

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, November 12, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paul Giambona, President, at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Paul Giambona, Vice President
Mrs. Kristen Daum
Mr. Brian Fielding
Mrs. Kim McDonough
Mrs. Barbara Medellin
Mr. Michael T. Rich, Jr.

ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Donahue, 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. Elizabeth Roemer, Admin. for Ed. Progs., Literacy & Staff Devel.
Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Giambona led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for our troops at home and abroad.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: A resident asked questions about the district treasurer and assistant treasurer.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Varsity Baseball Trip Proposal – Mr. Cranmer, Athletic Director, and Mr. D’Auria, Baseball Coach, were present at the meeting to present their proposal for a varsity baseball team trip the Ripken Complex in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from April 6 to April 11, 2015. The trip would be paid for by a donation from the Diamond Club and the students, and there is no cost to the district. The Board agreed to their request, and a resolution approving this trip will be placed on the November Regular Board meeting agenda.

2. Cheryl Cohen – Mathematics – Mrs. Cohen discussed her role as Math Supervisor with the Board. She distributed a report to the Board that lists what she has accomplished in each building since September and her future plans.
3. Superintendent’s Conference Day – Mrs. Roemer presented a report to the Board as to what was accomplished on Superintendent’s Conference Day on November 4. She stated it was a day where teachers had time to collaborate. She went through the different activities in each building. She also stated that some teachers attended professional workshops off campus. Mrs. Roemer proposed that there should be a second professional conference day scheduled around early March.
4. Parent Portal/Elementary Portal Report Cards – Mr. Rezek and Mrs. Ackerman were in attendance to speak about this issue. The new PowerSchool program can’t take pdf copies of our elementary report cards. In order to place our elementary report cards on the portal, we would need to use the PowerSchool template which is not elementary friendly. Mrs. Ackerman feels a paper report card sent home has more charm and is more personal. She feels we should still send a paper copy home and also post report card information on the parent portal so parents can view it electronically.
5. Wireless/Board Docs – Dr. Murphy stated that there are a lot of good applications in Board Docs that could be used by the district, but this was not budgeted for this year. This item will be put on as a 2015-16 budget discussion item.
6. Video-streaming Board of Education Meetings – Mr. Rezek explained the cost of wiring and cameras needed for video-streaming Board meetings. This item will also be put on as a 2015-16 budget discussion item.
7. AMC Easement – A new easement has been obtained and is going to work, but it won’t help with this winter’s heating season costs.
8. High School Lights – Dr. Murphy discussed the issue of leaving the field lights on at the high school during the winter season. The Board said to leave the lights on (4-9 p.m.) weather permitting.
9. Geese Peace – The Board feels it is time to look for another company to deal with the geese issue. Dr. Murphy will speak with Mr. DiPadova, Director of Plant & Facilities.

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

None

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**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:07 PM to discuss personnel matters regarding employee disciplinary issues.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (4-0, Mrs. McDonough left 9:52 PM - Mrs. Medellin left 9:53 PM), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:16 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mr. Rich, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (4-0), the meeting adjourned at 10:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____