

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, March 19, 2014.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kenneth Rochon, President, at 7:01 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Kenneth Rochon, President  
Mrs. Kristen Daum, Vice President  
Mr. Daniel Donahue  
Ms. Patricia Mahon  
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. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Rochon led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for our troops around the world.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. MS/HS Mid-year Update – Dr. Roger Bloom spoke about benchmark assessments, core curriculum and “Go Math” instruction at the middle school; and Mr. Nicholas Grande spoke about AP and Regents exams at the high school.
2. Proposed Foreign Language Trip - The Board discussed the proposed high school Foreign Language Trip to Puerto Rico. Mr. Grande was available to provide more details.
3. Senior Trip - The Board discussed the senior trip proposed by the high school to Adventureland. The Board suggested a senior trip to Splish Splash instead.
4. Mrs. Hlavenka discussed with the Board the proposal by a company to sell Island Trees apparel at Target stores (non-exclusive, 8% return on net sales which would generate a couple of hundred dollars per year). The Board feels we should not agree to this because it is not worth it. A school fundraiser generates more money.
5. High School Lights – The Board agreed to have the field lights turned on in April, Monday-Friday, until 9 p.m.

6. Budget Presentations – Budget review presentations were made regarding the following:
  - a. Facilities
  - b. Capital Projects
  - c. Staffing

Dr. Murphy announced that the next Budget Discussion meeting is on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The budget will be adopted after the Spring recess.

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

A resident asked a question about district finances.  
A resident asked a question about the upkeep of Gallow School.  
A resident asked a question about an elevator at Stokes School.  
A resident made a comment about tutors from the high school.  
A resident made a comment about the high school lights.  
A resident asked a question about the heating system at Gallow School.  
A resident asked a question about a Robotics team at the Memorial Middle School.  
A resident made a comment about an elevator at Stokes School.  
A resident made a comment about a generator at the Memorial Middle School.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 9:00 PM to discuss contract negotiations and a personnel issues.

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (6-0 – Mr. Donahue left at 10:32 PM), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:32 PM.

**ADJOURNED:**

On **Motion** of Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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