

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, February 28, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Peter Ray, at 8:04 PM

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

ABSENT: 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.

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

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – January 24, 2007  
Committee on Special Education – November 13, 14, 16, 21, 22,  
December 5, 12, 19, 2006  
Committee on Preschool Special Education – November 29, 30,  
December 1, 13, 14, 2006

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 6                      Nays 0

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**VIDEO**  
**SURVEILLANCE**  
**CAMERAS**

WHEREAS the Board of Education desires to install surveillance cameras at each school for the safety and security of students, staff and

district assets, and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has previously requested competitive bids for the installation of surveillance cameras, and

WHEREAS it has been determined that Nassau BOCES can provide this installation in the most effective and efficient manner

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That all previous bids be rejected and that the district enter into a contract with BOCES for the installation of four security cameras including cabling, equipment and maintenance for four schools in the amount of \$53,672.88, in which the district will be reimbursed a portion in BOCES aid under current law.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**TELEPHONE  
SYSTEM UPGRADE**

WHEREAS the current telephone system in the Island Trees School District is obsolete and that by upgrading the system the district would realize future cost savings, and

WHEREAS the cost of upgrading our obsolete system is deemed to be an ordinary contingent expense

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education declares this expense to upgrade our telephone system of \$60,000 as an ordinary contingent expense and that the Board of Education approves to enter into an agreement with Telecom Management, Inc., our current telephone system provider for the amount of \$60,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds, \$60,000, from code 1621.500-98 (building projects) to 1621.200-98 (furniture and equipment).

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of a Dell Server S/N 127740, a NTS Computer Model #NTS 52X Max, a Dell Monitor Model #M570 S/N 6204TE0IP799 and a Lazio Computer. These items are obsolete and have been replaced with updated ones.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**Varsity & J.V.  
Kickline  
Competition**

WHEREAS the Island Trees High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Kickline teams are requesting permission to compete on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the Manhattan Center Studios in New York City, and

WHEREAS thirty-three kickline dancers and 3 coaches will attend the competition

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees High School Varsity and Jr. Varsity Kickline teams to compete on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the Manhattan Center Studios in New York City.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**H.S. Music Dept.  
Field Trip**

WHEREAS the Island Trees High School Music Department is requesting approval for a field trip on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, and

WHEREAS the members of the high school Jazz Band in grades 11 and 12 have been invited to perform at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, New York, in celebration of NYSSMA's "Music in Our Schools Month," and

WHEREAS the students would depart the high school at 6:30 a.m. and will return to the high school at approximately 7 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 23 students will attend accompanied by two chaperones

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees High School Music Department to sponsor a field trip to Albany, New York, on Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**H.S. MUSIC DEPT.**  
**FIELD TRIP**

WHEREAS the Island Trees High School Music Department is requesting approval for a field trip on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, and

WHEREAS the students will be attending “Grammy Career Day” at Pace University in New York City, and

WHEREAS the students would depart the high school at 6 a.m. and will return to the high school at approximately 2:45 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 27 students will attend accompanied by the requisite number of chaperones, and

WHEREAS the cost per student is approximately \$27

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees High School Music Department to sponsor a field trip to Pace University in New York City on Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**SCHOOL**  
**CALENDAR**

RESOLVED, To adopt the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar, as presented.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**DONATION**

WHEREAS Mrs. Elizabeth Escobar of 437 Piping Rock Road, Seaford, NY, wishes to make a donation in the amount of \$5,475.00 from the Peter J. Haller Foundation, in memory of Mr. Haller, and

WHEREAS the donation is to be used by the district for the purchase of musical instruments. Budget line 2110.200.12., Equipment-Music, will be increased by this amount

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To accept the above mentioned donation from Mrs. Escobar and send a letter from the Board of Education thanking her for her generosity.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated February 28, 2007, items 1 through 115 inclusive.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**USE OF BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS community and school organizations have applied for use of district facilities for the 2006-2007 school year, and

WHEREAS the required insurance certificates have been received and all other requirements of policy and regulation of Island Trees and New York have been met, and

WHEREAS the principals and athletic director have certified that the use of these facilities will not interfere with the instructional program or co-curricular activities in our schools

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the requested use of buildings or fields is approved subject to the limitations of policy and regulation, as presented.

*Island Trees Baseball*

Little League Pitching Tryouts No Fee

*Levittown Athletic Club (LAC)*

Girls Softball Pictures No Fee

*Island Trees Memorial Middle School*

Mother/Daughter Workshop Gr. 5-8 No Fee

*Kiwanis of Levittown*

Spring Fling Fair TBD

*UTIT*

Defensive Driving Course No Fee

*Nassau County Girl Scouts*

Talent Show Practice No Fee

*Broadway's Stage Door*

Dance Recital and Rehearsal \$415.00

*Levittown Panthers*

Baseball Practice and Games No Fee

*Unanimously carried* Ayes 6 Nays 0

**REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for December 2006, as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT REC'D.  
OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Parla received a letter from one of our residents regarding the security service we are currently using. Originally a Request for

Proposal (RFP) was used to procure these services. This was based on the understanding that security services were considered professional services under general municipal law. The resident refuted this in the letter. Mr. Parla stated that he contacted the New York State Comptroller’s Office directly and found that a competitive bid should have been used and not an RFP. Mr. Parla further stated that he directed Mr. Carambia to ensure the services did not go over \$20,000 and to immediately issue a bid. Therefore, the public should know this, and we have an obligation to make sure this situation is corrected and done properly.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

WHEREAS the Island Trees High School Science Olympiad Team placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the local competition, and

WHEREAS the Team is now able to move on to the state championships, which will be held at West Point on March 9 and 10, 2007, and

WHEREAS the cost of the trip is approximately \$2,600, and

WHEREAS nineteen students and three chaperones will be attending, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the Island Trees High School Science Olympiad team to attend the two-day trip to the state championships at West Point on March 9 and 10, 2007.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**KEY CLUB CONVENTION**

WHEREAS the Island Trees High School Key Club is requesting approval for a three-day trip to Kutsher’s Country Club in Monticello, New York, to attend the Key Club Convention on Friday, March 16, through Sunday, March 18, 2007, and

WHEREAS approximately 14 students and 2 chaperones will be

attending, and

WHEREAS the cost of the trip is \$263 per student

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the Key Club to attend the Key Club Convention at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, New York, from March 16 through March 18, 2007.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:22 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

1. Capital Plan Meeting – set a date
2. Personnel Issue – to discuss employment status of a teacher.
3. Retirement Incentive

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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