Minutes of the Budget Workshop 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 Wednesday, February 24, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Peter Ray, President, at 7:03 PM.

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

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. Connie Carr, District Clerk.

PLEDGE

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

SUPT'S. PRESENTATION

James Parla, Superintendent of Schools, gave a Powerpoint presentation. He talked about the congressional stimulus package and the impact on New York State schools. He explained that:

1) New York State is to receive $2.7 billion in stabilization funding over 27 months
2) The state will receive $1.2 billion in 2009-10
3) The funds must be used for education
4) There is $1 billion in Title 1 money, which we are not eligible for

The legislature has to decide how this money will flow through the State Aid package.

Discussion continued regarding possible ways to reduce the budget.

TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:13 PM. to discuss personnel items (various positions).

EXEC. SESSION

Executive Session began at 9:23 PM

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and

unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____