

Board of Education  
Amityville Union Free School District  
Amityville, NY 11701  
REORGANIZATION MEETING & SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - July 1, 2009  
Park North Administration Building – Board Room – 7:00 PM

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**LOCATION:** Park Avenue Administration Building – Board Room

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Michele Sikhrangkur Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson Trustee Nathan King  
Trustee Walters Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger  
Trustee Kathleen Ward

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. John R. Williams-Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. William Fanning-Assist. Supt. Finance & Operations  
Dr. Kathleen Gulbin – Assist.Supt. Curriculum & Instruction  
Dr. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology  
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Assist. Supt. Human Resources  
Mr. Ed Mercurio-Plant Facilities Administrator  
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O’Neill/District Clerk

**COMMUNITY:** 2 members present.

**1. Meeting Called to Order** by Judith O’Neill at 7:10 PM

**A. Emergency Exit/No Smoking Statement** - *In the unlikely event of an emergency, you need to note that exits are clearly marked. Take a moment to note the exit nearest to where you are seated. Smoking is not allowed on school grounds. Please turn off all communication devices during the business of the Board of Education.*

**B. Pledge of Allegiance** – The Board, Administration and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Administer Oath of Office to the Newly Elected Members of the Board of Education and Signing of Oath of Office Book**

1. Nathan King - Term July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012

2. Kathleen A. Ward - Term July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012

Mr. Ray Keenan administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Nathan King and Trustee Kathleen Ward.

**3. Election of Officers of the Board of Education**

**A. Election of the President of the Board:**

1. Nominations called for by District Clerk

Judith O’Neill called for the nomination of the Board President. Vice President Jordon-Thompson moved to nominate Michele Sikhrangkur as President of the Board. The motion was seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

2. Taking of the Oath by President

Ray Keenan administered the Oath of Office to Michele Sikhrangkur.

**B. Election of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Board:**

1. Nominations called for by Board President

President Sikhrangkur called for the nomination of the Juliet Jordon-Thompson as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Board. The motion was moved by President Sikhrangkur, and seconded by Lisa Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstain.

2. Taking of the Oath by Vice President

Mr. Ray Keenan administered the Oath of Office to Juliet Jordon-Thompson.

**C. Election of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Board:**

1. Nominations called for by Board President

Vice President Jordon-Thompson nominated Lisa Johnson as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and it was seconded by Trustee Walters. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**2. Taking of the Oath by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Mr. Keenan administered the Oath of Office to Lisa Johnson.

*President Sikhrangkur appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson as District Clerk Pro Tem for the entire meeting.*

**MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session for Personnel/Particular Person at 7:15 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION called to order at 7:16 PM** by President Sikhrangkur.

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Dr. Mary Kelly-Assistant Supt. Technology  
Dr. Stephen Neidell-Interim Assist. Supt. Human Resources  
Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem

**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 7:24 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**COMMUNITY:** 2 members present.

**4. Appointment of Officers of the District**

**A. District Clerk**

**B. Deputy District Clerk of the Board**

**C. Claims Auditor**



**5. Other Appointments**

- A. School Attorney – General Counsel – Guercio & Guercio
- B. School Attorney – Chief Negotiator – Guercio & Guercio
- C. External District Auditor - Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski LLP
- D. Internal District Auditor - Callaghan Nawrocki, LLP
- E. Appointment of Asbestos Compliance Officer – Plant Facilities Administrator
- F. Appointment of Coordinator of Hazardous Materials – Plant Facilities Administrator
- G. Appointment of District Emergency Coordinator – Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations
- H. Appointment of District Records Access Officer – Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations
- I. Appointment of District Records Retention & Disposition Officer – Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations
- J. Appointment of Fire Inspector
- K. Appointment of Health & Safety Officer – Plant Facilities Administrator
- L. Impartial Hearing Officers – Establishment of List
- M. Appointment of Physician to Committee on Special Education – Dr. Richard Bebirian
- N. Appointment of School Physician – Dr. Richard Bebirian
- O. Establish Rates for Physical Examinations
- P. Appointment of Superintendent’s Hearing Officer & Alternate – Ass’t Superintendent for Human Resources
- Q. Appointment of Title IX/Section 504 Hearing Officer – **Administrator for Pupil Personnel Services & Special Education**
- R. Appointment of Civil Service Hearing Officer – Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
- S. Purchasing Agent – Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
- T. Insurance Renewal
- U. District Finance Counsel
- V. District Publicist
- W. District Mileage Rate
- X. Unemployment Services
- Y. Appointment of Board of Registration
- Z. Appointment of Omni
- AA. Appointment of Sexual Harassment Compliance Officer

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 5A through 5AA** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**6. Designations**

- A. Designation of Official Bank Depositories
- B. Designation of Official Newspapers
- C. Authorized Signatories on Checks
- D. Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 6A through 6D** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**7. Authorizations**

- A. Bind Insurance Coverage
- B. BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Program
- C. Bond Registration
- D. Certification of Payrolls
- E. Fiscal Officer for Social Security Reports
- F. Invest District Funds
- G. Opening of Bids
- H. Petty Cash Funds

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 7A through 7H** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**8. Bonding of Personnel**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 8** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**9. Committee Appointments 2009-2010**

A. Appointment of Committee on Preschool Special Education for 2009-2010

B. Impartial Hearing Officer

C. Resolutions of Due Process Issues Prior to Impartial Hearing

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 9A through 9C** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**10. Funding**

A. State & Federal Funding

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 10A Re-organizational portion meeting** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**11. Board of Education Committees for 2009-2010**

A. Policy Committee

B. Safety Committee

C. Wellness Committee

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 11A through 11C Re-organizational portion meeting** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**12. Cell Phone Use**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 12 Re-organizational portion of meeting** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**13. Business and Finance**

A. Wellness Policy

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 13 Re-organizational portion meeting - Tony Cerullo as Chairperson of the Committee** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**14. Bidding Services**

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Item 14 Re-organizational portion meeting** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

At this point the meeting was paused so that Ms. Riccardi from Syntax could take photos of the Board.

**1. The Special Meeting began at 8:25 PM.**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Lisa Johnson  
Trustee Walters  
Trustee Kathleen Ward

Vice President Juliet Jordon-Thompson  
Trustee Nathan King  
Trustee Diane Koza Egglinger

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Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

**CLERK IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**COMMUNITY:** 2 members present.

**2. Board Action Recommended by the Board of Education**

**A. Approval of Board Minutes** - None

**B. Board Action Recommended by Board Policy Committee** - None

**C. Board Action Recommended by Board of Education**

1. Review of Regular Meeting Agenda – July 8, 2009

The Board and Administration reviewed the Agenda for July 8, 2009.

**D. Audit Committee** – TBA

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

**A. Superintendent** - None

**B. Personnel**

1. Appointment: Interim Principal – NW – L. Marshall
2. Appointment: Interim Principal – PAMES – R. Cohn
3. Appointment: Teacher – 2009 Summer School – NE – L. Thomas
4. Appointment: Teacher – 2009 Summer School – NE – L. Iannotta
5. Appointment: Teacher – 2009 Summer School – NE – Y. Carmen
6. Appointment: Teacher – 2009 Summer School – NE – G. Williams
7. Appointment: Teacher – 2009 Summer School – NW – B. McCormack
8. Appointment: Teacher – 2009 Summer School – NW – H. Tortorici
9. Appointment: Teacher – 2009 Summer School – NW – J. Sabbatino
10. Appointment: Teacher – 2009 Summer School – NW – M. Dispenziere
11. Appointment: Teaching Assistant – 2009 Summer School – NE – P. Ciancarelli
12. Appointment: Teaching Assistant – 2009 Summer School – NE – Y. Gaynor
13. Appointment: Monitor – 2009 Summer School – NE – J. Hernandez
14. Appointment: Monitor – 2009 Summer School – NE – J. Hargwood
15. Appointment: Monitor – 2009 Summer School – NW – P. Caramanico
16. Appointment: Monitor – 2009 Summer ELA Academy – J. Scott
17. Appointment: Teacher – District Collegial Inquiry Session – S. Castagna
18. Appointment: Teacher – District Collegial Inquiry Session – P. Dieck
19. Appointment: Teacher – District Collegial Inquiry Session – N. Finizio
20. Appointment: Teacher – District Collegial Inquiry Session – D. Herz
21. Appointment: Teacher – District Collegial Inquiry Session – K. Hyland
22. Appointment: Teacher – District Collegial Inquiry Session – U. Przech
23. Appointment: Teacher – District Collegial Inquiry Session – T. Quinn

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3B-1 through 3B-23** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

**Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**C. Business and Finance** - None

**D. CSE & CPSE Action/Meetings** - None

**E. Monthly Finance Report** - None

**F. Curriculum and Instruction**

1. Approval of Conferences – Items 1 through 7
2. Approval of JDL Socratic Solutions (Joan Daley-Lewis)
3. Approval of Vincent Scott as Consultant

**MOTION to PULL Agenda Item 3F-1/1** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

**Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**MOTION to APPROVE Agenda Items 3F-1/2 through 3F-3** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Discussion:** Floor opened for discussion.

**Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

**G. Technology - None**

**4. Reports**

**A. Legal Counsel for the District - None**

**B. Superintendent**

**Dr. Williams** said that the J. V. Tennis Team had received the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. The team's coach is Rich Pellegrino. The award is voted by the opposing team who look at the actions of the players, coaches, chaperones and spectators. The award is coveted and is not given lightly. President Sikhrangkur said that the team should be honored at a Board meeting. Trustee Koza Egglinger said that news like this should be put on the website and in the Amityville Record. Vice President Jordon-Thompson said that there was an article in Newsday this past Sunday on Reynolds Hawkins for Coach of the Year for track. Trustee Koza Egglinger suggested including this news in the yearbook.

**Dr. Kelly** met with Syntax to discuss ways to update and maintain the District's website.

**MOTION to ADJOURN to Executive Session for Particular Person at 10:09 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

*Judith O'Neill left at 10:10 PM.*

*Ed Mercurio left at 10 :10 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** called to order by President Sikhrangkur at 10:11 PM.

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Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O'Neill/District Clerk

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem

**ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATIONAL & SPECIAL MEETING, July 1, 2009**

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**MOTION to RESUME Open Session at 11:12 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

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Mr. Ray Keenan, Esq.-Guercio & Guercio

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. Judith O’Neill/District Clerk

**MOTION to ADJOURN Re-organizational & Special Meeting at 11:13 PM** made by Vice President Jordon-Thompson, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Johnson. **Motion CARRIED:** 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Johnson/District Clerk Pro Tem