

Minutes of the Special 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 Geneva N. Gallow School, 74 Farmedge Road, Levittown, New York, on Thursday, August 14, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Peter Ray, President, at 7:20 PM.

PRESENT: Mr. Peter Ray, President  
Mr. Carl Bonsignore, Vice President  
Mr. Joseph Buda  
Mr. Robert M. Condela  
Ms. Patricia Mahon  
Mr. Kenneth Rochon

ABSENT: Mrs. Christine Holt  
District Counsel

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education; Ms. Dana DiCapua, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

Mr. Ray led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

**PLEDGE**

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Reorganization Meeting, Regular Meeting & Executive Session –  
July 8, 2008

Committee on Special Education – May 20, 21, 22, 27,  
June 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 2008

Sub-Committee on Special Education – May 20, June 6, 2008

Committee on Preschool Special Education – May 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29,  
June 3, 5, 10, 12, 2008

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Rochon,

**DISTRICT**  
**TREASURER**

RESOLVED, That Arthur Venezia be and is hereby appointed District Treasurer of Island Trees UFSD at the pleasure of the Board Of Education from September 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009 at an annual salary of \$14,000, prorated.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Mr. Rochon,

**SALARIES**

RESOLVED, That the compensation for the following employees in the following job titles are approved as presented and are on file with the district clerk:

- Teacher Aide
- Registered Professional Nurse
- Buildings and Grounds – Hourly
- Part Time – Hourly
- Substitutes: Food Service Helper and School Monitor

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore,

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
CONTRACTS**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Board of Education to enter into the following contracts reviewed and approved by District Counsel for the providers of services to Island Trees students enrolled in non-public schools for the 2007-2008 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contracts.

- Hicksville UFSD
- Uniondale UFSD

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mr. Condela,

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLVED, To authorize a transfer of funds for the following:

1. In the amount of \$70,000 to cover annual debt payment for principal amount – between codes 9710.700.96 (Debt

Service Interest) and 9710.600.96 (Debt Service Principal) – for the 2008-2009 school year.

2. In the amount of \$21,000 to cover the district’s 20 percent share of summer special education – between codes 9901-950-96 (transfer to Special Aid) and 9060-800-96 (Health Insurance) – for the 2007-2008 end of year transfer.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated August 14, 2008, items 1 through 90 inclusive; and, in addition, to include summer workshop training for staff members listed in a memo from Dr. Sage to Mr. Parla dated August 6, 2008, as presented.

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried, Item 75 of the Personnel Report has been tabled to a time later in the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated August 14, 2008, items 1 through 74 and items 76 through 90 inclusive; and, in addition, to include summer workshop training for staff members listed in a memo from Dr. Sage to Mr. Parla dated August 6, 2008, as presented.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Buda,

**USE OF BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS community and school organizations have applied for use of district facilities for the 2008-2009 school year, and

WHEREAS the required insurance certificates have been received and all other requirements of policy and regulation of Island Trees and New York have been met, and

WHEREAS the principals and athletic director have certified that the use of these facilities will not interfere with the instructional program or co-curricular activities in our schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the requested use of buildings or fields is approved subject to the limitations of policy and regulation, as presented.

<i>Levittown Athletic Club</i> Softball Coaches Meeting	No Fee
<i>SEPTA</i> Meetings	No Fee
<i>National Youth Flag Football</i> Registration	No Fee
<i>Island Trees USSSA/ABA Sports</i> Softball Practices & Games	No Fee
<i>PTSA</i> Chinese Auction Fundraiser	No Fee
<i>Girl Scouts of Nassau County</i> Brownie Meeting Troop Meetings Daisy Meeting	No Fee
<i>Long Island String Festival Association</i> LISFA Rehearsals & Concert	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Soccer Club</i> General Meeting Soccer Meeting Opening Day, Practices & Games General Coaches Only – Hand Out Uniforms	No Fee

*All Nassau Girls Soccer Coaches*

General Meeting to Review Rules & Schedule No Fee

*Island Trees Soccer*

Training for Soccer Officials No Fee

*Unanimously carried* Ayes 6 Nays 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

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A resident asked if the rest of the high school is being checked for lead.

A resident asked if there was any other testing outside the wrestling room.

A resident presented Mr. Ray, President, with a letter regarding the Island Trees Wrestling Booster Club and raising money from donations to purchase a new tournament wrestling mat.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mr. Rochon,

**ROLANDS ELECTRIC**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with Rolands Electric for electrical work associated with the unit ventilator replacement projects at the J. Fred Sparke Elementary School and the Michael F. Stokes Elementary School for the total amount of \$35,500, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried* Ayes 6 Nays 0

On motion of Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:50 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

1. Lead Issue/Pending Litigation

2. Investigation
3. Superintendent's Evaluation
4. Clerical Memorandum of Agreement

On motion of Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Buda, and unanimously carried, the members came out of Executive Session at 8:37 PM.

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mr. Condela,

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve Item Number 75 of the Personnel Report dated August 14, 2008.

<i>Unanimously carried</i>	Ayes 3 (C. Bonsignore, R. Condela, P. Ray)	Nays 3 (J. Buda, P. Mahon, K. Rochon)
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On motion of Mr. Buda, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried, the members returned to Executive Session at 8:39 PM.

**RETURN TO  
EXEC. SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_