

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701**  
**Special Meeting – February 6, 2025**  
**Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Auditorium**

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Meeting Called to Order by President Johnson at 5:34 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Johnson, President  
Carol Seehof, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Megan Messmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Wendy Canestro, Trustee  
Leslie Kretz, Trustee  
Christopher Nehring, Trustee

ABSENT: Caroline Fanning, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools  
Mary Stephens, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Motion to Adjourn Open Session to enter to Executive Session at 6:02 PM discussion employment history of particular person(s) and to discuss Superintendent's mid-year evaluation, W. Canestro; seconded L. Kretz 6-0

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Left Executive Session at 6:50 PM: G. Talbert; O. Buatsi; M. Stephens; B. Waite

There was a consensus of the present Members to resume Open Session 7:00 PM

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

**A. Emergency Exit, No Smoking Statement** *Please note the emergency exits closest to you, there is no smoking on school grounds and please silence cell phones during the business of the board.*

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Board Action**

Motion for Agenda Item 2A made by C. Seehof; seconded C. Nehring  
Motion Carries 6 Yes; 0 No

**3. Discussion:** Dr. G. Talbert read a statement. L. Johnson thanked the collaboration

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

- Nakia Wolfe

**4. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn at 7:10 PM made by C. Seehof; seconded C. Nehring

Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Larson

**BOE APPROVED: 02/26/25**