

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 Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Robert M. Condela, at 8:03 PM.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Charles Bambino
Mr. Kenneth Fazio

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. Connie Carr, District Clerk.

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

PLEDGE

Mr. Parla introduced Mrs. Connie Carr as the new Secretary to the Superintendent and District Clerk.

**INTRODUCTION OF
MRS. CARR**

Mrs. Cathy Potorski was congratulated on receiving a \$3,000 grant to obtain a voice program at the Middle School.

RECOGNITION

The Island Trees High School Girls' Basketball team was congratulated on being ranked third for all of Long Island.

The high school Varsity Wrestling team was congratulated on being named conference champs.

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

**MINUTES
APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – November 16, 2005
Special Meeting – December 7, 14, 2005
Committee on Special Education – November 1, 3, 15, 17, 22, 23, 2005
Committee on Preschool Special Education – November 1, 2005

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

WHEREAS the New York State Education Department requires that each school district files a Building Condition Survey and a Five Year Facility Plan, and

WHEREAS the district’s Building Condition Survey was completed by a licensed architect and engineering firm, H2M Group, and

WHEREAS the survey was submitted to the Board of Education

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED to accept the above mentioned Building Condition Survey and Five Year Facility Plan and that it be duly filed with the State Education Department.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To award the bid for district vehicles as presented.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To declare obsolete the following vehicle:

1993 Ford Taurus Station Wagon
Vehicle Identification No. 1FACP57U7PA269525

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

**BUILDING
CONDITION
SURVEY RESULTS**

**DISTRICT
VEHICLES BID**

**OBSOLETE
VEHICLE**

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

**AUXILIARY
POLICE
CONTRACT**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into an agreement with the Levittown Auxiliary Police Unit #129 to provide security services in exchange for a 2000 Ford Taurus station wagon for which the district has no use and has declared as surplus.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

**CANCELLATION
OF FOOD VENDOR**

WHEREAS the Island Trees Board of Education has previously approved a food service vendor through the Nassau County Cooperative Bid, and

WHEREAS the vendor has not provided services as per the contract

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Island Trees Board of Education accept the cancellation of food service vendor H. Shrier.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

INTERNET POLICY

WHEREAS the Island Trees School District has installed a computer network connecting all schools and providing access to the Internet, and

WHEREAS the District has implemented safety procedures and precautions by using filtering software to help eliminate inappropriate Internet sites, and

WHEREAS the appropriate function of the network requires proper use by students and staff

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt policy 6211 to

establish acceptable use guidelines for the Island Trees School District's computer network and Internet access, as presented.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

Mr. Parla stated that a summary of this policy will be sent to every parent in the district.

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

WHEREAS the New York State Education Department has notified the District of a Revised Impartial Hearing Officer List for the 2005-2006 school year

**IMPARTIAL
HEARING
OFFICER
REVISED LIST**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the revised list as presented.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

WHEREAS the 2006 Music Student Leadership Conference will be held on April 22, 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and

**TRI-M MUSIC
CONFERENCE**

WHEREAS the Director of Fine and Performing Arts has requested that six Island Trees Tri-M students attend the conference, (Josephine Llorente, Marc Menzies, Amanda Hall, Alison Molino, Christina Mulé, and Victoria Stacy) and

WHEREAS there will be no cost to the district for student expenses, and

WHEREAS Ms. Leiann German, Tri-M co-advisor will serve as chaperone for the students

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the attendance of these students at this conference.

<i>Girl Scouts of Nassau County</i> Troop Meeting	No Fee
<i>Cub Scout Pack 600</i> Den Meeting	No Fee
<i>Island Trees High School Baseball</i> Fundraisers	No Fee
<i>Levittown Athletic Club</i> Softball Clinics Team Pictures	No Fee
<i>Nassau Approved Baseball Umpires</i> Umpire Class	No Fee
<i>NYSSMA</i> Festival	No Fee
<i>Sparke PTA</i> Plant Sale Father's Day Sale	No Fee
<i>Claudia Perri School of Dance</i> Recital	\$720

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for November 2005, as presented.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT REC'D.**

OLD BUSINESS

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A resident expressed concerns regarding property reassessments and school taxes.

NEW BUSINESS

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A resident expressed concerns regarding work sessions and the open meetings law.

A resident asked questions regarding the process for the placement of a permanent principal in the high school.

A member of the audience expressed concern about putting the word "Memorial" back into the name of the Middle School.

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:13 PM.

TO EXEC. SESSION

The following items were discussed in Executive Session:

EXEC. SESSION

1. H.S. Administrative Positions
2. Sand Tunnel
3. Retirement Incentive
4. Food Service Contract

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore Carambia
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____