

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, September 24, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Peter Ray, President, at 8:03 PM.

PRESENT: Mr. Peter Ray, President  
Mr. Carl Bonsignore, Vice President  
Mr. Robert M. Condela  
Mrs. Christine Holt  
Ms. Patricia Mahon  
Mr. Kenneth Rochon

ABSENT: Mr. Joseph Buda

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education; Ms. Dana DiCapua, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and Mrs. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

Mr. Ray led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for our soldiers and veterans.

**PLEDGE**

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore,

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Special Meetings & Executive Sessions – July 31, August 14,  
and August 28, 2008

Committee on Special Education – June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26,  
July 10, 21, 24, August 11, 2008

Committee on Preschool Special Education- June 18, 19, 24, July 10,  
24, August 12, 2008

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

James Parla, Superintendent of Schools, commented on the following:

**SUPT’S. OPENING**  
**COMMENTS**

1. Mr. Parla announced that there was an article in the *Levittown Tribune* stating that the Island Trees Music Dept. was recognized as one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” in America.
2. Mr. Parla announced that the first two phases of the HVAC

clean up at the high school were completed satisfactorily. There will be a Connect Ed message that schools will be closed on October 29, and this will be a Staff Development Day for faculty. The remainder of the clean up of the HVAC system at the high school will be done over the five-day period.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation from the Michael F. Stokes PTA in the amount of \$2,700 to cover the related expense of two cultural arts programs as follows: the Long Island Philharmonic on April 29, 2008 (\$200), and Peter and the Wolf on June 11, 2008 (\$2,500). This increases 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.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**GIFT CERTIFICATE  
DONATION-SAM ASH  
MUSIC STORES**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of a \$100 gift certificate from Sam Ash Music Stores, issued to the school district music program in recognition for being named as one of the top “100 Best Communities for Music Education in the U.S.,” and send a letter from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**DONATION - CONN  
BARITONE HORN**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of a Conn baritone horn (Serial #43473706) with an approximate value of \$1,100 to the Island Trees Fine & Performing Arts Dept. from Mrs. Teresa Hateau of 42 Lowland Rd., Levittown, NY 11756, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking her for her generosity.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**DONATION OF  
WRESTLING MAT**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of a new wrestling mat on behalf of the Island Trees Wrestling Booster Club, wrestling parents, residents and alumni to be used for the wrestling program at the high school, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

Mr. Ray thanked the parents in the community for the donation of the wrestling mat on behalf of the Board of Education. Mr. Al Nicolino, President of the Island Trees Wrestling Booster Club, presented a certificate to Mr. Parla and Mr. Ray. He stated that many wrestling alumni who knew Ted Petersen made donations towards the purchase of the mat.

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore,

**EMT**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves Amy Christian, and Donald Epple as a back-up, Certified EMT's, to cover all Island Trees School District home football games at a rate of \$60 per game, subject to an agreement reviewed and approved by District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**HS BOYS' VARSITY  
TRACK**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the High School Boys' Varsity Cross-Country team to participate in the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Brown University Northeast Cross Country Championship at Goddard Park in Warwick, Rhode Island on Saturday, October 18, 2008. All costs are to be borne by the students.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**GREENKILL -**

**CHAPERONE STIPEND**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the increase in the stipend for the Greenkill staff chaperones to \$100 per day, a total of \$400 for each of the nineteen teachers, who will be chaperoning the scheduled Grade 6 trip to the Greenkill Outdoor Environmental Education Center from December 1 through December 5, 2008, subject to an agreement with the U.T.I.T., and reviewed and approved by District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT-  
EPSON PHOTO PRINTER**

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of an Epson Stylus Photo 1280 printer, Serial #CZYK044052, which is located at the high school in the photo lab. This equipment cannot be repaired.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLVED, To authorize a transfer of funds for the following:

1. In the amount of \$150,000 to cover budget shortage due to student placement changes for the 2008-2009 school year— between codes 2250.472.53 (Tuition, Private Schools) and 2250.471.53 (Tuition, Public Schools)
  
2. In the amount of \$30,000 to cover external audit fees for the 2008-2009 school year – between codes 9060.800.96 (Health Insurance) and 1320.400.96 (CPA Fees)

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore,

**MERCURY ELEVATOR  
CORP. CONTRACT**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with Mercury Elevator Corp for the renovation of the elevator at the Island Trees High School in the amount of \$85,500, and authorizes the Board president to sign such contract.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**TYPYST CLERK SUB.**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Fran O’Riordan as a Typist Clerk Sub. for the 2008-2009 school year at a rate of \$28.92 per hour, not to exceed \$13,000, subject to an agreement reviewed and approved by District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**ADULT ED.**  
**INSTRUCTORS**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves Dina Elardo and William Feeley as instructors for the Island Trees Adult Community Education program, at a rate of \$50 per course for Notary Public Signing and \$45 per course for Notary Public, Ebay Internet and Defensive Driving

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**PROVIDER AGENCY**  
**SERVICES CONTRACTS**  
**2008-2009 SCHOOL YR.**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into the following provider agency services contracts for the 2008-2009 school year, which were reviewed and approved by District Counsel, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contracts:

- AHRC Nassau County Children’s Education Center
- The Rehabilitation Institute (TRI)
- JNC Services, Inc. dba Top Grade
- Helping Hands Children Services, LLC
- Interim Health Care of Greater New York
- Creative Tutoring, Inc.
- Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center Inc.
- Syosset Home Tutoring, Inc.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**SPECIAL ED. SERVICES  
CONTRACTS 2008-2009**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into the following contracts reviewed and approved by District Counsel for the purpose of providing instructional services to children residing in the Island Trees School District during the 2008-2009 school year at the State approved rate, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contracts:

Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD  
Roslyn Union Free School District

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore,

**EMERGENCY REPAIR  
ORDERS**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to approve payment of the following emergency repair orders:

1. \$34,103.01 to Branch Restoration Services, 101 Colin Drive, Holbrook, NY 11741, for the emergency lead clean up at the high school
2. \$33,027 to J.C. Broderick & Assoc., 420 Lake Ave., St. James, NY 11780, to oversee emergency lead clean up and testing at the high school
3. \$1,000 to Citywide, P.O. Box 350, Carle Place, NY 11514-0350, for the emergency clean up and deodorizing of crawl space in basement of Island Trees Public Library due to sewage backup of clogged pipe (price to be determined upon completion of job)

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report



Meet the Teacher Meetings	
School Store	
Holiday Craft Fair	
Holiday Gift Fair Set Up & Sale	
School Pictures	
Picture Re-takes	
Pie Sale Pick Up	
Book Fair Set Up & Sale	
Class Parent Tea	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Little League Baseball</i>	
Baseball Registration	
Board Meeting	No Fee
<i>Red Devils Cheerleading</i>	
Practice	No Fee
<i>Girl Scouts of Nassau County</i>	
Parent Meeting	
Daisies #3082 Meeting	
Practice for Bronze Award	
Brownie #3635 Meeting	
Brownie Meeting	
Troop Meeting	No Fee
<i>St. Bernard Youth Basketball</i>	
Youth Basketball Games	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Youth Wrestling</i>	
Youth Wrestling	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Youth Football</i>	
Ages 6-8 Games	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Soccer Club</i>	
Soccer Clinic	No Fee



*Cub Scout Pack 600*  
 Den Meetings No Fee  
*Island Trees Baseball*  
 Baseball Clinic No Fee  
  
*Island Trees Council of PTA's*  
 PTA Council Meetings No Fee  
  
*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

**REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR BUSINESS**

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for June and, July 2008, as presented.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT REC'D.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt,  
 RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of five televisions and four DVD players, an approximate value of \$1,420, from the Michael F. Stokes PTA to be used for educational purposes at the Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**M.F. STOKES PTA  
DONATION – T.V.'S  
& DVD PLAYERS**

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Rochon,  
 RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports and agrees to sponsor the Island Trees Memorial Middle School Music Department field trip to the Broadway production of “Shrek” in New York City, on Wednesday, February 4, at a cost of \$62 per student.

**FIELD TRIP - MMS  
MUSIC DEPT.**

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 6      Nays 0

Mr. Paul Shapiro, district resident, was sworn in by Mrs. Randy Glasser, Guercio & Guercio Law LLP, as a member of the Island Trees School District Audit Committee.

A resident asked a question about the football trainer position.

Ms. Karen Olsen, President of the UTIT, made a statement addressed to the Board of Education on behalf of the UTIT and the committee for the selection of a physical education/health teacher, regarding the decision not to approve the hiring of Peter Condela.

Mr. Robert Condela, member of the Board of Education, made a statement addressed to the Board and the audience regarding his son, Peter Condela.\*\*

Mrs. Christine Hoffman, Physical Education teacher, spoke on behalf of the committee for the selection of a physical education/health teacher regarding the decision not to approve the hiring of Peter Condela.

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mr. Condela and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:33 PM.

**TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

1. Audit Committee
2. CSEA Memorandum of Agreement
3. Confidential Managerial Employee

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried, the members came out of Executive Session at 9:23 PM.

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR SESSION**

\*\*Please see amendment in minutes dated November 19, 2008.  
On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mr. Condela,

**CONFIDENTIAL  
MANAGERIAL EMP.**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves Mrs. Connie Ecker, Sr. Personnel Clerk, as a Confidential Managerial employee and authorizes the Board President to sign the employment agreement as presented after Mrs. Ecker has signed the agreement.

Unanimously carried            Ayes 6            Nays 0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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