. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Haber, MacKenzie
55. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Smith, Jenny
56. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Pariser, Rachel
57. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Soto, Kenia
58. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Faber, Nicole
59. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Heavey, Lori
60. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Lovett, Kristie

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-22 through 3B-60 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Seehof

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

61. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Lee, Debra
62. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Meisser, Patricia
63. Appointment: LoT Teacher - White, Brian
64. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Naso, Keri
65. Appointment: LoT Teacher - McCabe, Anthony
66. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Boehringer, Cara
67. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Davenport, Angel
68. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Robinson, Lydia
69. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Button, Kristen
70. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Casey, AnnMarie
71. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Sarlo, Christopher
72. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Kaplan, Christina
73. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Driscoll, Jessica
74. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Replak, James
75. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Tsunis, Jordan
76. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Draddy, Jessica
77. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Thompson, Georgette

78. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Frank, Katherine
79. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Dispenziere, Michael
80. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Maisel, William
81. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Charles, Coleen
82. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Hartung, Adrienne
83. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Morgan, Alexandra
84. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Quinn, Timothy
85. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Faber, Francine
86. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Tandy, Jeannette
87. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Cammaroto, Tricia
88. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Demauro, Allison
89. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Metaxas, Irene
90. Appointment: LoT Teacher - McCormack, Theresa
91. Appointment: LoT Teacher - Greco, Michael
92. Appointment: LoT Teacher - LaBarca, Rebecca
93. Appointment: LoT Substitute Teacher - Roman, Juliane

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-61 through 3B-93 made by W. Canestro; seconded M. Messmann
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

94. Appointment: Club - Jazz Band - TBD
95. Appointment: Club - Band Director - TBD

Motion to Table Agenda Items 3B-94 and 3B-95 made by W. Canestro; seconded M. Messmann
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

96. Appointment: Club - Art - Breitfeller, Jacklyn
97. Appointment: Club - Builder's Club - Cesiro, Lynn
98. Appointment: Club - Choral Director - DeMato-Garcia, Joseph
99. Appointment: Club - Drama - Dieck, Patti
100. Appointment: Club - Chamber Ochester - Ferrante, Bianca
101. Appointment: Club - Tri-M - Ferrante, Bianca
102. Appointment: Club - MS Central Treasurer - Intrieri, Christine
103. Appointment: Club - HS Central Treasurer - Intrieri, Christine
104. Appointment: Club - Photography - O'Brien, Frances
105. Appointment: Club - Gay Straight Alliance - Poulin, Anne
106. Appointment: Club - Student Council - Schneiderman, Brittany
107. Appointment: Club - Yearbook - Thompson, Laurie
108. Appointment: Club - National Jr. Honor Society - Wallenstein, Carlee
109. Appointment: Club - Milestones Co-advisor - Wallenstein, Carlee
110. Appointment: Club - Milestones Co-advisor - Wilson, Kelly
111. Appointment: CPSE Meeting - Litras, Victoria
112. Appointment: Teacher Mentor - 1st year - 30hrs - Gomez, Sandy
113. Resignation: Perm Sub / Leave Replacement Teacher - Galante, Justine
114. Resignation: Perm Sub Teacher - Bottenley, Jacqueline
115. FMLA: Special Education Teacher - Annese, Robert
116. Appointment: Teacher Mentor -1st year- 30 hours - Bausano, Heather
117. Resignation: Senior Office Assistant Spanish Speaking - Rodriguez, Joanne
118. Resignation: Food Service Worker 5.0-Hour - Bueno de Espinal, Isidra
119. Resignation: Food Service Worker 5.0-Hour - Gonzalez, Santos
120. Resignation: Monitor 7.0-Hour - Hickman, Faith

121. Appointment: Sub Office Assistant - Borrero, Maureen
122. Appointment: Sub Office Assistant - Shea, Giselle
123. Appointment: Sub Office Assistant - Rodriguez, Joanne
124. Appointment: Sub Custodial Worker - Goldsby, Keaton
125. Appointment: Sub Custodial Worker - Ottenwalder, Emmanuel
126. Appointment: Sub Custodial Worker - Tolliver, Jaelen
127. Appointment Annual: Monitor 6.5-Hour - Davis, Darion
128. Change in Hours: Special Ed 1:1 Aide - Quiroz, Martha

Motion to Approved Agenda Items 3B-96 through 3B-128 made by C. Seehof; seconded C. Nehring

Discussion: Refer to the video recording of the meeting

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

C. Business

1. Appointment of Bond Counsel
2. Appointment of Financial Advisory Services
3. Appointment of Unemployment Services
4. Appointment of Third-Party Administrator
5. Appointment of District Physician
6. Appointment of District Athletic Trainer
7. Appointment of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Administration and Consulting

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C-7 made by W. Canestro; seconded M. Messmann

Discussion: Refer to the video recording of the meeting

Resolution to be amended to change the date from June 30, 2025

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

8. Appointment of Strategic Planning Firm

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3C-8 made by C. Nehring; seconded W. Canestro

Discussion: Refer to the video recording of the meeting

Motion Fails: 0 Yes; 7 No

9. Medicaid Billing and Cost Reporting
10. Western Suffolk BOCES Final -AS-7
11. Disposal of Fixed Assets
12. Disposal of Fixed Assets

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3C-9 through 3C-12 made by W. Canestro; seconded L. Kretz

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

13. Use of Facilities A-H

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3C-13 #A, B, F, G made by C. Fanning; seconded M. Messmann

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3C-13 #C, D, E made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Seehof

Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain (C. Nehring)

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3C-13 #H made by C. Nehring; seconded W. Canestro

Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain (M. Messmann)

D. Finance

1. Treasurer's Report for July, 2024

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3D-1 made by C. Nehring; seconded M. Messmann

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

E. Contracts for Special Education and PPS Services

1. All About Kids/Mid Island Therapy Associates, LLC- Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
2. Alternatives for Children-Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
3. Achieve Beyond/Bilinguals-Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
4. Brookville Center for Children's Services-Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
5. Developmental Disabilities Institute-Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
6. Eden II Programs-Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
7. Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center-Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025
8. Massapequa UFSD-Special Education Services Contract 2023/2024
9. The Hagedorn Little Village-Federal Part B Flow-Through SEDCAR Contract 2024/2025

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-9 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 3F-1 made by C. Seehof; seconded W. Canestro

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only:

Refer to the video recording of the meeting

- P. Dieck
- N. Wolfe
- M. Greiss
- F. O'Brien
- R. Plaia

7. Reports

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

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 11:11 PM made by C. Nehring; seconded C. Seehof

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Becker
Interim District Clerk

BOE APPROVED 10/23/24