

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 Stephen E. Karopczyc School, 74 Farmedge Road, Levittown, New York, on Wednesday, January 25, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mahon, President, at 6:59 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Patricia Mahon, President
Mr. Kenneth Rochon, Vice President (arrived 7:03 PM)
Mrs. Kristen Daum (arrived 7:20 PM)
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
Mr. Richard Guercio, General Legal Counsel
Mrs. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel
Ms. Kathryn Maier, General Legal Counsel
Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE:
SESSION:** On **Motion** of Mr. Donahue, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board of Education recessed into Executive Session at 6:59 PM to discuss personnel issues regarding a faculty member.

The meeting returned from Executive Session at approximately 7:30 PM. The meeting resumed with the public at 7:32 PM.

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

MINUTES: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following minutes:

Work Session & Executive Session – December 7, 2011
Regular Meeting & Executive Session – December 14, 2011
Committee on Special Education – December 6, 13, 20, 2011, and
January 3, 10, 2012
Committee on Preschool Special Education – December 8, 20, 22, 2011,
and January 5, 12, 2012

**COMMENTS
FROM**

VISITORS: None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Board of Education Approval of High School Field Trip to Metropolis Studios

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the request for the Island Trees High School social studies field trip to Metropolis Studios in New York City on February 14, 2012, at a cost to the students of \$15.

2. Board of Education Approval of Island Trees High School Ninth Grade Field Trip to AMC Nassau Metroplex

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the request for the Island Trees High School ninth grade field trip to AMC Nassau Metroplex, Levittown, to see the movie, *The Hunger Games*, on Friday, March 23, 2012, at a cost for tickets for 200 students and 20 chaperones of \$1,320.00, to be paid through the Island Trees High School English Dept. code 2110.400.10.0050.

3. Board of Education Approval Island Trees High School Music Dept. Field Trip to New York Philharmonic

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the request for the Island Trees High School Music Dept. field trip to the New York Philharmonic on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at a cost to the students of \$62.

4. Board of Education Approval of Island Trees Memorial Middle School Fifth Grade Field Trip to Historic Philadelphia

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Donahue, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the request for the Island Trees Memorial Middle School fifth grade field trip to Historic Philadelphia on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at a cost to the students of \$80.

5. **Board of Education Acceptance of Donation to Island Trees Music/Theater Program**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Donahue, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept a donation in the amount of \$500 from Mr. David Franklin, 86 Fairview Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050, through the Time Warner Employee Grant Program, to the Island Trees Music/Theater Program, increasing budget line 2850.400.12.0040, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking him for his generosity.

6. **Board of Education Approval to Adopt the 2012-2013 School Calendar**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the adoption of the 2012-2013 school calendar, as presented.

7. **Board of Education Approval of Canine Detection Services**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the use of K9 Noses Inc. for the purpose of narcotics assemblies and searches at Island Trees High School and Island Trees Memorial Middle School, at a cost of \$1,000 per school for assemblies, \$500 per school for narcotic searches, and \$750 per school for unscheduled narcotic searches, with such contract subject to review and approval of District counsel.

8. **Board of Education Approval of Special Education Services Contract with Farmingdale UFSD for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the special education services contract with Farmingdale UFSD for the 2010-2011 school year, which was reviewed and approved by District Counsel, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

9. **Board of Education Approval of Medical Leave Stipulation for a District Employee**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the medical leave stipulation with the employee discussed in executive session and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

10. Board of Education Approval of Budget Transfer

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Donahue, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$76,000 from the BOCES Special Education tuition code to the Private School Tuition code as detailed below to reflect a change in regulations regarding the funding of tuition to students who attend 4021 schools:

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A2250-490-53	BOCES Special Education	76,000.00	
A2250-472-53	Private School Tuition		76,000.00

11. Board of Education Acceptance of Corrective Action Plan

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Donahue, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the Corrective Action Plan, as presented, in response to the audit recommendations included in the 2010-2011 Management Letter.

12. Board of Education Approval of Change Order #7 & #8 - Bond Issue 8 –Maintenance Facility

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve Change Orders #7 and #8 – Bond Issue 8 – Maintenance Facility representing a total credit in the amount of (\$65,782.06) as presented, and authorizes the Board President to sign said change orders, subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

13. Board of Education Approval of New Policy #5280.1 Concussion Management, and Policy #5280.1-R Concussion Management Regulation– First Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept as a first reading the new Concussion Management Policy #5280.1, and Concussion Management Regulation Policy #5280.1-R, as presented.

14. Board of Education Approval of Revised Policy #5285 – Student Eligibility for Occupational Education

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the revised Student Eligibility for Occupational Education Policy #5285, as presented.

15. **Board of Education Approval of New Policy #1051 – School Board Elections-Poll Watchers**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the new School Board Elections-Poll Watchers Policy #1051, as presented.

16. **Board of Education Approval of Revised Policy #4321 – Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York’s Education Law Article 89– First Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Donahue, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept as a first reading the revised Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York’s Education Law Article 89 Policy #4321, as presented.

17. **Board of Education Approval of Revised Policy #5405 – Wellness -First Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Donahue, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept as a first reading the revised Wellness Policy #5405, as presented.

18. **Board of Education Approval of Special Education Services Contract with the Developmental Disabilities Institute for the 2011-12 School Year**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the special education services contract with Developmental Disabilities Institute for the 2011-2012 school year, which was reviewed and approved by District Counsel, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

19. **Board of Education Approval of Contract Amendment from the Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the contract amendment from the Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities for the 2011-2012 School Year, and authorizes the Board President to sign the amended contract.

20. **Board of Education Approval of Award for Fitness Equipment**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve

to award RFQ #673.012.008 to Fitness Showrooms, 1930 Route 9 South, Unit 106, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, and to authorize the Board President to enter into a contract for same.

21. **Board of Education Approval of SEORA Resolution for Proposed Intercom/Site-work Projects at J. Fred Sparke Elementary School**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District is considering the implementation of improvements at the J. Fred Sparke Elementary School (hereinafter referred to as the “proposed action”); located at 100 Robin Place, Levittown, NY 11756, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District has reviewed the proposed action and the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR part 617 and has determined that the proposed action is properly classified as Type II, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the J. Fred Sparke Elementary School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by BBS Architects & Engineer, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR§617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

22. **Board of Education Approval of SEORA Resolution for Proposed Intercom/Site-work Projects at Michael F. Stokes Elementary School**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Donahue, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District is considering the implementation of improvements at the Michael F. Stokes Elementary School (hereinafter referred to as the “proposed action”); located at 101 Owl Place, Levittown, NY 11756, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District has reviewed the proposed action and the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR part 617 and has determined that the proposed action is properly classified as Type II, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by BBS Architects & Engineer, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR§617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

23. Board of Education Approval of SEORA Resolution for Proposed Intercom/Site-work Projects at Island Trees High School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Donahue, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District is considering the implementation of improvements at the Island Trees High School (hereinafter referred to as the “proposed action”); located at 59 Straight Lane, Levittown, NY 11756, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District has reviewed the proposed action and the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR part 617 and has determined that the proposed action is properly classified as Type II, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Island Trees High School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by BBS Architects & Engineer, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR§617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

24. Board of Education Approval of Personnel Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated January 25, 2012, items 1 through 61 inclusive.

20. Board of Education Approval of Use of Buildings

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0), to approve the use of buildings or fields by the following community and school organizations for the 2011-2012 school year subject to the limitations of policy and regulation:

ITHS JV Basketball Pasta Party
Island Trees Wrestling Tournament
Island Trees Wrestling
Island Trees Men's Alumni Soccer
Middle School Drama Club
Girl Scout Troop 3539
Island Trees Soccer Club
High School Girls Soccer Section VIII

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Report for November, 2011, as presented.

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

A resident asked the Board and the audience to applaud Mr. Pete Butrico for his efforts in raising money for the high school wrestling room. The same resident also had a question regarding the budget and if there will be any anticipated cuts in teaching staff.

A faculty member expressed her support for Coach Schneider.

A student-athlete expressed her support for Coach Schneider.

A student athlete expressed her support for Coach Schneider.

A parent expressed her support for Coach Schneider.

A parent expressed her support for Coach Schneider.

A parent expressed his support for Coach Schneider.

A resident expressed his support for Coach Schneider and had a question about legal costs for pending litigation.

A student-athlete expressed her support for Coach Schneider.

A parent expressed her support for Coach Schneider.

A student-athlete expressed her support for Coach Schneider.

A parent expressed his support for Coach Schneider.

A faculty member expressed her support for Coach Schneider.

A resident expressed his support for Coach Schneider.

A parent expressed his support for Coach Schneider.
A parent expressed his support for Coach Schneider.
A student-athlete expressed her support for Coach Schneider.
A parent expressed her support for Coach Schneider.
A resident commented about the number of community members coming to the meeting for an important issue.
A parent expressed her support for Coach Schneider.
A parent expressed his support for Coach Schneider.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:29 PM. to discuss personnel issues regarding a faculty member.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 9:54 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____