

Minutes of the Special 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 Tuesday, August 22, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Peter Ray, at 7:02 PM

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

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Salvatore Carambia, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Administration; Mr. David S. J. Rubin, Chief Legal Officer; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

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

PLEDGE

Mr. Ray called for a moment of silence for our troops.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

**PERSONNEL
REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated August 22, 2006, items 1 through 8 inclusive.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mr. Rochon and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:04 PM.

TO EXEC. SESSION

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

EXEC. SESSION

1. Special Education issue
2. Personnel issue

Return to Regular Session at 8:01 pm

**RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

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

PERSONNEL

WHEREAS charges were filed against an employee under Section 75 of Civil Service law, and

WHEREAS a settlement and resolution has been reached in relation to the charges without the matter having gone to hearing, and

WHEREAS the school district counsel and Superintendent and counsel for the employee have reached an accord

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to sign the settlement between the district and employee as presented and placed on file with the District Clerk.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

SPECIAL ED.

WHEREAS, the School District has, for the entire 2005/2006 School year, been participating in an impartial hearing with the parents of a pupil classified by the Committee on Special Education as Autistic, with a diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome, and

WHEREAS, the Impartial Hearing challenged the CSE's proposed placement of the pupil in a special program within the Lawrence School District; and,

WHEREAS, the parents unilaterally placed the pupil in a private school known as the Gersh Academy; and,

WHEREAS, the CSE must now recommend a proposed placement for the 2006-2007 school year; and,

WHEREAS, the parents have expressed their desire to keep the pupil enrolled at the Gersh Academy; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the District will be required to participate in another impartial hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the exposure to the District, in tuition expenses, counsel fees and otherwise are extensive; and,

WHEREAS, the status of the present and future anticipated Impartial Hearing have been discussed with the Board of Education, in camera, by the Chief Legal Officer of the School District, the Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and the Superintendent of Schools; and,

WHEREAS, counsel for the School District and counsel for the parents have reached an accord in settlement of the matter, which all parties believe is fair and reasonable, the terms of which have been disclosed to the Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement of the Impartial Hearing as have been presented to them; be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute a Stipulation of Settlement containing the terms and conditions presented, substantially similar to, but not necessarily with the exact terminology of, the proposed Stipulation of Settlement exhibited; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the final Stipulation of Settlement after execution by the parents, respective attorneys and the Board of Education shall be filed with the Impartial Hearing Officer and further filed in the office of Special Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

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1. Mr. Parla stated that Mr. Carambia has two proposals for weekend security of all district buildings. Patrolling of all district buildings was discussed.
2. A bid proposal for surveillance cameras is ready to go out.
3. Mr. Parla further discussed Excel Aid.
4. Mr. Parla asked the board members if they would be available on a Saturday to conduct tours of each building.
5. Mr. Parla stated that the update of the education plan is underway.
6. Mr. Parla stated that the air vents in the high school have been cleaned and some testing was done.

On motion of Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Buda and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____