

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 Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Kenneth Rochon, President  
Mrs. Kristen Daum, Vice President  
Ms. Patricia Mahon  
Mrs. Kim McDonough  
Mrs. Barbara Medellin  
Mr. George Storm

**ABSENT:** Mr. Daniel Donahue

**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. Elizabeth Roemer, Admin. for Ed. Progs., Literacy & Staff Devel.  
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 victims of the Washington D.C. tragedy and all of our troops.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** None

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Mr. Nicholas Grande, Island Trees High School Principal, and Mrs. Pamela Hostetter, Assistant Principal, were in attendance to discuss the progress at the high school. Mr. Grande pointed out that Regents exam scores this year were very good. There was tremendous growth in U.S. History, and a jump in scores in Algebra and Trig. The state score for the year was 16 out of 20 for the building. Also discussed were SAT and AP scores. It was also noted that since the SAT Prep class has been offered, there has been better results on SAT scores. Mr. Grande also stated that enrollment has increased in

AP classes, and over 400 tests will be given. The top 15 students in the class of 2013 graduated with an average of 8.6 AP credits.

2. Saturday Morning AIS Program – Dr. Murphy explained that a Saturday Morning AIS Program has been offered at Bethpage for the last three years. It is a voluntary program for grades 3-8. The Board wants to offer this program at Island Trees. Dr. Murphy will look into this further to see what the participation would be.

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

A resident had a question about the Philadelphia field trip.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:15 PM to discuss personnel issues regarding several staff members.

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (6-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 8:57 PM.

**ADJOURNED:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. Daum, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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