

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, September 10, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Daniel Donahue, President, at 7:00 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Daniel Donahue, President  
Mr. Paul Giambona, Vice President  
Mrs. Kristen Daum  
Mr. Brian Fielding  
Mrs. Kim McDonough  
Mrs. Barbara Medellin  
Mr. Michael T. Rich, Jr.

**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:** Mr. Donahue led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for our troops and remembrance for 9/11.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

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

### **DISCUSSION**

1. Board Docs – Dr. Murphy is trying to schedule a webinar with NYSSBA regarding Board Docs for the Board. He will try to schedule for October 15<sup>th</sup> or October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Audit Committee – The Board discussed having a district resident serving on the Audit Committee. They were in agreement and an action item will appear on the Board meeting agenda next week.
3. Beth Roemer Academic/Curriculum Update – Beth gave an overview of what was done over the summer. She spoke about the Wonders Reading Program, Go Math, AP Physics and Marine Biology Course. Teachers attended BOCES seminars during the summer on geometry, algebra and English. New teachers were set up with mentors and training was positive. One of the highlights this year is videoconferencing. We are looking at ways to bring technology to

the students. Extra-help is offered every day at the Memorial Middle School. A math lab will have one teacher every day for four days a week. The high school will be hosting a collegial visit with SED to talk about best practices and share secrets. There was a Go Math demonstration for the math teachers. Chromebooks at the Memorial Middle School. On-line math program that kids can use to practice at home.

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

A resident asked a question about the Food Service Director.  
A faculty member asked a question about disposal of library books.  
A resident asked a question about gym classes in Memorial Middle School.  
A resident asked a question about class trips.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:52 PM to discuss personnel matters regarding the status of employment for several employees.

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) the members came out of Executive Session at 8:20 PM.

**ADJOURNED:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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