

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, May 27, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Daniel Donahue at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Daniel Donahue, President
Mr. Paul Giambona, Vice President
Mrs. Kristen Daum
Mr. Brian Fielding
Mr. Michael T. Rich, Jr.

ABSENT: Mrs. Kim McDonough
Mrs. Barbara Medellin

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
Mr. Richard Guercio, General Legal Counsel
Mrs. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel
Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On **Motion** of Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (5-0), the Board of Education recessed into Executive Session at 7:00 PM to discuss personnel and legal issues.

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

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

MINUTES: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting/Budget Discussion and Executive Session – April 15, 2015
Special Meeting – April 21, 2015
Work Session and Executive Session – April 21, 2015
Regular Meeting & Executive Session – April 29, 2015
Committee on Special Education – April 1, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2015
Sub-Committee on Special Education – April 24, 2015
Committee on Preschool Special Education – April 1, 16, 23, 2015

RECOGNITION

1. David Nunez was introduced by Dr. Bloom and was commended for his life saving actions at Island Trees Memorial Middle School where he saved his teacher, Mrs. Vanessa Brill, who was choking. He was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Education.
2. Kathryn Ehrlinger, this year's "There Ought To Be A Law" Contest Winner, was introduced by Dr. Bloom, Island Trees Memorial Middle School principal. Erin was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Education.
3. Island Trees High School Class of 2015 Top 10 Students were introduced and commended by Mr. Nicholas Grande, high school principal. Each student, Naomi Dhawan, Sarah Kost, Joseph Badolato, Nicholas Piarulli, Bridget Lively, Janice Hur, Ashley Rottkamp, William Krick, Gloria Perez, and Thomas Piscopio, were presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Education.
4. Each of the newly tenured teachers, Ms. Jennifer Anderson and Ms. Amanda Walker, were introduced by Mrs. Ackerman and Dr. Sage, and were presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Education.

VISITORS

COMMENTS: None

ACTION ITEMS

1. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from Barnes and Noble to Stokes School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Fielding, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (5-0) to accept a donation of a \$500.000 Barnes and Noble gift card, which was awarded to Alexander Raghavendra for first prize for the Coventa Poster Contest, which will be used to purchase picture books for character education at Stokes School, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

2. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation of a Miniature Golf Set from Island Trees Elementary PTA to Michael F. Stokes and J. Fred Sparke School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Giambona, and unanimously carried (5-0) to accept the donation of a miniature golf set to the students of Michael F. Stokes and J. Fred Sparke School from the Island Trees Elementary PTA, valued at approximately \$6,500, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

3. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation of Two Scholarships from Josten's

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously (5-0) to accept the donation of two \$250 scholarship checks from Josten's to be given to two graduating seniors of our choice, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

4. Board of Education Approval of First Grade Student Request to Remain at J. Fred Sparke School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the request by a first grade student, who has moved out of the district, to remain at J. Fred Sparke School, in accordance with Board Policy #5152, Admission of Non-Resident Students, until the student completes the 2014-2015 school year.

5. Board of Education Approval of Teacher on Special Assignment: Instructional Technology

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Fielding, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the leave of absence for James Conklin for the 2015-16 school year, while said employee serves the District in the capacity of Teacher on Special Assignment: Instructional Technology, in all buildings, grades K-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the payment of a one-time stipend in the amount of \$5,459 to James Conklin for his assignment to an Instructional Support position for the 2015-16 school year only.

6. Board of Education Approval of Textbook Central Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Giambona, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the agreement with Textbook Central to provide textbook distribution services for District residents attending non-public schools for the 2015-2016 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign said agreement subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

7. Board of Education Approval of Drivers Education Contract Renewal

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve to renew the Drivers Education Instruction Contract for Summer, Fall, and Spring sessions to KP Drivers Education in the amount of \$125.00 per student for the instructional and administrative portion of the program, and to Fitzgerald Driving School in the amount of \$280.00 per student for the in-car instruction portion of the program, and authorizes the Board President to sign said contract extensions for the 2015-2016 school year. The extension represents no cost to the District as the \$405.00 combined program cost is fully paid by the Drivers' Education students.

8. Board of Education Approval of Report of Chief Inspectors of Election

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (5-0) that the Board of Education reviewed the tabulation contained in the report of the Chief Inspectors of Election and declares the result of the ballot as presented.

9. Board of Education Approval of BOCES Contract – Summer Technology Projects

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Fielding, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (5-0) to adopt the attached resolution, as proposed by Nassau BOCES, for the approval of Educational Services Project #9-520873, in support of the New York State Education Department's Long Range Plan for Technology in Elementary and Secondary Education in New York State, and authorizes the Board President to sign said agreement, subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

10. Board of Education Approval of Agreement for a District Employee

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Giambona, and unanimously carried (5-0) to hereby approve the Agreement, regarding the employee discussed in executive session, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

11. Board of Education Reaffirms Ratification of U.T.I.T. Memorandum of Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously carried (5-0) to reaffirm the ratification of the Memorandum of Agreement between the U.T.I.T. (United Teachers of Island Trees) and Island Trees Union Free School District dated May 13, 2015, and that the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to sign the amended

contract between the parties when it is revised in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement.

12. Board of Education Approval of RFP Award for Special Education Related Educational Services

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve to award RFP #673.015.006, Special Education Related Educational Services, to the responding vendors on an as needed basis during the 2015-2016 school year.

13. Board of Education Approval of Personnel Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mrs. Daum, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated May 27, 2015, 1 through 120 inclusive.

14. Board of Education Approval of Use of Buildings

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Giambona, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the use of buildings or fields by the following community and school organizations for the 2014-2015 school year subject to the limitations of policy and regulation:

Class of 2018
Island Trees Soccer Club
Island Trees Baseball/Softball
Island Trees Youth Wrestling
Island Trees Elementary PTA
Island Trees Varsity Football

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Report for March, 2015, as presented.

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

A resident addressed the Board regarding the school district's concussion policy.

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CLOSING

COMMENTS: Dr. Murphy thanked the PTA Council (Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Kutzma, Mrs. Dieppa, and Mrs. Sidewitz) for providing refreshments this evening to honor the newley tenured teachers.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Giambona, and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:56 PM to discuss personnel items and the concussion policy as it applies to students and personnel.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Giambona, seconded by Mr. Fielding, and unanimously carried (5-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 8:46 PM.

ADJOURNED: On **Motion** of Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mr. Rich, and unanimously carried (5-0), the meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____