

Minutes of the Regular Meeting 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 27, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mahon, President, at 6:58 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Patricia Mahon, President
Mr. Kenneth Rochon, Vice President
Mr. Robert Condela
Mrs. Kristen Daum
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. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel
Mr. Richard Guercio, General Legal Counsel
Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

**EXECUTIVE:
SESSION:** On **Motion** of Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0), the Board of Education recessed into Executive Session at 6:58 PM to discuss the following:

1. Personnel Issue – faculty member
2. Litigation – middle school handicap ramp

The meeting returned from Executive Session at approximately 7:30 PM.
The meeting resumed with the public at 7:32 PM.

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

MINUTES: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting/Budget Discussion – March 1, 22, 2011
Work Session/Budget Discussion – March 16, 2011
Regular Meeting & Executive Session – March 23, 2011
Committee on Special Education – March 15, 17, 22, 29, 30, April 5, 6, 2011
Sub. Committee Special Education – March 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 2011
Committee on Preschool Special Education – March 17, 24, 31, 2011

COMMENTS FROM

VISITORS: None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Board of Education Approval of Nassau BOCES Administrative Operations Budget for the 2011-2012 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to hereby approve the Nassau BOCES Administrative Operations Budget for the 2011-2012 School Year in the amount of eighteen million nine hundred forty-seven thousand one hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$18,947,178).

2. Board of Education Election of Three Candidates to the Vacant Nassau BOCES Board Seats

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to elect the following **three** candidates to the vacant Nassau BOCES Board seats:

- 1. Deborah Ann Coates
103 Hardy Lane
Westbury, NY 11590
East Meadow UFSD _____ X

- 2. Eric B. Schultz, Esq.
One Scott Place
Plainview, NY 11803
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD _____ X

- 3. Stephen B. Witt, President
105 Finucane Place
Woodmere, NY 11598
Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD _____ X

3. Board of Education Approval of Property Tax Report Card

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following resolution:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: WHEREAS, New York State amended Part 170 of the Regulations of the Commissioner to require the Board of Education of each school district to annually prepare a Property Tax Report Card and make it publicly available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education approves the 2011-2012 Property Tax Report Card prepared by Mrs. Susan Hlavenka, Assistant Superintendent for Business, as presented.

4. Board of Education Approval of Nassau BOCES Transportation Shared Services Bid

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the following resolution:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) for pupil transportation services for the 2011-2012 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) for this purpose:

WHEREAS, the School District, is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

5. Board of Education Approval of Scholastic Book Fair Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the Scholastic Book Fair at Island Trees Memorial Middle School on May 13 and 16, 2011, and

that the Board authorizes the building principal to sign the Scholastic Book Fair Certificate of Agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by District Counsel.

6. Board of Education Approval of Health Services Agreements for 2010-2011

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve entering into the Health Services Agreements with the following school districts for the 2010-2011 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreements subject to review and approval by District Counsel:

South Huntington Union Free School District
Westbury Union Free School District
Manhasset Public Schools

7. Board of Education Approval of Budget Transfer for Foster Tuition

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve a budget transfer from the BOCES tuition code to the Foster tuition code in the amount of \$41,000 to reflect the adjusted placement status of a special education student.

		<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
A2110.470-94	Tuition – Foster Students	\$41,000.00	
A2250.490-53	Tuition: BOCES Spec. Ed.		\$41,000.00

To re-align budget funds within BOCES Codes

8. Board of Education Approval of Budget Transfer for Fuel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$47,000 from the Electric code to the Fuel and Gas code to rebalance the utility codes to reflect anticipated expenditures.

		<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
A1620.560-98	Fuel & Gas	\$47,000.00	
A1620.570-98	Electric		\$47,000.00

To re-align budget funds within BOCES Codes

9. Board of Education Approval of Budget Transfer for Emergency Ventilation Project

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve a budget transfer, as presented, for the funding of the emergency Island Trees High School Ventilation Remediation project.

		<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>
A9950.900-96	Capital Projects	\$100,000.00	
A9030.800-96	Social Security		\$100,000.00

10. Board of Education Approval of Transportation Contract with Nassau BOCES

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the contract with Nassau BOCES in the amount of \$2,980.40 to provide transportation services for an Island Trees student attending the BOCES Career Preparatory High School for the period of March 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

11. Board of Education Approval of Labor Counsel Contract

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the contract with Guercio & Guercio LLP to provide labor and negotiation services as detailed, and authorizes the Board President to sign said contract.

Contract Information

Services:	Labor counsel and negotiation services
Term:	5/01/2011 to 6/30/2014
Retainer Fee:	\$32,500/year
Litigation Services:	\$235.00/hour

12. Board of Education Approval of Bid Award for Fire Alarm System Service & Central Monitoring

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the bid award RFP#673.011.013, Fire Alarm System Service & Central Monitoring, to Safeway Fire & Protection Company, 271 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park, NY 11001, and authorizes the Board President to enter into a contract for same.

13. Board of Education Approval of Stipulation of Settlement with the United Teachers of Island Trees (U.T.I.T.)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the Stipulation of Settlement with the United Teachers of Island Trees (U.T.I.T.) regarding FMLA, as presented, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.

14. Board of Education Approval of Modified Start/Dismissal Times at the Island Trees High School and Island Trees Memorial Middle School Commencing the 2011-2012 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried to approve, as presented, the modified start/dismissal times for the Island Trees High School and Island Trees Memorial Middle School commencing the 2011-2012 school year. This resolution will alleviate transportation issues at our elementary schools. The modified start/dismissal times for the High School will be 7:25 AM to 2:06 PM; and the Memorial Middle School will be 8:12 AM to 2:34 PM.

15. Board of Education Approval of Personnel Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried to approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated April 27, 2011, items 1 through 125 inclusive.

16. Board of Education Approval of Use of Buildings

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the use of buildings or fields by the following community and school organizations for the 2010-2011 school year subject to the limitations of policy and regulation:

Island Trees Girls Basketball
Daniel A. Fuentes Fundraiser/American Legion 1711
Island Trees Youth Wrestling
Sparke PTA
Cub Scout Pack 600
Stokes PTA
Island Trees Travel Baseball
Island Trees USSSA/ABA Sports
Island Trees Tiger Baseball
Island Trees Youth Football

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for February, 2011, as presented.

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

A resident made a comment about the school taxes and the proposed increase.

A resident made a comment about the announcement of candidates for the Board Trustee election.

A resident had a question about an item in the budget newsletter.

A resident made a comment about his taxes.

Resident, Mr. Joseph Buda, commended Mr. Condela for his years of service as a Board Trustee. Mr. Condela, whose term ends on June 30, 2011, has been a Board Trustee for 24 years and will not be running for re-election.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:03 PM. to discuss negotiations and handicap ramp litigation.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 9:27 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____