

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, November 16, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Robert M. Condela, at 8:10 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. Dorothy Bassemir, District Clerk.

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

PLEDGE

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

MINUTES
APPROVAL

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – October 26, 2005
Committee on Special Education – October 3, 11, 18, 25, 2005
Committee on Preschool Special Education – October 7, 11, 2005

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

AUDIT REPORT

RESOLVED, To accept from Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen and Danowski, LLP the following reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005:

1. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements.

2. Extraclassroom Activity Fund financial statements and auditor's report.
3. Single Audit Report.
4. Management Letter.
5. Management's Discussion & Analysis.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

WHEREAS the New York State Legislature amended section 466-C of the Real Property Tax Law, extending the county and town property tax exemption that volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers are eligible to receive, and

TAX EXEMPTION
RE: VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTER/
AMBULANCE
WORKER

WHEREAS school districts now have the local option to adopt this exemption for school taxes by Board resolution, and

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers with more than five years of service and who reside within the district may apply for an exemption to reduce their assessed value by 10% for the 2006-07 school tax levy, and

WHEREAS the Department of Assessment must be notified of the adoption of such a resolution by December 1, 2005

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Island Trees UFSD volunteer firefighters or ambulance workers be granted this exemption.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Abstentions 1 (Peter Ray)

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

**SURPLUS
VEHICLES**

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and advertise for sale the following vehicles:

1996 Oldsmobile Station Wagon
Vehicle Identification No. 1G3AJ85M3T6377631
Mileage – 59,609 (approx.)
Minimum Bid \$1,300

1996 Oldsmobile Station Wagon
Vehicle Identification No. 1G3AJ85M7T6397445
Mileage – 54,116 (approx.)
Minimum Bid \$1,500

1995 Oldsmobile Station Wagon
Vehicle Identification No. 1G3AJ85M2S6410729
Mileage – 52,620 (approx.)
Minimum Bid \$1,200

1993 Ford Taurus Station Wagon
Vehicle Identification No. 1FACP57U7PA269525
Mileage – 71,062 (approx.)
Minimum Bid \$1,000

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS the attached list of equipment has been deemed inoperable or irreparable

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of said equipment.

Dewault Cordless Drill
Model DW 966
Serial #23222

Hitachi VCR
Model VT-11108
Serial #6098886
Bar code #00000909

Ice-O-Matic Ice Making Machine
Model EC200HAPB1
Bar code #100514

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

OUT-OF-DISTRICT
WINTER TRACK

WHEREAS the Island Trees School District does not offer winter track,
and

WHEREAS two students have requested that they participate in the
winter track program in the Farmingdale School District, and

WHEREAS there will be no additional cost to the district

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Michelle Duffy and Samantha Cranmer be granted
permission to participate in the Farmingdale School District winter track
program.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

TRIBUTE TO
DOROTHY
BASSEMIR

WHEREAS Dorothy Bassemir has been an employee of the Island
Trees School District for the past twenty-two years, and

WHEREAS Dorothy Bassemir served as a secretary in the Middle
School from 1983 through 1991, and

WHEREAS Dorothy Bassemir was recognized as an outstanding employee at the Middle School leading to her promotion to secretary to the Superintendent of Schools and District Clerk, and

WHEREAS Dorothy Bassemir continues to be recognized for her intelligence, perseverance and dedication to excellence in her service to the Island Trees School District

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the members of the Island Trees Board of Education accept the resignation, for purposes of retirement, of Mrs. Dorothy Bassemir, with regret, effective November 30, 2005. The Board of Education extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to her for many years of exemplary service and wishes her well.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

BUDGET
PREP DATES

RESOLVED, To accept the dates listed below for preparation of the 2006-2007 budget:

- Mon., Oct. 3, 2005* - Budget material from Business Office to all Administrators.

- Mon., Dec. 5* - Administrators return all completed budget pages to Mr. Carambia in the Business Office.

- Tues., Jan. 3, 2006* - Petitions for Board Trustee available in District Clerk's office.

- Sat., March 4* - Board of Education meets to review entire budget proposal.
(8:30 A.M.)

- Thurs., March 23* - Amendments/Propositions to Budget due.
 - Budget Newsletter to printer.
 - Business Office prepares budget in outline form

- for presentation at May 2nd Budget Hearing.
- Weds., March 29* - Board of Education Meeting to adopt 2006-2007 Budget.
- Wed., April 12* - Budget Newsletter mailed to residents.
- Applications for Absentee Ballots available in District Clerk's office.
- Mon., April 17* - Petitions for Board Trustee due in District Clerk's office no later than 4 PM.
- FAX *Property Tax Report Card* to Levittown Tribune for publication in April 21st issue.
- Tues., April 18* - Drawing for ballot placement – 9:00 AM District Clerk's Office
- Tues., April 25* - Board of Education Meeting to vote on BOCES 2006-2007 Administrative Operations Budget.
- Adopted Budget available in the district schools.
- Tues., May 2* - Budget Hearing, 8 PM, General Purpose Room in the Geneva N. Gallow School.
- Registration for Budget Vote, 4 PM to 8 PM in District Clerk's office.
- ALSO:** Open registration on all school days – 9 AM to 3 PM in the Office of the District Clerk, Gallow School, up to and including Thursday, May 11, 2006.
- Wed., May 3* - Budget Postcard reminder to residents.
- Date to be determined-* "Meet the Candidate"

Tues., May 16 - **BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION**
12 Noon to 9 PM
Gymnasium in the M. F. Stokes School

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**PERSONNEL
REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated November 16, 2005 items 1 through 78 inclusive.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

USE OF BLDGS.

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.

Cub Scout Pack 600

Meeting No Fee

Island Trees Little League

Registration
Practice No Fee

Island Trees Varsity Baseball

Clinic No Fee

Stokes PTA

BLITZ Wrap Night

BLITZ

Blood Drive

Special Guest Day

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Team Adventure Day

Father's Day Sale

Grade 4 Special Guest Day No Fee

Girl Scouts of Nassau County

Talent Night

Leader/Daughter Dinner Dance No Fee

PTA Council

PTA Nassau Mid Year Conference No Fee

Island Trees High School Lacrosse

Second Annual Alumni Game No Fee

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Report for October 2005, as presented.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT REC'D.**

OLD BUSINESS

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None

NEW BUSINESS

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None

On motion of Mr. Bambino, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore and unanimously **TO EXEC. SESSION** carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:22 PM.

The following items were discussed in Executive Session:

EXEC. SESSION

1. Exchange of school vehicle for security services with Auxiliary Police
2. Human Awareness
3. Personnel item

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore Carambia
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____