Minutes of the Special Meeting/Budget Discussion 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 Tuesday, March 1, 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. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Budget review presentations were made by the following:

1. Capital Projects – discussed kitchen hood structure at the high school, and P.A. systems at Stokes, Sparke and the high school.
2. Budget Review Presentations
   a. Board/District Clerk/Superintendent – discussed BOLD system, which was taken out of the budget.
   b. Business/Legal – budget sheets were reviewed.
   c. Transportation – down two buses from last year. Budget sheets were reviewed.
3. Middle School Scheduling – proposed schedule changes were presented to the Board by Roger Bloom and Peter Gibbons.
4. Manhasset "Tax Cap" – Dr. Murphy asked if the Board wants to get involved with this effort that began with the Manhasset Board of Education protesting the tax cap and wanting to modify the current tax cap proposal. The Board was in agreement.
5. School Psychologist Schedules - Dr. Sage was aked to look at the staffing of school psychologists.
6. Accounting 101 Workshop – being held for Board members on

March 16 at 6 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS (OLD & NEW BUSINESS): A resident asked a question about this meeting and whether staffing was to have been discussed.

Dr. Murphy mentioned that the Town Meeting is on Thursday, March 3 at the Karopczyc School.

A resident had a question about buying off a BOCES bid.

A resident asked if the district has psychologist interns.

A resident asked what the guidance counselors do at the middle school.

A resident asked a question about retirement and pensionable salaries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On **Motion** of Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:16 PM. to discuss a personnel issue regarding a district employee.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: On **Motion** of Mr. Condela seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 9:49 PM.

ADJOURNED: On **Motion** of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved_____