

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

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**1. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM by President Lisa Johnson

**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

**ABSENT:** 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  
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP (arrived at 5:38 PM)  
Eileen Becker, Interim District Clerk (left at 5:35 PM)

**Motion to enter to Executive Session at 5:35 PM made by President Johnson for advice from Counsel regarding ATA negotiations and particular person(s) employment.**

**Motion made by W. Canestro; seconded L. Kretz.**

**Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No**

**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 (arrived 5:45 PM)

**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  
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

**There was consensus of the Board to reconvene Open Session at 7:44 PM.**

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Mary Stephens, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
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John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

**COMMUNITY:** 20 Members

- A. The Emergency Exit/No Smoking Statement Read**
  - B. The Board of Education led the Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance**
  - C. Presentations**
  - D. Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only – Refer to the Recording**
- 2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**
- A. Approval of Board Minutes**
  - B. Policy Committee**
  - C. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**
  - D. Audit Committee**
- 3. Board Action Recommended by the Superintendent of Schools**
- A. General**
  - B. Personnel**
    1. Revision: Club – Art/MS – Breitfeller, J.
    2. Revision: Club – Builder’s Club/MS – Cesiro, L.
    3. Revision: Club – Choral Director/MS – DeMato-Garcia, J.
    4. Revision: Club – Drama/MS – Dieck, P.
    5. Revision: Club – Chamber Orchestra/MS – Ferrante, B.
    6. Revision: Club – Tri-M/MS – Ferrante, B.
    7. Revision: Club – Central Treasurer/MS – Intrieri, C.
    8. Revision: Club – Central Treasurer/HS – Intrieri, C.
    9. Revision: Club – Photography/MS – O’Brien, F.
    10. Revision: Club – Gay Straight Alliance – Poulin, A.
    11. Revision: Club – Student Council/MS – Schneiderman, B.
    12. Revision: Club – Yearbook/MS – Thompson, L.
    13. Revision: Club – National Junior Honor Society/MS – Wallenstein, C.
    14. Revision: Club – Milestones Co-Advisor/MS – Wallenstein, C.
    15. Revision: Club – Milestones Co-Advisor/MS – Wilson, K.

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-15 made by C. Nehring; seconded M. Messmann**

**Discussion: Refer to Video Recording of Meeting**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

16. Revision: Club – AV Coordinator/HS – Abate, A.
17. Revision: Club – Band Director/HS – Abate, A.
18. Revision: Club – Stage Advisor/HS – Abate, A.
19. Revision: Club – Chamber Orchestra/HS – Ferrante, B.
20. Revision: Club – Chorus Director/HS – DeMato-Garcia, J.
21. Revision: Club – Drama/HS – DeMator-Garcia, J.
22. Revision: Club – Echo Newspaper/HS – Keenan, K.
23. Revision: Club – Hispanic Heritage/HS – Castro, E.
24. Revision: Club – Interact/HS – Bonny-Rankin, S.

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25. Revision: Club – Jazz Band/HS – Abate, A.
26. Revision: Club – Key Club/HS – Mizrachi, D.
27. Revision: Club – National Art Honor Society/HS – Grasso, J.
28. Revision: Club – National Honor Society/HS – Schulken, J.
29. Revision: Club – Rho Kappa Honor Society Co-Advisor/HS – Mizrachi, D.
30. Revision: Club – Rho Kappa Honor Society Co-Advisor/HS – Schulken, J.
31. Revision: Club – Student Government/HS – Wilsher, J.
32. Revision: Club – Tri-M/HS – Ferrante, B.
33. Revision: Club – World Language Honor Society Co-Advisor/HS – Limprevil-Divers, D.
34. Revision: Club – World Language Honor Society Co-Advisor/HS – Whitney, S.
35. Revision: Club – Yearbook/HS – Scherzinger, P.
36. Revision: Club – Black Student Union/HS – Taliefero, S.
37. Revision: Club – Senior Class/HS – Fulford, A.
38. Revision: Club – Junior Class/HS – Gordon, L.
39. Revision: Club – Sophomore Class/HS – Ellahi, K.
40. Revision: Club – Freshman Class/HS – Mendelson, T.

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-16 through 3B-40 made by C. Seehof; seconded L. Kretz  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

41. Revision: Club – Jazz Band/MS – TBD.
42. Revision: Club – Band Director/MS – TBD

**Motion to Amend Agenda Items 3B-41 and 3B-42 naming Anthony Abate in place of TBD made by  
L. Kretz; seconded C. Nehring  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**Motion Approve Agenda Items 3B-41 and 3B-42 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Nehring  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**Motion to Amend Agenda to add 3B-43 and 3B-44 made by C. Nehring; seconded C. Fanning  
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 1 No (C. Seehof)**

43. Rescind Appointment: AV Coordinator/HS – Abate, Anthony
44. Rescind Appointment: Stage Advisor/HS – Abate, Anthony

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-43 and 3B-44 made by L. Kretz; seconded C. Fanning  
Motion Carries: 5 Yes; 2 No (C. Seehof, C. Nehring)**

**Motion to Rescind Agenda Items 3B-43 and 3B-44 made by C. Nehring; seconded C. Seehof  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**C. Business**

1. Rescind Appointment: Medicaid Billing and Cost Reporting

**Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3C-1 made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Fanning  
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

**D. Finance**

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

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

**4. Old Business**

**5. New Business**

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

- N. Wolfe
- P. Dieck
- M. Schuff
- K. Goitermann

**7. Reports**

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

**Motion to Enter to Executive Session for the purpose of discussions regarding ATA Negotiations at 8:42 PM made by W. Canestro; seconded C. Seehof**

**Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No**

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Wendy Canestro, Trustee  
Caroline Fanning, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Left at 9:05 PM)  
Christopher Nehring, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools (Left at 9:05 PM)  
Mary Stephens, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction (Left at 9:05 PM)  
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources (Left at 9:05 PM)  
Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations (Left at 9:05 PM)  
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP (Left at 9:05 PM)

**It was the consensus of the Board to resume the Open Meeting at 9:33 PM**

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn at 9:34 PM made by C. Seehof; seconded C. Nehring**

**Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eileen Becker  
Interim District Clerk

**BOE APPROVED 10/23/24**