

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, October 26, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Robert M. Condela, at 8:05 PM.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Carl Bonsignore, Vice President

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

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

**PLEDGE**

In celebration of *School Board Recognition Week*, PTA Council provided refreshments for the occasion. Offering their thanks on behalf of their respective organizations were Vicki Del Giacco, PTA Council; Ellen Murphy, UTIT; Jon Segerdahl, Principals' Association; Connie Carr, CSEA Clerical; Harry Villone, CSEA Custodial; and Peter Gibbons on behalf of central office administration staff. A performance by the Chamber Orchestra was enjoyed by all.

**SCHOOL BOARD  
RECOGNITION**

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

**MINUTES  
APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – September 28, 2005  
Committee on Special Education – August 10, 17, 22, September 13,  
20, 27, 28, 2005  
Committee on Preschool Special Education – August 10, 17, 22,  
September 8, 13, 2005

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent made the following announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Last Thursday's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Square Dance was a huge success.
2. Newsday's Marching Band Festival was held last Tuesday at Hofstra University and was enjoyed by all in attendance.
3. Despite the rain, many participated in Homecoming Weekend.
4. The Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner was well attended, and fifteen graduates were inducted. Congratulations were extended to Steve Connell and Joel Miller.
5. The high school theatrical production of "Fools" will be presented on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
6. The work plan for the lead abatement project at the high school has been finalized.
7. Governor Pataki has proclaimed that the week of October 24-28 be designated as *School Board Recognition Week*.

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

AUDIT  
COMMITTEE

WHEREAS Chapter 263 of the Laws of 2005 require the implementation of the New York State Comptroller's "five point plan" and,

WHEREAS a key provision of the State Comptroller's plan is that every Board of Education appoint an audit committee with a minimum of three members by January 1, 2006 to serve without compensation and,

WHEREAS the audit committee's function is to provide recommendations regarding the appointment of district external and internal auditors, review a draft of the external audit, oversee the internal audit function, provide recommendations to the Board regarding acceptance of the external audit and review the implementation of corrective action plans, if necessary,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Mr. Peter Ray, Ms. Pat Mahon and Mr. Ken Rochon be appointed to the district's audit committee, effective January 1, 2006.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

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

GREENKILL

**TRIP**

WHEREAS the Island Trees Middle School has scheduled its week-long Grade 6 Greenkill Outdoor Education trip from November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 2, 2005, and

WHEREAS overnight trips require Board of Education approval

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education supports and approves the above-mentioned middle school trip.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

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

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES  
CONTRACTS**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education President to sign a contract with the following list of providers for professional services for the 2005-06 school year.

1. N.Y. Physical Therapy & Wellness – Athletic Trainer – Fee: \$9,000 per year.
2. Top Grade – Home Tutoring – Fee: \$35 per hour.
3. Dr. Elizabeth Haggerty – Psychological Services – Fee: \$45 per hour.
4. Andrea Posillico – Training for parents of autistic children – IEP mandated – Fee: \$30 per hour.
5. RCP Consultants Inc. – Training for our teaching staff to address classroom and test strategies for grades 3 – 8 ELA exams – Fee: \$1,000.
6. Curriculum Designers Inc. – To provide curriculum mapping strategies for science and social studies teachers – Fee: \$4,000.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

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

**IMPARTIAL  
HEARING  
OFFICER**

RESOLVED, To appoint Dale Black-Pennington as the Impartial Hearing Officer for SED case 16355.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6    Nays 0

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

**PERSONNEL  
REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated October 26, 2005 items 1 through 359 inclusive.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6    Nays 0

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

**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.

*Island Trees Curriculum*

CPR AED Training	
Power School Training	No Fee

*Levittown Red Devils Cheerleaders*

Practice	No Fee
Competition	\$1,960.00

*Island Trees Little League*

Registration No Fee

*St. Bernard CYO*  
Basketball

No Fee

*Cub Scout Pack 600*  
Meetings

No Fee

*Girl Scouts of Nassau County*  
Meetings  
Square Dance

No Fee

*Stokes PTA*  
Book Fair  
Gift Fair  
Picture Retakes  
Distribution of Flowers

No Fee

*Sparke PTA*  
Book Fair  
Craft Fair  
Vendor Sale  
Family Portraits

No Fee

*IT Driver Education*  
Theory Classes

No Fee

*IT Soccer Club*  
Practice

No Fee

*IT Baseball*  
Youth Baseball Clinic  
Drills & Practices

No Fee

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

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

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

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT REC'D.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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None

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None

On motion of Mr. Bambino, seconded by Mr. Ra,y and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following resolution was discussed and carried:

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

**AMEND POLICIES  
3170 AND 3180**

RESOLVED, To amend Island Trees Board of Education Policy 3170: *Business Meals and Refreshments*, and Policy 3180: *Expense Reimbursement*, as presented.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,  
*(as recounted by Salvatore Carambia)*

Dorothy Bassemir  
District Clerk

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