

Minutes of the Special Meeting/Budget Discussion 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, March 11, 2015.

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

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

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.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Murphy began the discussion by stating that we don't know what is going to be left in or what is going to be taken out of the budget. The Governor still has not released the State Aid numbers. Topics discussed were:

1. **Board Docs** – The Board discussed this earlier in the year. It is an electronic board document. It is already in the budget. Used to organize the Board meeting, documents, weekly packets and policies. The cost is \$9,000 annually after the first year (\$16,000 first year), plus a one-time \$1,000 start-up fee. Board members who don't have access to a laptop/computer would need one from the district. This is a fairly new system that districts are transitioning toward.
2. **Board Webstreaming** – John Rezek explained that there is a \$6,800 start up cost, \$500 annual streaming expense. We would need to purchase a camera. Can download regular Board of Education meetings. More districts use a one stationary camera shoot.
3. **Bold System** – Dr. Murphy explained the new voting system. After this year, districts will no longer be able to use lever voting machines. With using the new voting machines, the Bold system is a more effective means of carrying out the budget vote and trustee election.

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4. Technology Initiatives – John Rezek went over the projects that are proposed for technology. One of the items is the desktop computers for the art room at the high school. A handout was distributed to the Board with the items listed.
5. Chromebooks vs. Paper Modules – Dr. Murphy explained the cost of paper modules vs. using apps installed in the Chromebooks. Mrs. Roemer also spoke in favor of Chromebooks.
6. Special Education – Dr. Arlene Sage discussed her proposed 2015-16 budget. A handout was distributed and discussed.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION:

On **Motion** of Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Giambona, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:33 PM to discuss a personnel issues and negotiations.

RETURN TO

REGULAR

SESSION:

On **Motion** of Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:12 PM.

SPECIAL

MEETING:

The Board voted on an Action Item during a Special Meeting at 10:12 PM. The Board reconvened to the Special Meeting/Budget Discussion at 10:13 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Giambona, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____