

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, April 2, 2014.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Kenneth Rochon, President  
Mrs. Kristen Daum, Vice President (arrived 8:12 PM)  
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.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Budget Committee Presentation– The budget committee presented their thoughts on the proposed budget. They felt the Board has done some proactive things over the years to keep the tax levy down. The committee also felt that based on the fairly flat tax levy, consideration to add the following items to the expense budget should be given: widening blacktop walkway between middle school and Straight Lane to alleviate AM traffic; add generator and improve air conditioning in the technology server room; reintroduce the Summer YES program; invest back into music and arts programs; additional remedial services. The Board said they would look at the items and thanked the committee for their input.

After the presentation, Dr. Murphy stated that because of additional state aid, the district is at a 0% tax levy for 2014-15.

2. Capital Projects – The Board discussed capital projects and using current reserves (tax certiorari liabilities no longer needed) and funds left over from past capital projects to offset capital projects added to this year’s budget. Some of the projects listed were the high school track, high school door project, memorial middle school generator, Stokes elevator, high school

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little theater renovation, boiler repair at middle school and Stokes, stage/window curtains at Sparke, etc. The Board agreed to use the funds for all the projects on the list.

**EXECUTIVE**

**SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:35 PM to discuss personnel issues.

**RETURN TO**

**REGULAR**

**SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 9:13 PM.

**ADJOURNED:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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