

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Amityville Union Free School District, Amityville, NY 11701
Combined Session Meeting – March 26, 2025
Park Avenue Memorial Elementary School Auditorium

Meeting Called to Order by President Johnson at 5:36 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Johnson, President
Carol Seehof, 1st Vice President
Megan Messmann, 2nd Vice President
Wendy Canestro, Trustee
Caroline Fanning, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Absent)
Christopher Nehring, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP

Motion to enter into executive session at 5:36 PM for the purposes of advice from legal counsel regarding particular persons employment history and review of Superintendent's evaluations made by C. Seehof; seconded; W. Canestro.

Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 0 No

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Johnson, President
Carol Seehof, 1st Vice President
Megan Messmann, 2nd Vice President
Wendy Canestro, Trustee
Caroline Fanning, Trustee
Leslie Kretz, Trustee (Arrived at 5:45 PM)
Christopher Nehring, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Gina Talbert, Superintendent of Schools
John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Mary Stephens, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
(Arrived at 6:19 PM)
Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
(Arrived at 6:19 PM)
Dr. Bridgette Waite, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
(Arrived at 6:19 PM)

Consensus of the Board to reconvene Open Session at 7:39 PM

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John Sheahan, Esq., Guercio & Guercio, LLP
Lynn Larson, District Clerk

Public Attendance: 127

Attendees by Zoom: 97

1.
 - 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**
 - C. **Presentations**
 1. Recognitions
 - a. Staff & Student of the Month
 - b. Top-Ten Graduating Scholars- AMHS
 - c. Varsity Boys Basketball Team
 2. Budget Presentation # 4- Tax Levy
 - D. **Community Input Regarding Board Agenda Items Only** (See Video 1:28:21)
 - Todd Bryce
 - Jessica Adams
 - Eric Romanision
 - Juan Leon
 - Kaitlin Handler
 - Margaret Shuff
 - Stefanie Andrews
2. **Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**
 - A. **Approval of Board Minutes**
 1. Draft #1 - February 10, 2025 - Special Meeting
 2. Draft #1 - February 12, 2025 - Budget Session Meeting
 3. Draft #1 - February 25, 2025 - Policy Committee Meeting
 4. Draft #1 - February 26, 2025 - Combined Session Meeting
 5. Draft #1 - March 1, 2025 - Budget Session Meeting
 6. Draft #1 - March 5, 2025 - Special Meeting
 7. Draft #1 - March 12, 2025 - Budget Session Meeting

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 2A-1 through 2A-7 made by C. Nehring; seconded by C. Seehof
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

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Motion to Amend the Motion to Pull 2A-4 and 2A-7 made by W. Canestro; seconded by M. Messmann
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 2A1-2A3 and 2A5-2A6 made by C. Fanning; seconded by C. Nehring
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 2A-7 made by C. Nehring; seconded by M. Messmann
Motion Carries: 6 Yes; 1 Recused

B. Board Action Recommended by the Board Policy Committee

1. Policy # 4533 - Volunteer Athletic Coach - 2nd and Final Reading
2. Policy # 4533R - Volunteer Athletic Coach Regulation - 2nd and Final Reading

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 2B-1 and 2B-2 made by C. Nehring; seconded by L. Kretz
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

C. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education

1. Notice Of Annual Meeting, Budget Vote And Election

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 2C-1 made by W. Canestro; seconded by M. Messmann
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

2. Revised Resolution: Appointment of Workers For The 2025 Library Budget Vote And Trustee Election

Motion to Approve Agenda Item 2C-2 made by C. Seehof; seconded by W. Canestro
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

D. Board Action Recommended by the Audit Committee

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 C. Nehring; seconded by L. Kretz
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

B. Personnel

1. Appointment: Leave Replacement - Math Teacher - McKiski, James
2. Appointment: Perm Sub Teacher - Moya, Jeremiah
3. Appointment: ENL Teacher-Probationary- Morgan, Alexandria
4. Additional Assignment: Saturday Parent Empowerment Program TA- Christopher, Tia
5. Additional Assignment: 6th Period Class- Foreign Language (Hernandez-Belar)- Arnold, Courtney
6. Additional Assignment: 6th Period Class- Foreign Language (Hernandez-Belar)- Castiblanco, Belinda
7. Additional Assignment: LoT Teacher- Thorn, Katy
8. Additional Assignment: LoT Teacher- Roberts, Melissa
9. Additional Assignment: LoT Sub-Nurse - Dogmanits, Kylene

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10. Coaching Assignment: JV Girls Softball Coach - George, Berten
11. FMLA Extension: Teaching Assistant - Borycki, Justyna
12. FMLA: Speech Teacher - Darby, Kayla
13. Intermittent FMLA : Pre-K Teacher - Perez, Barbara
14. Intermittent FMLA : School Principal - Hyland, Kathleen
15. FMLA: Elementary Teacher - Jones, Mackenzie
16. FMLA: Science Teacher - Garafano, Christine
17. FMLA: Bilingual Teacher - Lane, Stefany
18. Resignation: ENLTeacher - Draddy, Jessica
19. Resignation: Special Ed Teacher - Enright, Deirdre
20. Retirement : Speech Teacher - Nadler, Emily
21. Retirement : Elementary Teacher - Brooks, Margaret
22. Retirement : Elementary Teacher - Asbell, Melissa
23. Retirement : Special Ed Teacher - Trotman, Jennifer
24. Resignation: Bilingual Speech Teacher - Lane, Stefany
25. Non-Instructional Resignation : 1:1 Aide - Scott, Shareen
26. Non-Instructional Resignation : Security Guard - Murphy, Wayne
27. Non-Instructional Resignation : Head Custodian - Camelliri, Joseph
28. Non-Instructional Resignation : Sub Custodian - Napolitano, Michael
29. Non-Instructional Appointment : Account Clerk - Harrison, Carmelia
30. Non-Instructional Appointment : Account Clerk - Knaus, Teresa
31. Non-Instructional Appointment : Account Clerk - Mroz, Aleksandra
32. Non-Instructional Appointment : Custodial Worker I - Camelliri, Joseph
33. Non-Instructional Appointment : Custodial Worker I - Napolitano, Michael
34. Non-Instructional Appointment : Substitute Custodian - Hourani, Luke
35. Non-Instructional Appointment : Substitute Custodian - Jenkins, Mark Jr.
36. Non-Instructional Appointment : Substitute Custodian - Dupkin, Lawrence
37. Non-Instructional Appointment : Substitute Custodian - Craft, Scott
38. Non-Instructional Appointment : Substitute Custodian - Mehta, Vishal
39. Non-Instructional Appointment : Substitute 1:1 Aide - Scott, Shareen
40. Non-Instructional Appointment : Substitute 1:1 Aide - Sherrill, Latrana
41. Non-Instructional FMLA : School Monitor - Silva, Anne
42. Intermittent FMLA : Technology Teacher - Rodriguez, John

Motion to Amend Agenda to Update 3B-25 to say Resignation to 1:1 Aid and remove the word Substitute made by M. Messmann; seconded by C. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-42 made by C. Seehof; seconded by C. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

C. Business

1. Health Services Contracts
2. Donations
3. Use of Facilities
4. Motion to Increase Budget- \$10,000 from NYS

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Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3C-1 through 3C4 made by C. Fanning; seconded by C. Seehof
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

D. Finance

1. Treasurer's Report: January 2025

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

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

E. Contracts for PPS & Special Education Services

1. Ascent School - Special Education Contract 2025/2026
2. Bayshore UFSD - Special Education Contract 2025/2026
3. Bilinguals dba Achieve Beyond - Consultant Service Contract 2025/2026
4. Blue Sea Educational - Consultant Service Contract 2025/2026
5. DDI - Special Education Contract 2025/2026
6. DDI Rider to Service Agreement 2025/2026
7. Health Source Group - Consultant Service Contract 2025/2026
8. Innovative Tutoring Inc. - Consultant Service Contract 2025/2026
9. Jericho UFSD - Special Education Contract 2024/2025
10. Little Flower UFSD - Special Education Contract 2025/2026
11. Metro Therapy, Inc. - Consultant Service Contract 2025/2026
12. New York Therapy - Consultant Service Contract 2025/2026
13. O'Brien Speech, Language & Learning, PLLC - Consultant Service Contract 2024/2025
14. Positive Behavior Support Consulting - Consultant Service Contract 2025/2026
15. St. Anne Institute - Special Education Contract 2025/2026
16. Syosset Home Tutoring - Consultant Service Contract 2025/2026
17. UCP - Nassau DBA The Children's Learning Center - Special Education Contract 2025/2026
18. UCP - Greater Suffolk - Special Education Contract 2025/2026
19. Woodward Children's Center - Special Education Contract 2025/2026

Motion to Approve Agenda Items 3E-1 through 3E-19 made by C. Fanning; seconded by C. Nehring

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

F. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Approval of Conferences A-G

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

Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

4. **Old Business** – (See video 2:22:03)

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5. **New Business** - (See Video 2:55:36)
6. **Community Input Regarding Non-Board Agenda Items Only** – (See Video 3:07:27)

- Triple AAA Members
- Nakia Wolfe
- Margaret Shuff
- Stefanie Andrews

7. **Reports**
 - A. Legal Counsel for the District – No Report
 - B. Superintendent of Schools (3:01:39)
 - C. Board of Education – No Report

8. **Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn at 11:02 PM made by W. Canestro; seconded by C. Nehring
Motion Carries: 7 Yes; 0 No

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Larson