

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 16, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Kristen Daum, President, at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Kristen Daum, Vice President
Ms. Patricia Mahon
Mrs. Kim McDonough
Mrs. Barbara Medellin
Mr. George Storm

ABSENT: Mr. Kenneth Rochon, President

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Daum led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for our troops and for Mrs. Rita Barbour, recently deceased retiree who worked for Island Trees for over 30 years and worked as Business Manager for seven years.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: None

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Amanda Steele and Danielle Azar spoke to the Board regarding the proposed middle school trip to Washington D.C. They explained that a travel company would be handling every aspect of the trip (bus, hotel, tours, security, medical, etc.). The Board agreed to approve their request.
2. Dr. Penny Fisher, Principal, was in attendance to discuss the progress at J. Fred Sparke School. She presented information regarding achievement data in reading and mathematics. She noted that reading skills have gone up over the last two years. She also noted that this is the first year of the Go Math series.
3. David Pennetta and Jeff Wax from Oxford and Simpson were in attendance to give an update on the sale of the Farmedge property.

4. Dr. Murphy discussed with the Board the Saturday School proposal. Not enough teachers have volunteered, and none were certified to teach 8th grade math. The program will not be offered.

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

None

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:34 PM to discuss personnel issues regarding several staff members.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Donahue, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (6-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 9:47 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mr. Donahue, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____