

Minutes of the Work Session 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 Stephen E. Karopczyc School, 74 Farmedge Road, Levittown, New York, on Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

Since Mr. Donahue, President, and Mr. Giambona, Vice President, were not present, Dr. Murphy asked the remaining Board members to appoint a temporary chairperson. A **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously carried (3-0) to appoint Mrs. Kristen Daum as temporary chairperson of this meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Daum at 7:01 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Kristen Daum
Mr. Brian Fielding
Mrs. Barbara Medellin
Mr. Michael T. Rich, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Donahue, President
Mr. Paul Giambona, Vice President
Mrs. Kim McDonough

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Charles J. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Ed.
Mrs. Susan Hlavenka, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mrs. Elizabeth Roemer, Admin. for Ed. Progs., Literacy & Staff Devel.
Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Daum led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for our troops.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: None

ACTION ITEMS: The Action Items listed on the agenda were reviewed and discussed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Advocacy Letter – High Stakes Testing – The Board of Education agreed to sending an advocacy letter to the Governor and state representatives.
2. Smart Schools Bond Act – Dr. Murphy and John Rezek spoke about the Smart Schools Bond Act, which was passed by the voters last November. Through this act, the district will receive \$1.5 million in funding for technology enhancements in the district. John

Rezek explained that we currently have fiber optics and that there is newer high speed technology, such as WiFi. Every building would have to be rewired, and all switches would have to be replaced. Dr. Murphy explained that in order to receive this funding from New York State, the district is required to create a technology committee to obtain input from the community. Dr. Murphy is in the process of creating this committee.

3. Gifts and Grants Policy - Dr. Murphy spoke about this policy update proposed by NYSSBA. Under the revision, all grants would have to be approved by the Board, and he thinks the district would not be able to do this since it would be difficult to manage. The Board agreed to not change this policy at this time.
4. Facilities Review – The Board met on a Saturday with the architect to go over all the work that needs to be done in the district. Dr. Murphy and Lou DiPadova will be meeting with the architect next week to go over the 5-year plan. This will be discussed at the reorganization meeting. The Board suggested putting out an RFP for general architectural consulting.

**COMMENTS
FROM VISITORS
(OLD & NEW
BUSINESS):**

Seniors from the high school attended the meeting to discuss the decorating of graduation caps.
A resident asked a question about the reorganization meeting.
A resident asked if there was a dress code for students

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously carried (4-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:08 PM to conduct and interview and discuss personnel issues regarding employee conduct.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (4-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 9:55 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mr. Fielding, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (4-0), the meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____