

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 Geneva N. Gallow School, 74 Farmedge Road, Levittown, New York, on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Robert M. Condela, at 8:07 PM.

PRESENT: Mr. Robert M. Condela, President  
Mr. Carl Bonsignore, Vice President  
Mr. Charles Bambino  
Mr. Kenneth Fazio  
Ms. Patricia Mahon  
Mr. Peter Ray  
Mr. Kenneth Rochon

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Salvatore Carambia, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Administration; Mr. David S. J. Rubin, Chief Legal Officer; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

Mr. Condela led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**PLEDGE**

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

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVAL**

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – March 29, 2006

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent made the following announcements:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. One of the middle school grade 8 science enrichment teams has been named one of seven national finalists and has won an all expenses paid trip to Florida for the 2006 Christopher Columbus Awards, National Championship Week. Congratulations to Mrs. Eileen Anderson, science teacher, and the team members: Chris Pizzo, Joseph Gombar, Robert Pulido, and Greg Karbuczky.
2. The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Island Trees Music Faculty Concert is on Friday, April 28, in the high school auditorium.

3. The budget hearing is on Tuesday, May 2. The budget newsletter, which has been mailed to district residents, states that the 2006-2007 tax levy will be 4.75%. This has been changed due to an increase in our state aid. Therefore, the Board of Education has authorized that the levy be brought down to 3.5%. Mr. Parla congratulated the Board of Education, administrators, and staff for the good job they did in getting the budget together.
4. The PTA Council District Dinner is on Monday, May 1, at Singleton's.

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

**BOCES**  
**BUDGET VOTE**

RESOLVED, That the Nassau BOCES Administrative Operation Budget for the 2006-2007 school year in the amount of sixteen million three hundred three thousand seven hundred seventeen dollars (\$16,303,717) be, and hereby is, APPROVED by this Board.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    7                      Nays    0

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

**BOCES**  
**TRUSTEE**  
**ELECTION**

RESOLVED, To elect the following **three** candidates to the vacant BOCES seats:

1. William P. Stris  
41 Parkwold Drive East  
Valley Stream, NY 11580  
Valley Stream UFSD #13 & CHSD
2. Michael Weinick  
245 Frankel Boulevard  
Merrick, NY 11566  
Bellmore UFSD, Bellmore-Merrick  
CHSD, Merrick UFSD
3. Iris Wolfson  
31 Barry Drive  
Westbury, NY 11590  
Hicksville UFSD

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    7                      Nays    0

On motion of Mr. Bambino, and seconded by Mr. Fazio,

**PERSONNEL  
REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated April 25, 2006, items 1 through 47 inclusive.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

Upon approval of the Personnel Report, Mr. Parla announced the names of the teachers who were recommended for tenure, as stated in the Personnel Report dated April 25, 2006.

**TENURE RECOM-  
MENDATIONS**

8:20 PM – At this time, Mr. Parla invited the audience to partake of refreshments hosted by the PTA Council in honor of the newly tenured teachers.

8:40 PM – The meeting resumed.

On motion of Mr. Ray, and seconded by Mr. Fazio,

**ORDER ON  
CONSENT**

WHEREAS the Island Trees School District has worked cooperatively with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of Health concerning the need for lead abatement in the basement of the high school, and

WHEREAS the district has engaged the services of Frederick Eisenbud, an attorney specializing in environmental issues, and J. P. Holzmacher, an environmental engineering firm to address this issue, and

WHEREAS the area requiring abatement is not accessible to students, and

WHEREAS the district's engineering firm, J.P. Holzmacher, has implemented a work plan to facilitate the testing and monitoring of the affected area, and

WHEREAS the district intends to submit an approvable soil removal plan to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation by May 1, 2006, and

WHEREAS the district intends to conduct a public meeting to provide information concerning the work plan to school staff, parents and students, and

WHEREAS the district intends to submit an approvable soil removal report to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation within 60 days of the completion of the work plans, and

WHEREAS the attorney representing the district, Frederick Eisenbud, Esq., and district counsel, David Rubin, Esq., have reviewed an Order on Consent between the district and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Order on Consent as presented.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Fazio, and seconded by Mr. Ray,

**CSEA HOLIDAYS**

WHEREAS a 2006-2007 holiday calendar has been developed for CSEA employees, and

WHEREAS this calendar has been reviewed by the presidents of the units involved, and

WHEREAS the calendar meets the contractual requirement of 15 days for each full-time employee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the CSEA calendar be adopted, as presented.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

**CSEA HOLIDAYS 2006-2007**

July 3 & 4

Independence Day\*

September 4	Labor Day*
October 2	Yom Kippur**
October 9	Columbus Day
November 10	Veterans Day
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving
December 25 & 26, Jan. 1	Holiday Recess
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19	Presidents' Day
April 6 & 9	Spring Recess
May 28	Memorial Day

\*12 Month Only

\*\*FOR CLERICAL UNIT ONLY

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

**PUBERTY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS the Island Trees PTA Council has once again requested support for the Puberty Program which is offered to students in grade four

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To financially support the 2005-2006 PTA Council Puberty Program in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400).

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

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

**CONSULTANT MUSIC ACCOMPANIMENT**

WHEREAS Irene Orman, Consultant, has entered into an agreement with the Island Trees U.F.S.D. to perform professional services in the accompaniment of the community choir rehearsal and concert performance on May 9, 2006, and

WHEREAS the fee for this service is \$100

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter

into the agreement with Irene Orman, Consultant, to perform professional services on May 9, 2006.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Bambino,  
WHEREAS Mrs. Fairclough of 14 Satellite Lane in Levittown desires to donate a GL36 Pro Form Stationary Bike to the district, and

**DONATION OF  
STATIONARY BIKE**

WHEREAS the district Athletic Director finds this stationary bike to be in excellent condition

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of a GL36 Pro Form Stationary Bike from Mrs. Fairclough with gratitude.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Bambino, and seconded by Mr. Ray,  
WHEREAS the 2005-2006 budget appropriation for the attached items is greater than \$10,000, and

**TRANSFER  
OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS transfers between object codes in any period exceeding \$10,000 may not occur without approval by the Board of Education

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To approve a transfer of funds for the items on the attached list.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Ray, and seconded by Mr. Fazio,  
WHEREAS Mrs. Connie Carr has been appointed Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, and

**CONFIDENTIAL  
MANAGERIAL  
EMPLOYEE**



*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

**REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for March 2006, as presented.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT REC'D.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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A resident had a question regarding the resolution for the transfer of funds.

A resident had a question regarding the personnel report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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1. The *Budget Hearing* is on May 2 at 8 PM at Gallow. Two people applied for the open board seats replacing Mr. Bambino and Mr. Fazio. They will be running uncontested.
2. The *Budget Vote and Trustee Election* is on May 16 from 12 to 9 PM in the Stokes School gym.

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Fazio and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:55 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

1. Drivers Education
2. Treasurer
3. Christopher Columbus Science Awards Competition in Florida

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk



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