

# OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

## *BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING*

*October 27, 2010*

*7:30 PM*

## **AGENDA**

### **DRAFT**

#### **A. OPENING OF MEETING**

1. **Call to Order** Ms. Patricia Mahon, President will preside.  
A quorum is expected.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Moment of Silence**
4. **Approval of Minutes**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following minutes as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – September 29, 2010

Special Meeting & Executive Session – October 4, 2010

Committee on Special Education – September 21 and October 5, 2010

Committee on Preschool Special Education – October 7 and 14, 2010

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

#### **B. RECOGNITION**

1. **Board of Education**
2. **NYSSMA 2010 Electronic Music Composition Showcase Winners**

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Board of Education Acceptance of Audit Report**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts from R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP the following audited reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010:

1. Management's Discussion & Analysis
2. Auditors Report and Financial Statements
3. Management Letter
4. Extraclassroom Activity Fund Financial Statements and Auditors Report
5. SAS 114 Letter

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Board of Education Approval of Field Trip for Island Trees High School Tri-M Music Honor Society**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education supports and agrees to sponsor the Island Trees High School Tri-M Music Honor Society field trip to attend the Broadway production of "Jersey Boys" on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at a cost of \$80 per student.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Board of Education Approval of Island Trees High School Field Trip to Bronx Zoo**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education supports and agrees to sponsor the Island Trees High School field trip to the Bronx Zoo on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at a cost of \$34 per student.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Board of Education Approval of Island Trees High School Field Trip to Museum of Modern Art**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education supports and agrees to sponsor the Island Trees High School field trip to the Museum of Modern Art on Thursday, October 28, 2010, at a cost of \$20 per student.

Motion made by\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

**5. Board of Education Approval of Field Trip for Island Trees Memorial Middle School Chorus**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education supports and agrees to sponsor the Island Trees Memorial Middle School Chorus 7/8 field trip to attend the Broadway musical “Mary Poppins” on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at a cost of \$80 per student.

Motion made by\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from J. Fred Sparke PTA for Cultural Arts Program**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts a donation from the J. Fred Sparke PTA in the amount of \$1,375.00 to cover the related expense of a cultural arts program, increasing budget line 2110.490.12 (BOCES Arts in Education), and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

Motion made by\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from a Community Resident**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts as a donation from a community resident of the following items: 4X6 trailer and hitch (valued at \$1,000); lawn mower (valued at

\$1,400); and lawn edger (valued at \$200). The Board of Education is directed to send a thank you letter to the resident.

Motion made by\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

**8. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose of J. Fred Sparke, Michael F. Stokes and Island Trees Memorial Middle School Library Books**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves to declare surplus and dispose of library books that are obsolete or in poor condition from the J. Fred Sparke School, Michael F. Stokes School, and Island Trees Memorial Middle School libraries as it sees fit pursuant to the State Education Department’s recommended procedures.

Motion made by\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

**9. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose of an Obsolete Typewriter from the Island Trees Transportation Office**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves to declare surplus and dispose of an obsolete Brother Typewriter from the Island Trees Transportation Office, Model EM-605, Serial #C2345895, Island Trees Tag #101531.

Motion made by\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

**10. Board of Education Acceptance of the Revised Two-Year Special Education District Plan**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the revised two-year Special Education District Plan, as presented.

Motion made by\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by\_\_\_\_\_

Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain\_\_\_\_\_

**11. Board of Education Approval of Zero Dollar Transportation Contracts**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the zero dollar amount 2010-2011 regular school year transportation contracts as per the schedule submitted and authorizes the Board President to sign said contracts.

|                     | <b>I.T. Contract No.</b> | <b>Contractor</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Bid Date</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Regular School Year | 675.011.010              | Acme              | \$0           | 5/6/2010        |
| Regular School Year | 675.011.011              | Any Time          | \$0           | 5/6/2010        |
| Regular School Year | 675.011.012              | EBT               | \$0           | 5/6/2010        |
| Regular School Year | 675.011.013              | First Student     | \$0           | 5/6/2010        |
| Regular School Year | 675.011.014              | Suburban          | \$0           | 5/6/2010        |
| Regular School Year | 675.011.015              | WE Transport      | \$0           | 5/6/2010        |
| Regular School Year | 675.011.016              | Acme              | \$0           | 6/23/2010       |
| Regular School Year | 675.011.017              | EBT               | \$0           | 6/23/2010       |
| Regular School Year | 675.011.018              | Acme              | \$0           | 8/25/2010       |
| Regular School Year | 675.011.019              | EBT               | \$0           | 8/25/2010       |

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Board of Education Approval of Extra-Classroom Activity Club Charters**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Extra-Classroom Activity Club charters as presented, and authorizes the Board President to sign the charters.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Board of Education Approval of Special Education Services Contract for 2009-2010**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract

with Seaford UFSD, which was reviewed and approved by District Counsel, for the 2009-2010 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #5252 – Student Activities Funds Management – 1st Reading**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts as a first reading the revised Student Activities Funds Management Policy #5252 as presented.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #5150,– School Admissions - 2nd Reading**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts as a second reading the revised School Admissions Policy #5150 as presented.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**16. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #6700 & 6700-R,– Purchasing and Purchasing Regulation – 2nd Reading**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts as a first reading the revised Purchasing Policy #6700 and Purchasing Regulation Policy #6700-R as presented.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**17. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #8330 – Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment – 2nd Reading**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts as a first reading the revised Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment Policy #8330 as presented.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**18. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #4526-E.4 – Computer Network for Education Exhibit Acknowledgment or Responsibilities, Employer User – Internet User Agreement – 2nd Reading**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts as a second reading the revised Computer Network for Education Exhibit Acknowledgment or Responsibilities Policy #4526-E.4, Employer User – Internet User Agreement, as presented.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**19. Board of Education Acceptance of Budget Preparation Dates for 2011-2012**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Budget Preparation Dates for 2011-2012, as presented.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**20. Board of Education Approval of Special Education Services Contract for 2010-2011**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract with Rockville Centre UFSD, which was reviewed and approved by District Counsel, for the 2010-2011 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**21. Board of Education Approval of Emergency Purchase Orders**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves payment of the following emergency purchase order:

1. \$475.00 to JPC Plumbing & Heating, Inc., 90 Plainfield Rd., Albertston, NY 11507, for the emergency pipe repair in the high school.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**22. Board of Education Approval to Adopt Tax Certiorari Resolution**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1938, at the specific request and behest of the County of Nassau, New York State granted county-wide property assessment jurisdiction to the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, aside from upstate Tompkins County, Nassau is the only county-wide assessing unit in New York State, with over 415,000 parcels, and is second in size only to the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, in its original consideration of the County of Nassau's petition for assessment jurisdiction, the New York State legislature expressed concerns that the enormity of the assessment load would result in erroneous assessments and subsequent challenges; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, aware that school districts are highly dependent on a secure property tax base and that school budgets would be vulnerable as a result of inaccurate tax rolls, thereby endangering the education of children, decreed in 1948 that the County of Nassau, with its broader range of revenues, should be held responsible for costs and penalties resulting from its errors in assessment; and



WHEREAS, in order to secure control of a county-wide system and the benefits thereof, the County of Nassau pledged and guaranteed to the State of New York to protect its school districts from any negative consequences resulting from the assessment procedures utilized by the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, for decades, schools and taxpayers within the County of Nassau have suffered from the inequities caused by the adherence of the County of Nassau to an irrefutably and admittedly flawed assessment process; and

WHEREAS, legal challenges to commercial assessments made by the County of Nassau have been, either negligently or willfully, permitted to languish in the courts for years and years, accruing interest at exorbitant rates prior to their eventual settlement by the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, in order to facilitate an assessment roll relatively free from errors and potential challenges, the New York State Legislature granted the Nassau County Assessment Review Commission one (1) full year for review prior to the establishment of its final assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Nassau, has denied the attempt by the County of Nassau to shift responsibility for multi-year back payments for tax certiorari costs from the County of Nassau to local school districts in derogation of the pledge and guarantee previously made by the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, has denied an attempt by the County of Nassau to implicate school districts in its move to shift to villages, towns and special districts the funding of tax certiorari judgments; and

WHEREAS, it is the County of Nassau that is responsible for its own property assessments, including, but not limited to any flaws, errors or delays therein, and that school districts within the County of Nassau have no role whatsoever in either making such assessments or in responding to challenges to such assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Executive of the County of Nassau, Edward P. Mangano, has called upon the Nassau County Legislature to unilaterally, without the approval of the State of New York and/or the consent of the school districts of the County of Nassau, relieve the County of Nassau of its pledge, guarantee and lawful obligation to hold such school districts harmless for back payments of multi-year tax certiorari settlements, thereby shifting the costs of such payments onto local school property taxes and local school property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, any assertion that abandonment of the pledge, guarantee and obligation of the County of Nassau contained in language in the proposed Budget of the County of Nassau for Fiscal Year 2011 means “no property tax increase” is false and misleading, resulting in no real cost avoidance, but merely a shift in the lawful responsibility of the County of Nassau on to the schools within the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, such action would only raise school taxes to the taxpayers of the County of Nassau without adding any educational value; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Island Trees Union Free School District Board of Education opposes any legislation, from whatever source, that would shift the responsibility of the County of Nassau for funding multi-year tax certiorari settlements of its assessment errors onto the local school district tax levy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to the following representatives for their endorsement, which shall be shown by their counter-signatures on the Resolution when returned to this Board of Education:

- Members of the Nassau County Legislature
- Members of the New York State Senate and Assembly, representing Nassau County districts
- Members of the Town Councils of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**23. Board of Education Approval of Special Education Consultant Services Contract for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education consultant services contract with The Daytop Preparatory School, which was reviewed and approved by District Counsel, for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**24. Board of Education Approval of Budget Transfers**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves budget transfers in various salary codes as necessary to adjust for building assignment changes and column adjustments per the U.T.I.T. contract, in the aggregate amount of \$1,042,262.28 as presented, representing no change in the approved General Fund budget total.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**25. Board of Education Approval of Personnel Report**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves, as presented, the Personnel Report dated October 27, 2010, items 1 through 94 inclusive.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**26. Board of Education Approval of Use of Buildings**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the use of buildings or fields by the following community and school organizations for the 2010-2011 school year subject to the limitations of policy and regulation:

- Island Trees Soccer Club
- St. Bernard's Youth Basketball
- Island Trees SEPTA
- Island Trees Varsity Football
- Island Trees Wrestling
- Girl Scouts of Nassau County
- Island Trees SEPTA
- Cub Scouts Pack 600
- Sparke PTA
- Girl Scouts Troop 3540
- Island Trees Youth Wrestling
- Nassau County Girls Soccer Association
- Levittown Athletic Club
- Girl Scouts Troop 3120
- Girl Scouts Troop 3280

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**D. FINANCIAL REPORT**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of Education accepts the Financial Report for July and August, 2010, as presented.

**E. CLOSING**

**1. Visitors – Old & New Business** (Each visitor will be limited to 3 minutes)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hear from members of the audience who wish to present any business, old and new, of importance.

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board of Education may choose to adjourn to executive session.**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

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10/27/10