

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, September 28, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Robert M. Condela, at 8:00 PM.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Peter Ray

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**

Fire Inspector, Joseph Hervan, presented the Annual District Fire Inspection.

**ANNUAL FIRE  
INSPECTION**

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

**MINUTES  
APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Reorganization Meeting – July 14, 2005

Tax Levy Meeting – July 27, 2005

Special Meeting – August 24, 2005

Committee on Special Education – May 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31,

June 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 29, July 14, 25, 28,

August 3, 2005

Committee on Preschool Special Education – May 17, 19, 25, 26,

June 2, 7, 9, 16, 23, 27, 29, July 14, 25, 2005

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

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

**PROFESSIONAL  
PERFORMANCE  
REVIEW PLAN**

WHEREAS the New York State Education Department requires that the district file an Annual Professional Performance Review Plan, and

WHEREAS the district's Professional Development Committee has updated the current plan

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board accept the District's Annual Professional Performance Review Plan and that it be forwarded to the New York State Education Department.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6    Nays 0

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

**DONATION  
OF PRINTERS  
SEN. HANNON**

WHEREAS Senator Kemp Hannon was instrumental in obtaining the donation of four Lexmark color inkjet printers from the Lexmark Corp., and

WHEREAS this equipment is new and will be utilized in each of our schools

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To accept the above-mentioned donation from the Lexmark Corporation and send a letter from the Board of Education to Senator Kemp Hannon, thanking him for arranging this donation.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6    Nays 0

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

**MUSIC  
FIELD TRIP**

WHEREAS the Music Department has requested that the Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade band, orchestra and chorus perform at the "High Note Festival" in Jackson, New Jersey on May 5, 2006, and

WHEREAS the Music Department has also requested that the High

School symphonic band, concert band, orchestra and chorus perform at the "High Note Festival" in Jackson, New Jersey on May 19, 2006, and

WHEREAS the cost of the trip is \$80.00 per student to be paid by the students, and

WHEREAS adequate chaperones for each trip have been arranged

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board approve both field trips, as presented.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

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

**M.S.**  
**FIELD TRIP**

WHEREAS the Middle School Administration has requested that the seventh grade travel to New York City to see *Hairspray* on November 16, 2005, and

WHEREAS this field trip coordinates with the curriculum unit on discrimination, and

WHEREAS the cost is \$60.00 per student to be paid by the students, and

WHEREAS adequate chaperones have been arranged

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board approve a grade seven field trip to New York City on November 16, 2006.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

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

**NYSSBA**  
**WORKSHOP**

WHEREAS newly-elected and reelected board members are required by Education Law to receive six hours of financial training, and  
WHEREAS the New York State School Board Association has planned a financial workshop at the Levittown Education Center, and

WHEREAS existing members may also attend, and

WHEREAS seven Board members have requested this training, and

WHEREAS the cost to hold the conference is \$2,800 which will be prorated among the total number of attendees with the final cost of the workshop to be determined by the actual number of attendees

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To approve the attendance of seven Island Trees school board members at the New York State School Board Association Financial Training workshop on November 2 and 3, 2005.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays

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

**USE OF**  
**VEHICLE RE:**  
**J. PARLA**

WHEREAS the Island Trees Union Free School District entered into an Employment Agreement employing James Parla as Superintendent of Schools for a term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2009, and

WHEREAS the terms of the contract include use of a district-owned vehicle as part of the Superintendent's compensation, and

WHEREAS the Superintendent has requested that the current terms in the contract be more specific regarding the use of the vehicle, reflecting personal and business use inclusive of repairs, fuel and maintenance

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the modification of

the Employment Agreement for purposes of clarifying the existing terms, as presented.

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6    Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To appoint Lynn Almeleh as the Impartial Hearing Officer for SED case 16355.

**APPOINT  
IMPARTIAL  
HEARING  
OFFICER**

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6    Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated September 28, 2005 items 1 through 68 inclusive.

**PERSONNEL  
REPORT**

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6    Nays 0

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

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.

**USE OF BLDGS.**

<i>Stokes PTA</i>	
Class Parent Tea	No Fee
<i>Sparke PTA</i>	
PTA Meetings	
New Parents Tea	
Class Parents Tea	
Halloween Party	No Fee
<i>PTA Council</i>	
Council Meetings	No Fee
<i>Cub Scout Pack 600</i>	
Boy Scout Meetings	
Den Meetings	
Webelos Meetings	No Fee
<i>Girl Scouts of Nassau County</i>	
Leader Meetings	
Service Team Meetings	
Troop Meetings	No Fee
<i>IT Varsity Football</i>	
Football Breakfasts	No Fee
<i>IT JV Cheerleaders</i>	
Practice	No Fee
<i>JV Kickline</i>	
Practice	No Fee
<i>ITHS</i>	
Varsity Athletic and Band Social	No Fee
<i>ITHS Orchestra</i>	
Joint Concert with Hofstra	No Fee
<i>Nassau County Girls HS Soccer</i>	
Nassau County Girls HS Soccer Meeting	No Fee

*Levittown Red Devil Cheerleading Practice* No Fee

*Levittown Athletic Club Girls Softball* No Fee

*St. Martin CYO Basketball Basketball* No Fee

*NYS Assemblyman Joseph Saladino Parent Training Seminar* No Fee

*Unanimously carried* Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for July and August 2005, as presented

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT REC'D.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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None

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The Superintendent made the following announcements:

- a) Island Trees enjoyed a successful summer, i.e. the YES Program, Sports Camps, Music, Curriculum Work and mapping for ELA and Math completed.
- b) Due to the efforts of the entire staff, the buildings were ready for our children which resulted in a smooth opening.
- c) Over the summer, the district was notified of All-State Music selections:
  - Emily Koutsoftas – Symphonic Band
  - Kevin Covais – Chorus
  - Amanda Hall – Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Chorus and Orchestra

Three composers were selected for music compositions:

Robby Howells

Justin Acito

Erica Bauer

Only nine student composers were honored in the entire state; Island Trees had three out of the nine.

- d) The Marching Band joined the Levittown Fire Department at a parade in North Massapequa on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- e) The Marching Band will make its first appearance at the football game this Friday night (September 30<sup>th</sup>).
- f) The Newsday Marching Band Festival will take place on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Hofstra University. Tickets are \$8.00 and are available in the Music Department office.
- g) The Dollars for Scholars Meeting to be held on October 6, 2005 has been rescheduled for October 24, 2005 in the high school at 6:30 PM.

Also discussed were the middle school name, the possibility of purchasing air conditioners through fundraising, open campus at the high school, the insufficient number of graduation programs available at the ceremony in June, and kickline uniforms.

On motion of Mr. Bambino, seconded by Mr. Bonsignor, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:20 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

- a) Personnel
- b) Sand tunnel issue

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Dorothy Bassemir  
District Clerk  
Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_