

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 Tuesday, April 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mahon, President, at 7:00 PM.

**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. Concetta Carr, 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

**SPECIAL MEETING:** The Board voted on Action Items during a Special Meeting at 7:01 PM. The Board reconvened to the Work Session at 7:06 PM.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Healthy Food – School Lunches – Based on concerns raised by parents regarding snack items in our school vending machines, Peggy McElhinney, Food Service Director, was at the meeting to discuss this issue with the Board. She stated that she is looking into putting a vending machine in a school with healthier choices. A machine will be brought in on trial until June.
2. Greenkill – Roger Bloom, Island Trees Memorial Middle School Principal was at the meeting to discuss next year's Greenkill trip. Based on a survey that was conducted at the memorial middle school, the trip will be reduced to four days next year. The students will be going to Greenkill from Tuesday to Friday. A survey will be conducted next year after the four day trip.

3. Middle School Benchmarks – Mr. Bloom explained the second quarter benchmarks at the memorial middle school to the Board.
4. Natural Gas Conversion – The district has the ability to convert to natural gas which would save the district money on fuel costs. Mr. DiPadova and Dr. Murphy explained the details to the Board. The Board agreed to pursue the conversion.

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

A resident asked when the first day of school is in September 2012.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Donahue, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:03 PM to discuss personnel issues and sick day donation.

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:31 PM.

**ADJOURNED:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 10:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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