

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 24, 2007.

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

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

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

Not Present: Mr. David S. J. Rubin, Chief Legal Officer

Mr. Ray led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PLEDGE

Mr. Ray called for a moment of silence for our troops and for those who lost their lives in the war.

Note: A correction was made to the Minutes of January 25, 2006. The Island Trees Board of Education entered into an agreement with the Levittown Auxiliary Police Unit #129 to provide security services in exchange for a 2002 (not 2000) Ford Taurus station wagon.

**CORRECTION TO
MINUTES DATED
JANUARY 25, 2006**

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

**MINUTES
APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – March 28 2007
Committee on Special Education – March 8, 13, 19, 20, 21, 26, 2007
Subcommittees on Special Education – March 7, 9, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 2007
Committee on Preschool Special Education – March 8, 13, 14, 22, 23, 29, 2007

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent made the following announcements:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The high school Robotics team took first place on Long Island at the Regional FIRST competition and competed at the FIRST Robotics Championship in Atlanta, Georgia, and did very well. They will be honored at the May Board of Education meeting.
2. Aleesha Ahmed, a fourth grader at Sparke School, has been selected as a winner in the L.I. Power Authority 9th Grade Poster Contest.
3. For the second year in a row, the Island Trees Memorial Middle School newspaper, the *Bulldog Jr.*, won first place among middle schools nationally from the American Scholastic Press Association.
4. Mrs. Lori Christiansen, New York State English Council's 2006 Educator of Excellence, will be honored by the Long Island Language Arts Council on Friday, May 18, 2007, at the Milleridge Inn.
5. The 17th Annual Island Trees Music Faculty Concert is on Friday, April 27, in the high school auditorium.
6. Mr. Parla extended his gratitude to the legislators on Long Island who fought to get more State Aid for Long Island schools. Thanks went to Senator Kemp Hannon, Assemblymen Joseph Saladino and David McDonough.
7. The district is adopting the 2007-2008 budget so that the budget brochure could be printed and mailed out. The proposed budget is 4.7% and the tax levy is 2.65%, which is the lowest increase that we have had in many years and is among the very lowest in all of Nassau County. This was done without eliminating any programs. Mr. Parla thanked the Board of Education, administrators and staff for their hard work in getting the budget together.
8. A presentation of the budget was made to the Levittown Property Owners Association. A presentation will be made on May 8 to the Stokes PTA, May 9 to the Sparke PTA and May 14 to PTSA.
9. The Budget Hearing is on Tuesday, May 1, at 8 p.m., in the General Purpose Room in the Gallow School. Mr. Parla's budget announcement will be on the Island Trees Website by the end of the week.

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

BOCES
BUDGET VOTE

RESOLVED, That the Nassau BOCES Administrative Operation Budget for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of sixteen million nine hundred forty-six thousand three hundred forty-nine dollars (\$16,946,349) be, and hereby is, APPROVED by this Board.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**BOCES TRUSTEE
ELECTION**

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

1. George Farber
10 Jeffrey Place
Manhasset Hills, NY 11040
Herricks UFSD

2. Gale Ross-Srulevich
15A Cherry Lane
Glen Cove, NY 11545
North Shore CSD

3. Arline Strumeyer
108 Woods Avenue
Malverne, NY 11565
Valley Stream UFSD #13

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**POLICY 1341 -
PUBLIC ACCESS
TO RECORDS**

WHEREAS, Policy Number 1341 of the Community Relations policy of the Island Trees Union Free School District was originally adopted on October 26, 1977; and,

WHEREAS, Policy Number 1341 was amended on May 28, 1980, and October 25, 1995, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Policy Number 1341 of the Board of Education Policy Manual is hereby amended to concur with New York State Education Law, Public Officers Law § 87(1)(b).

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS -
ROBOTICS**

WHEREAS a transfer between budget object codes may not exceed \$10,000 in any period without approval by the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS a transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,000, is required to cover additional expenses for Robotics

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To approve a transfer of funds between the Tan Interest code (9760.700.96) to Other Expenses Science High School code (2110.400.10.0080) to cover additional expenses for Robotics.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS -
WORK TRUCK**

WHEREAS a transfer between budget object codes may not exceed \$10,000 in any period without approval by the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS a transfer of funds in the amount of \$27,200, is required to cover the purchase of the work truck that was awarded on February 28, 2007.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To approve a transfer of funds between the Tan Interest (9760.700.96) to Furniture and Equipment-DW (1621.200.98) to cover the purchase of the work truck.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**FIRE INSPECTION
SERVICE**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to engage the services of KLH Fire Safety Consultants, Kevin L. Herbst, 2 Sandy Lane, Massapequa, New York, to conduct a fire inspection of all district buildings for the 2006-2007 school year.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of four Schwinn-Airdyne Stationary Bikes, located at the high school, and one E-4100 Vision Fitness Stationary Bike, located at the memorial middle school. This equipment is broken and not worth repairing.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Buda, tenure was unanimously granted to Katie Anderson, Special Education teacher at the high school.

**TENURE RECOM
MENDATIONS**

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Mrs. Holt, tenure was unanimously granted to Melissa Iglio, Foreign Language teacher at the high school.

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, tenure was unanimously granted to Hannah Klein, Foreign Language teacher at the high school.

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Ms. Mahon, tenure was unanimously granted to Rebecca Lineman, Math teacher at the high school.

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Condela, tenure was unanimously granted to Ryan MacPherson, Guidance Counselor at the high school.

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

unanimously granted to Laura Marino, English teacher at the high school.

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Buda, tenure was unanimously granted to Danielle Mazzo, Social Studies teacher at the high school and memorial middle school.

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Mr. Rochon, tenure was unanimously granted to Brian Powers, Social Studies teacher at the high school.

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, tenure was unanimously granted to Christine Primrose, Special Education teacher at the high school.

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Ms. Mahon, tenure was unanimously granted to Carmina Profeta, Special Education teacher at the high school.

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt, tenure was unanimously granted to Eileen Purrman, Home and Careers teacher at the high school.

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Condela, tenure was unanimously granted to Robert Steeves, Science teacher at the high school.

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Buda, tenure was unanimously granted to Jeffrey Spuches, Special Education teacher at the memorial middle school.

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, tenure was unanimously granted to Richard Rienecker, Technology teacher at the memorial middle school.

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Ms. Mahon, tenure was unanimously granted to Eileen Longhway, Elementary teacher at the memorial middle school.

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt, tenure was unanimously granted to Megan Burton, English teacher at the memorial middle school.

Tenure for Beth Gottlieb, Reading teacher at the memorial middle school was approved by the Board of Education in December.

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt, tenure was unanimously granted to Patricia Springer, Elementary teacher at Stokes school.

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Mr. Rochon, tenure was unanimously granted to Andrea Solan, Special Education teacher at Stokes School.

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, tenure was unanimously granted to Angel Mitchell, Elementary teacher at Stokes School.

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Condela, tenure was unanimously granted to Sandra Antar, CSE/CPSE Administrator.

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt, tenure was unanimously granted to Dr. Susan Kelly, Director of Curriculum & Instruction.

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Buda, tenure was unanimously granted to Lisa Newman, Elementary Principal at Stokes School.

On motion of Mr. Rochon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, tenure was unanimously granted to Salvatore Carambia, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Administration.

Congratulations to the newly tenured faculty and administrators were extended by Mr. James Parla, Mr. Peter Ray, Mrs. Ellen Murphy (UTIT), Mr. Peter Gibbons (I.T. Administrators Association), and Mrs. Vicki DelGiacco (I.T. PTA Council).

PTSA Post Prom Committee
Post Prom Breakfast

No Fee

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Report for March 2007, as presented.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT REC'D.**

OLD BUSINESS

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A resident asked questions regarding the following:

1. Westech Security and the legitimacy of hiring them.
2. Telecom contract regarding their being the sole source provider.
3. The final cost of the Sand Tunnel project at the high school.

NEW BUSINESS

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None.

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Buda, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:19 PM.

TO EXEC. SESSION

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

EXEC. SESSION

1. Negotiations

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____