

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, October 15, 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
Mr. Michael T. Rich, Jr.

ABSENT: Mrs. Kim McDonough
Mrs. Barbara Medellin

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 for Mr. James Mulloy, retired teacher, and Mr. Paul Daly, Island Trees Alumni, who passed away.

PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIALS: Mary Ann Van Duyne, R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP, gave a presentation on the audited financials for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: A resident asked a question about e-mail sent to Board President.
A resident asked a question about the 0% tax levy and streaming Board meetings.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Roger Bloom and Jim Conklin were present at the meeting to discuss the iPad program at the Island Trees Memorial Middle School. They spoke about how the program started three years ago using the e-Spark program. The iPad has been used by two fifth grade classes for math and language arts. Mr. Conklin sees that more students are motivated

using the iPad, and he is able to give feedback right away as to who mastered the work and who is struggling. Mr. Conklin and Mr. Bloom would like to see the program move forward and use the iPads in the entire 5th and 6th grade classes.

2. Curriculum Update – Mrs. Roemer stated that the Chromebooks are in and will be handed out. We will be working with small groups to get students and teachers started. The social studies curriculum was looked at. The math lab is going well, and parents are interacting and trying to work with their children.
3. AMC Easement – We are looking at a way to get around the easement issue with AMC Levittown Theater.
4. Streaming Meetings – The Board discussed the possibility of videotaping Board meetings and putting them on the website.
5. Architectural 5-year Plan – Dr. Murphy asked the Board if they would want subcommittees or the whole Board involved in the interviewing process to hire an architectural firm. It was decided that the entire Board would be involved.

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

A resident asked a question about PowerSchool (parent portal).

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:48 PM to discuss personnel matters regarding employee disciplinary issues.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (5-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 9:03 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____