

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, March 29, 2006.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Robert M. Condela, at 8 p.m.

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

ABSENT: 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. 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,

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – February 15, 2006  
Committee on Special Education – January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and  
February 7, 14, 2006  
Subcommittees on Special Education – February 9, 14, 27, 2006  
Committee on Preschool Special Education – January 3, 10, 11, 17, 19,  
27, 2006.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 6                      Nays 0

Presentation of Certificates to twenty-nine Island Trees Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who participated in the Get.A.Voice Workshop. Mrs. Potorski and Mrs. Wittschiebe explained the purpose of the workshop. Five students came forward and read their poems which they had written. Mr. Parla and Mr. Condela

**GET.A.VOICE**  
**CERTIFICATES**

presented a certificate to each girl.

Mr. Parla announced that the Middle School Science Olympiad Team qualified for the New York State Championship Tournament. Congratulations to Mr. Wagner and the students on the team.

**M.S. SCIENCE  
OLYMPIAD TEAM**

Mr. Parla congratulated the High School Robotics team for placing third at the Long Island Regional FIRST Robotics Competition at Hofstra University. It is a very, very exciting competition. Congratulations to Dr. Sass, Mr. Price, students who participated, and Mrs. Laura Rigo, Chairperson of the Science Department.

**H.S. ROBOTICS  
TEAM COMPETITION  
AT HOFSTRA UNIV.**

Mr. Parla congratulated the high school students who recently displayed their artwork at the Art Supervisors All-County Art Exhibition at C.W. Post Tilles Center. He also commended the art department and Mr. Gibbons, Director of Music and Fine Arts.

**ART SUPERVISORS  
ALL COUNTY ART  
ART EXHIBITION**

The high school drama club performed "Anything Goes" on March 24 and 25 and was a huge success. Congratulations were extended to all students and teachers who participated.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
DRAMA PROD.**

The NYSSMA Festival is taking place at the high school this week. A large number of our students are participating.

**NYSSMA FESTIVAL**

Kevin Covais has returned from California. There will be a celebration at the high school on Friday, March 31, at 1:15 p.m. Channel 12, Newsday, Fox 5, Access Hollywood, etc. will be there and it will be very exciting. We are very, very proud of Kevin, and we congratulate him and celebrate for him.

**KEVIN COVAIS**

At the April meetings of Sparke and Stokes PTA, and the MS/HS PTSA, there will be a presentation of the school budget. The budget to budget increase of 6.5% is about average when you take a look at all schools on Long Island. The levy to levy increase is 4.75%, which is less than last year. This will be the lowest in Nassau County and the lowest on all of Long Island. The goal for the upcoming year is that all of the programs and services will remain in tact for next year. Curriculum mapping will continue and we will be purchasing

**2006-2007 BUDGET**

new textbooks in different subjects. Information about the budget will be posted on our website early next week. Mr. Condela praised the Business Office for all their work getting this budget together.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**GOFF INVITATIONAL  
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD  
TOURNAMENT**

WHEREAS Mr. Gregory Wagner, middle school Science Department Chairperson and Science Olympiad Advisor, is requesting approval for an overnight trip to Goff Middle School in Albany, New York, to attend the Goff Invitational Science Olympiad Tournament on March 31 and April 1, 2006, and

WHEREAS the Island Trees Science Olympiad team has qualified to participate in this tournament, allowing children to improve their performance, and

WHEREAS financial support is needed for a coach bus to Albany, hotel accommodations plus meals at a cost of \$2,560 to the district

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports Mr. Wagner's request to sponsor an overnight trip to Albany, New York, for the Goff Invitational Science Olympiad Tournament on March 31 and April 1, 2006.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 6                      Nays 0

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

**NYS CHAMPIONSHIP  
TOURNAMENT**

WHEREAS Mr. Gregory Wagner, middle school Science Department Chairperson and Science Olympiad Advisor, is requesting approval for a two night trip to the New York State Championship Tournament at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York, on April 21, 22, and 23, 2006, and

WHEREAS the Island Trees Science Olympiad team has qualified to

participate in this tournament, and

WHEREAS financial support is needed for a coach bus to Rochester, hotel accommodations plus meals at a cost of \$4,675 to the district

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports Mr. Wagner's request to sponsor a two night trip to Rochester, New York, for the New York State Championship Tournament on April 21, 22, and 23, 2006.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**GRADE 8 TRIP TO  
PHILADELPHIA**

WHEREAS the eighth grade teachers of the Island Trees Middle School have proposed a one-day field trip to Philadelphia, and

WHEREAS the proposed field trip is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2006, and

WHEREAS the trip itinerary includes a visit to the Liberty Pavilion, Congress Hall, Independence Hall, Christ Church, and the National Constitution Center, and

WHEREAS the field trip will expose the students to many sites that tie in very nicely with their educational curriculum and the study of the history of the United States

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the eighth grade field trip to Philadelphia on Thursday, May 25, 2006, as outlined above.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**CONSULTANT -  
PARENT TRAINING**

WHEREAS Marily Trujillo, Consultant, has entered into an agreement with the Island Trees U.F.S.D. to perform professional services in parent training as per the Committee on Special Education for the period February 13, 2006, through June 30, 2006, and

WHEREAS the fee for this service is \$80 per hour

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter into the agreement with Marily Trujillo, Consultant, to perform professional services for the period February 13, 2006, through June 30, 2006.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 6                      Nays 0

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

**CONSULTANT -  
KICKLINE**

WHEREAS James Sajeve, Consultant, has entered into an agreement with the Island Trees U.F.S.D. to perform music production services for the Island Trees Dance Kickline Team on February 7, 2006.

WHEREAS the fee for this service is \$315 for production

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter into the agreement with James Sajeve, Consultant, to perform music production services as indicated.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 6                      Nays 0

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

**SCHOOL BUDGET  
2006-2007**

RESOLVED, To approve the adoption of the 2006-2007 school year budget to be voted on by the residents of the Island Trees Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, on May 16, 2006, with total expenditures in the amount of \$49,511,234.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**PERSONNEL  
REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated March 29, 2006 items 1 through 171 inclusive.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

Mr. Parla announced that Mrs. Connie Carr is officially the Secretary to the Superintendent and was sworn in as District Clerk by David Rubin, Attorney, at this meeting.

**DISTRICT CLERK**

Mr. Parla announced that Mr. William Kealy has been appointed as Principal of the high school, and Mr. Nicholas Grande is appointed as Assistant Principal of the high school, effective July 1, 2006.

**H.S.PRINCIPAL AND  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Mr. Parla and Mr. Condela congratulated and expressed their appreciation to Mr. Kealy and Mr. Grande for their dedication and for all they have done for the high school. Mr. Kealy thanked the Board of Education and Mr. Parla for their support on his and Nick's behalf.

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

**USE OF BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS community and school organizations have applied for use of district facilities for the 2005-2006 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>Nassau Soccer Officials</i> Training	No Fee
<i>Stokes PTA</i> Book Bingo Event	No Fee
<i>American Legion</i> Adult Softball Games	\$500
<i>Island Trees Little League</i> Games	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Travel Baseball</i> Games	No Fee
<i>C.A.P.I.T.</i> Sr. Citizen Prom	No Fee
<i>Stokes PTA</i> Human Development by Planned Parenthood	No Fee
<i>Mickey Lebrecht Studio of Dance</i> Dance Rehearsal and Recital	\$405
<i>Island Trees Soccer club</i> Soccer Pictures	No Fee
<i>Girls Scouts Nassau County</i> Troop Practice for talent show	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Soccer</i> Memorial Day Festival	No Fee
<i>Long Island Riptide</i> Softball Practice	To be determined
<i>Levittown Athletic Club</i>	

Girls Softball Games To be determined

*Levittown Panthers*  
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*Unanimously carried* Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for January and February 2006, as presented.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT REC'D.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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None

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Carl Bonsignore announced that the Dollars for Scholars Walk is on Saturday, April 8, 2006. This is the twenty-first year of the scholarship drive. Carl Bonsignore has served for nineteen years, and William Kealy has served since its inception.

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Ray and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk  
Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_