

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, Levittown, New York. The meeting was held at the Stephen E. Karopczyc School, 74 Farmedge Road, Levittown, New York, on Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mahon, President, at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Patricia Mahon, President
Mr. Kenneth Rochon, Vice President
Mr. Robert Condela
Mrs. Kristen Daum
Mrs. Kim McDonough
Mrs. Barbara Medellin
Mr. George Storm

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Charles J. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Ed.
Mrs. Susan Hlavenka, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mrs. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel
Mr. Richard Guercio, General Legal Counsel
Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE: On **Motion** of Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and
SESSION: unanimously carried (7-0), the Board of Education recessed into Executive Session at 7:00 PM to discuss the following:

1. Personnel Issue – faculty member
2. Litigation – middle school ramp

The meeting returned from Executive Session at approximately 7:26 PM.
The meeting resumed with the public at 7:28 PM.

PLEDGE OF Ms. Mahon led the
ALLEGIANCE: pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following minutes:

Work Session/Budget Discussion – February 9, 2011
Special Meeting/Budget Discussion – February 10, 2011
Regular Meeting & Executive Session – February 16, 2011
Committee on Special Education – February 7, 8, 15, 17, 18, March 8,
2011
Sub. Committee Special Education – March 9, 2011

Committee on Preschool Special Education – March 3, 10, 2011

RECOGNITION: Certificates of Recognition from the Board of Education were awarded to the students who participated in the 7th Annual All-County Art Exhibition at Adelphi University. Students from each school in the District had artwork exhibited at this event. Mr. Peter Gibbons presented the certificates. He stated that Island Trees was well represented at the county level.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

A resident had a question regarding the high school track, Action Item #14 on the agenda.

A resident made a comment about the repair of the drainage at the high school track.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Board of Education Approval of Island Trees High School Revised Field Trip to Russian School**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the revised request for the Island Trees High School field trip to the Russian School in Riverdale, New York, which was originally scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2011, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

2. **Board of Education Approval of Island Trees Memorial Middle School Science Olympiad Team Trip to New York State Science Olympiad Championships**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to support and agree to sponsor the Island Trees Memorial Middle School Science Olympiad two-day trip to compete in the New York State Science Olympiad Championships from April 8 to April 9, 2011, at SUNY Ulster, in Ulster, NY, at a cost for twenty (20) students of \$239.30 per student to be paid through the Memorial Middle School science budget code 2110.400.20.80.

3. **Board of Education Approval of High School Field Trip to the Bodies Exhibit in New York City**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by

Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the Island Trees High School field trip to the Bodies Exhibit in New York City on April 27, 2011, at a cost to the students of \$40 per student.

4. Board of Education Approval of High School Field Trip to Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the Island Trees High School field trip to Dorney Park, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on May 13, 2011, at a cost to the students of \$61.21 per student.

5. Board of Education Approval of High School Field Trip to Central Park

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the Island Trees High School field trip to Central Park in New York City, on May 17, 2011 (Rain date May 25, 2011) at a cost to the students of \$11 per student.

6. Board of Education Approval of Girls Varsity Basketball Team Trip to Orlando, Florida

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the Island Trees girls varsity basketball team trip to Orlando, Florida, to participate in the KSA Holiday Festival tournament from Sunday, December 26, to Friday, December 31, 2011, at no cost to the district.

7. Board of Education Approval of High School Field Trip to The Museum of Natural History

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve, as presented, the Island Trees High School field trip to The Museum of Natural History in New York City, on April 13, 2011 at a cost to the students of \$32 per student.

8. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from a District Resident

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the donation of surplus items from Target, total value \$200, being made by Mrs. Martina Koenig, 3990 Wellwood Rd., Seaford, NY 11783, to be used for education purposes and serve as awards

for various school activities at Michael F. Stokes School, and that a letter from the Board of Education be sent to Mrs. Koenig thanking her for her support.

9. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose of Photographic Equipment at Island Trees High School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve to declare surplus and dispose of the following photographic equipment that is broken or unrepairable from the Island Trees High School as it sees fit pursuant to the State Education Department's recommended procedures:

1. Beseler Photo Enlarger machine 00002020
2. Omega Photo Enlarger machine 7001023
3. Light base/stand

10. Board of Education Approval of Health Services Agreements for 2010-2011

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to hereby approve entering into the Health Services Agreements with the following school districts for the 2010-2011 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreements subject to review and approval by District Counsel:

Hicksville Union Free School District
Uniondale Union Free School District
Farmingdale Union Free School District
Garden City Union Free School District

11. Board of Education Approval of Bid Award for Replacement of Hot Water Heater at the Island Trees High School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the bid award RFP#673.011.012, Replacement of Hot Water Heater at the Island Trees High School, to JPC Plumbing & Heating, Inc., 90 Plainfield Road, Albertson, NY 11507, in the amount of \$12,225.00, and authorizes the Board President to enter into a contract for the same.

12. Board of Education Approval of Senior Year Student Request to Remain at Island Trees High School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the request by a senior year student, who has moved out of the district, to remain at Island Trees High School, in accordance with Board Policy #5152, Admission of Non-Resident Students, until the student completes the senior year.

13. Board of Education Approval of CSEA Holiday Calendar for the 2011-2012 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the CSEA Holiday calendar for the 2011-2012 school year as presented.

14. Board of Education Approval of Budget Transfer for Emergency High School Track Remediation Project

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried to approve a budget transfer, as presented, for the funding of the emergency Island Trees High School Track Remediation project.

	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
A9950.900-96 Capital Projects	\$65,000.00	
A2250.490-53 Tuition: BOCES Spec. Ed.		\$65,000.00

15. Board of Education Approval of Parent University Honorariums

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried to approve the expenditure of grant funds for honorariums to the following presenters at the Parent University as follows:

YES Community Center	\$200.00
Holocaust Tolerance Center	\$200.00

16. Board of Education Approval of Request for Defense and Indemnification

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the requests for defense and indemnification submitted by Dr. Charles J. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools; and Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, in connection with the notice of claim discussed in

executive session, are hereby accepted and approved; and the benefits and protections of Section 18 of the Public Officers Law, and the benefits and protections of Sections 3811, 3028, and 3023 of the Education Law as applicable, as well as any other applicable statutes, laws, rules and regulations, are hereby conferred upon the aforementioned persons; and it is further resolved, that the District shall accordingly, defend, indemnify, hold and save harmless such persons, for any claims, liabilities, verdicts, judgments, damages, settlements, costs, expenses, reasonable attorneys' and other fees, disbursements, fines or penalties, provided that the act or omission from which such claims (etc) emanate, occurred while such persons were employed by the District or were board members, and acting within the scope of their public employment, board membership, duties and authority, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify, hold and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education. Except as otherwise provided by law, the duty to indemnify, hold and save harmless shall not arise where the injuries or damages (etc) resulted from the intentional wrongdoing or recklessness on the part of the aforementioned persons. No certificate of good faith or merit shall be required. The District's Counsel or insurance defense counsel as applicable shall be hereby deemed appointed for the purposes of this resolution.

17. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #4311.1R – Display of the Flag Regulation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the revised Display of the Flag Regulation Policy #4311.1R, as presented.

18. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #6600 – Fiscal Accounting and Reporting

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the revised Fiscal Accounting and Reporting Policy #6600, as presented.

19. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #8115 – Pesticides and Pest Management

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the revised Pesticides and Pest Management Policy #8115, as presented.

20. Board of Education Approval of Personnel Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by

Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated March 23, 2011, items 1 through 68 inclusive.

21. Board of Education Approval of Use of Buildings

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the use of buildings or fields by the following community and school organizations for the 2010-2011 school year subject to the limitations of policy and regulation:

Island Trees Little League Baseball
Long Island Sudden Impact
Island Trees Soccer Club
J. Fred Sparke PTA

DISCUSSION

Dr. Murphy explained that at the Town Meeting some residents had concerns about the wrestling room at the high school. Dr. Murphy and the Director of Plant and Facilities went to look at the room and found that there was not enough room for all the students. For safety reasons, it was suggested that the room be relocated to the upstairs fitness room. Mr. Butrico from the youth wrestling program is willing to do fundraising to raise funds to refurbish the fitness room into the new wrestling room. The District is in agreement with this initiative. The ventilation in the downstairs room is going to be taken care of, and the fitness room will be relocated to this area.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for January, 2011, as presented.

Mr. Michael Kearns, District Treasurer, was introduced by Ms. Mahon. Mr. Kearns addressed the Board and the audience by providing information about his background and what his function is as Treasurer at Island Trees. He answered questions presented to him by the Board.

**COMMENTS
FROM VISITORS
(OLD & NEW
BUSINESS):**

A resident had a question about agenda item #16 – indemnification.

A resident had a question about moving the wrestling room and the total cost to do it.

The U.T.I.T. President made a statement to the Board regarding staff reductions.

A resident made comments about the District Treasurer.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:26 PM. to discuss personnel issues.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:53 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 10:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____