

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 Geneva N. Gallow School, 74 Farmedge Road, Levittown, New York, on Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Kenneth Rochon, at 8:05 PM

PRESENT: Mr. Kenneth Rochon, President
Mr. Joseph Buda
Mr. Robert M. Condela
Mrs. Christine Holt
Ms. Patricia Mahon, Vice President

ABSENT: Mr. Carl Bonsignore
Mr. Peter Ray

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Salvatore Carambia, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Administration; Mrs. Randy Glasser, Chief Legal Counsel; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

Mr. Rochon led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for our troops serving around the world.

PLEDGE

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Condela,

MINUTES
APPROVAL

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – March 26, 2008
Committee on Special Education – March 11, 12, 18, 25, 27, 2008
Sub-Committee on Special Education – March 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27, 2008
Committee on Preschool Special Education – March 11, 12, 13, 16, 26, 27, 2008

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Parla gave a presentation of the 2008-2009 school budget. He announced that he will also be giving presentations at each of the three PTA meetings in May.

SUPT'S. OPENING
COMMENTS

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt,

BOCES BUDGET

RESOLVED, That the Nassau BOCES Administrative Operation Budget for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of seventeen million six hundred eighty seven thousand ninety two dollars (\$17,687,092) be, and hereby is, APPROVED by this Board.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Buda,

**BOCES TRUSTEE
ELECTION**

RESOLVED, To elect the following **four** candidates to the vacant BOCES seats:

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

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

3. William P. Stris
41 Parkwold Drive East
Valley Stream, NY
Valley Stream CHSD
Valley Stream UFSD 13, and
Valley Stream UFSD 30

4. Stephen B. Witt
105 Finucane Place
Woodmere, NY 11598
Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

**2008-2009 SCHOOL
BUDGET**

RESOLVED, To approve the adoption of the 2008-2009 school year budget to be voted on by the residents of the Island Trees Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, on May 20, 2008, with total expenditures in the amount of \$54,705,585.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Condela

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter into the agreement with Judy Dodge, Consultant, to provide professional development in Differentiated Instruction on May 5 and 6, 2008, and for five days during the 2008-2009 school year, July 1 to June 30, 2008, whereby her fees will be paid from Title grant funds, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.

**CONSULTANT -
DIFFERENTIATED
INSTRUCTION**

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the High School A.P. Government and Model UN for participation in the Model UN conference to be held at the United Nations Building in New York City on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17, where approximately 20 students will attend at a cost of \$80 per student.

**H.S. AP GOVT/MODEL
UN FIELD TRIP**

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Mrs. Holt and seconded by Mr. Buda,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of an American Flag by Mrs. Pat MacKenzie, 41 Wheelwright Lane, Levittown, NY, in honor of her husband, Ron MacKenzie, a Viet Nam Veteran, who died in January, 2008, of ALS, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking her for her generosity.

**AMERICAN FLAG
DONATION**

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

Mr. Parla announced that the flag will be permanently displayed in the lobby of the Island Trees Memorial Middle School after a small ceremony. On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

**M.F. STOKES PTA
CULTURAL ARTS**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation from the Michael F. Stokes PTA in the amount of \$1,520.00 to cover the related expense of a cultural arts program presented to students on April 1, 2008, entitled "Night Sky," increasing budget line 2110.490.12 (BOCES Arts in Education), and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

DONATION

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Condela,

**M.F. STOKES PTA
DONATION OF
PARACHUTES**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of two parachutes valued at \$350 from the Michael F. Stokes PTA to be used during physical education classes, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt,

**H.S. VAR. GIRLS'
BASKETBALL
FUNDRAISER**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the High School Varsity Girls' Basketball team to conduct a fundraiser by offering a week of Basketball Clinics from April 21 – 25, 2008, in the Memorial Middle School gyms, where children would be charged \$50 to attend, and all money raised would be used towards the trip to the KSA National Basketball Tournament in Orlando, FL, from December 26 – 31, 2008.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Buda,

**EMERGENCY REPAIR
ORDER-J.FRED**

SPARKE

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to approve payment in the amount of \$200 to Acore Welding Corp., 126 Quality Plaza, Hicksville, NY 11801, for the emergency repair of the entrance gate to the J. Fred Sparke Elementary School on April 7, 2008.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE GATE

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

ERS RESERVE

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District authorizes the funding of the ERS Reserve for the 2008-09 school year for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Condela,

**EMPLOYEE LIABILITY
FUND**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District authorizes the funding of the Employee Liability fund for the 2008-2009 school year for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt,

**PERSONNEL
REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated April 16, 2008, items 1 through 54 inclusive.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

Mr. Parla announced that Mr. Steve Connell, Athletic Director, is retiring from the district at the end of the school year after 30 years of service. He introduced Mr. James Cranmer who was hired for the position, and welcomed him aboard.

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Buda,

USE OF BUILDINGS

WHEREAS community and school organizations have applied for use of district facilities for the 2007-2008 school year, and

WHEREAS the required insurance certificates have been received and all other requirements of policy and regulation of Island Trees and New York have been met, and

WHEREAS the principals and athletic director have certified that the use of these facilities will not interfere with the instructional program or co-curricular activities in our schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the requested use of buildings or fields is approved subject to the limitations of policy and regulation, as presented.

Tigers Baseball Team
Adult Baseball Games

Waived

CAPIT

Senior Citizen Prom

No Fee

Stokes Elementary School

Dance Fundraiser

No Fee

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for February, 2008, as presented.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT REC'D.**

Referring to an article that was recently in the newspaper regarding attorneys collecting New York State pensions, Mr. Parla stated that the district looked at records dating back 24 years when Mr. David Rubin was our school attorney. School records showed that Mr. Rubin was not on our school payroll, but Mr. Rubin brought to our attention that an attorney by the name of Paul W. Lipp was an employee of the district approximately 30 years ago. School records showed that Mr. Lipp was hired through Civil Service, and he spent a minimal amount of time working at Island Trees. Mr. Parla contacted the Attorney General's office and sent them that information.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:51 PM.

TO EXEC. SESSION

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

EXEC. SESSION

1. Legal Issues – Pending Litigation
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____