

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, January 24, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Peter Ray, at 8 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; 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 – November 15, 2006  
Committee on Special Education – October 5, 10, 24, 26, 31,  
November 8, 2006  
Committee on Preschool Special Education – October 5, 12, 19, 26, 31,  
November 2, 7, 2006

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

**RECOGNITION**

Certificates were presented to Mrs. Lori Christensen, Educator of Excellence 2006; and Coaches of the Year, Mr. Graham Radcliffe, Mr. Damian Garcia, and Mr. Robert Paletta.

**RECOGNITION**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Parla announced that Mr. Robert Condela, member of the Island Trees Board of Education, will receive an award from the Council of Administrators and Supervisors for Long Island on February 7, 2007, for his noteworthy contributions to education. Mr. Condela was nominated by the administrators of the Island Trees School District

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**UPGRADE OF TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS the Island Trees School District was reviewing its current telephone system to reduce costs, and

WHEREAS cost saving measures will be realized by upgrading its current system to utilize the current computer network, and

WHEREAS the District will increase the size of its Internet bandwidth and increase telephone functionality without increasing cost to the district

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education enters into an agreement with BOCES to upgrade the district's current telephone system.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS the Island Trees UFSD has successfully worked with SCOPE (Suffolk County Organization for the Promotion of Education) to offer the residents of Island Trees an affordable preschool program, and

WHEREAS the Island Trees UFSD wishes to grant SCOPE a license to provide the preschool program, and

WHEREAS the License Fee is in the amount of \$7,513.14 per school year for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years, and

WHEREAS six rooms at the Geneva N. Gallow School will be used

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To approve the License Agreement between Island Trees UFSD and SCOPE for the Preschool Program for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years at a fee of \$7,513.14 per school year.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**RE-INVENTORY OF  
FIXED ASSETS**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve agreement with CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC, to provide re-inventory appraisal services of district's fixed and movable assets for a fee of \$9,285.00.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**GRADE 5 FIELD TRIP**

WHEREAS the fifth grade teachers of the Island Trees Memorial Middle School have proposed a one-day field trip to Historic Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS the proposed field trip is scheduled for April 11, 2007, and

WHEREAS the students would leave the middle school between 6:15 and 6:30 AM, and will return to the middle school at 8 PM, and

WHEREAS approximately 47 students will attend accompanied by the requisite number of chaperones, and

WHEREAS the trip itinerary includes a visit to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Ben Franklin's Burial Place, National Constitution Center, and dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse, and  
WHEREAS the cost will be \$60 per pupil, which includes the cost of the bus, colored t-shirts and badges, admission fees, and dinner

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the Island Trees Memorial Middle School fifth grade field trip to Historic Philadelphia on April, 11, 2007, as outlined above.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

WHEREAS the Island Trees Memorial Middle School Social Studies Department is requesting approval for an eighth grade class field trip on Thursday, February 8, 2007, and

**MEMORIAL MIDDLE  
SCHOOL SOCIAL  
STUDIES DEPT.  
FIELD TRIP**

WHEREAS the Social Studies Department would like to take the eighth grade class to the Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Center located on the 67<sup>th</sup>, 69<sup>th</sup>, and 70<sup>th</sup> floors of 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, and

WHEREAS the class would leave the middle school at 8:15 a.m. and will return to the middle school by 1:45 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 206 students will attend accompanied by the requisite number of chaperones, and

WHEREAS the cost will be \$30 per pupil, which includes the cost of the ticket plus the cost of transportation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees Memorial Middle School Social Studies Department to sponsor an eighth grade class field trip to Rockefeller Center in New York City on February 8, 2007, as outlined above and as previously authorized by telephone poll.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

WHEREAS the Island Trees High School Science Department is requesting approval for a field trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in

**HIGH SCHOOL  
SCIENCE DEPT. FIELD  
TRIP**

Jackson, New Jersey, for Physics Day on Friday, April 27, 2007, and

WHEREAS the students will conduct physics experiments at the theme park, and

WHEREAS the students would leave the high school at 7:30 a.m. and will return to the high school at approximately 8 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 80 students will attend accompanied by the requisite number of chaperones, and

WHEREAS the cost will be approximately \$75 per student, which includes the admission cost, transportation and lab kits

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees High School Science Department to sponsor a field trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey, on Friday, April 27, 2007, for Physics Day as outlined above.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**DONATION**

WHEREAS Mrs. Elizabeth Escobar of 437 Piping Rock Road, Seaford, NY, wishes to make a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Peter J. Haller Foundation, in memory of Mr. Haller, and

WHEREAS the donation is to be used at the Michael F. Stokes School as follows: budget line A211049012, BOCES Arts in Education, will be increased \$5,000; and budget line 2110.450.24.0140, district-wide reading supplies, will be increased \$5,000 accordingly

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 7            Nays 0

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

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of a Cress Electric Kiln, Model #FE-275, located in the Island Trees High School. The kiln is no longer operable and cannot be repaired.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**CSEA UNIT #7600-00**

WHEREAS the District has conducted negotiations with employees representing the custodial workers, food service employees and school monitors over terms and conditions of employment in accordance with the provisions of the Public Employees Relations Board, and

WHEREAS these negotiations have resulted in a Memorandum of Agreement between the parties that includes the following increases for the school year noted: 3.5% (2006-2007), 3.5% (2007-2008), 3.5% (2008-2009), and

WHEREAS the members of the unit have agreed to these terms and others specified in the agreement in a formal vote conducted by the CSEA Unit #7600-00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Island Trees Board of Education ratifies this Memorandum of Agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to sign the amended contract between the parties when it is revised in accordance with the Memorandum.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**BUDGET  
PRESENTATION  
DATE**

RESOLVED, To establish Saturday, February 10, 2007, as the date

the proposed 2007-2008 budget is presented to the Board of Education, and a budget workshop will be conducted accordingly.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**ARCHITECTS**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve H2M Group as the architects for the Island Trees School District per the attached fee schedule.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**PERSONNEL  
REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated January 24, 2007, items 1 through 179 inclusive.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**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 Driver's Education*

No Fee

*Island Trees Baseball*

Little League Clinic	
Alumni Dinner	
Little League Draft	
Little League Practice	
Little League Games	
Little League Pitching Tryouts	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Soccer Club</i>	
Practice	
Meetings	No Fee
<i>St. James Youth Activities Council</i>	
Baseball Practice	
Baseball Games	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Travel Baseball</i>	
Indoor Baseball Skills & Drills	No Fee
<i>Island Trees/Kaplan Test Prep</i>	
Test Prep Course	No Fee
<i>Island Trees USSSA/ABA Sports</i>	
Softball Games and Practices	\$500.00
<i>Levittown Athletic Club (LAC)</i>	
Girls Softball Practice & Games	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Middle School</i>	
Mother/Daughter Workshop Gr. 5-8	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke School</i>	
Cultural Arts Program	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Lacrosse</i>	
Alumni Lacrosse Game	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Key Club</i>	
Divisional Meeting	No Fee

*Nassau Approved Baseball Umpires*  
Instruction in Baseball Umpiring

No Fee

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

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

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT REC'D.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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None

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1. A resident asked if his letter was forwarded to the district's internal auditor. Mr. Parla stated that it was not required to be, but was given to every Board member along with his response.
2. A resident asked the district to consider establishing a golf team.

On motion of Mr. Buda, seconded by Mrs. Holt and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:44 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

1. Personnel issues

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mrs. Holt and Unanimously carried, the meeting was moved into public session at 9:35 p.m.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

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

**RESIGNATION**

RESOLVED, That contingent upon receipt from Mr. Stephen Faltermayer, a letter of resignation with an effective date of no later than February 5, 2007, approval is granted for the payment of accumulated sick days and accumulated vacation days, calculated in accordance with the provisions in the Agreement between Island Trees UFSD and Island Trees Principals Association, July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2007. The total amount shall not

exceed \$35,991.68. If any sick days or vacation days are used prior to the effective date of resignation, the total amount shall be prorated accordingly.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That contingent upon receipt from Mr. Stephen Faltermayer, a letter of resignation with an effective date of no later than February 5, 2007, approval is granted for the payment of sixteen and one-half (16.5) hours of compensatory time, at a per diem rate of 1/240 of Mr. Faltermayer's annual 2006-2007 salary. If desired, Mr. Faltermayer may use this time prior to February 5, 2007, in lieu of such payment.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Buda, seconded by Mrs. Holt and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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