

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, January 18, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mahon, President, at 6:30 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Patricia Mahon, President  
Mr. Kenneth Rochon, Vice President (arrived 6:32 PM)  
Mrs. Kristen Daum  
Mr. Daniel Donahue  
Mrs. Kim McDonough  
Mrs. Barbara Medellin  
Mr. George Storm

**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. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE:** On **Motion** of Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and  
**SESSION:** unanimously carried (6-0), the Board of Education recessed into Executive Session at 6:30 PM to discuss a personnel issue regarding a faculty member.

The meeting returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:56 PM.  
The meeting resumed with the public at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Mahon 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. Sparke School Benchmark Data – Dr. Penny Fisher met with the Board to give an overview of the Benchmark Data—what is being done to meet the new standards (using certain programs for reading, writing, and math; faculty meetings; bulletin boards; raffles; weekly bulletin; etc.)

2. Tax Cap/Budget Meeting – Dr. Murphy and the Board discussed the upcoming meeting that Island Trees is hosting with eight other school districts. Superintendents and Board members from these districts will be in attendance to hear a presentation from representatives from Questar III who will give a presentation on the tax cap. He asked the Board for questions that could be put on a topic sheet for discussion at the meeting.

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

None

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00 PM. to discuss personnel issues regarding three faculty members.

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 9:21 PM.

**ADJOURNED:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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