

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, December 7, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mahon, President, at 7:01PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ms. Patricia Mahon, President  
Mr. Kenneth Rochon, Vice President  
Mrs. Kristen Daum  
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  
Mrs. Leslie Tolan, Acting District Clerk

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

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Demerit System – Nicholas Grande, I.T. High School Principal, and Pam Hostetter, Assistant Principal, were invited to explain what the demerit (point) system was and how it works.
2. Locker Searches/Drug Dog (Safe and Secure Schools) – Dr. Murphy explained the benefits of locker searches versus the use of drug dogs.
3. My Chinese 360 (Elective Program) – Pam Hostetter, I.T. Assistant Principal, explained the advantages and logistics of starting a cyber classroom to teach Chinese.
4. Carnival Date – The Board discussed the logistics of sites for the carnival and how to avoid damage to school property.
5. Budget Symposium of Surrounding Districts – Dr. Murphy discussed hosting a meeting of surrounding districts for brainstorming budget issues and tax cap.

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

A resident asked a question regarding where to find more information on the bids referred to in the action items.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:26 PM. to discuss a legal issue .

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 8:56 PM.

**ADJOURNED:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_