

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, June 28, 2006.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Robert M. Condela, at 8:03 PM

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

ABSENT: Mr. Charles Bambino  
Mr. Kenneth Rochon

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. Condela led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PLEDGE

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

MINUTES  
APPROVAL

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – May 24, 2006

Committee on Special Education – April 6, 11, 12, 25, 28, May 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 25, 30, June 1, 8, 2006

Subcommittees on Special Education – April 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 28, May 8, 10, 17, 18, 22, 23, 30, 31, June 2, 2006

Committee on Preschool Special Education – April 4, 5, 11, 25, 26, 27, May 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, June 1, 2006

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 5                      Nays 0

Mr. Joe Hervan, New York State Fire Inspector, presented the

FIRE INSPECTION

Annual fire inspection report. He inspected all buildings in the District, including maintenance sheds and garages, in June and reported that there were no violations. Mr. Hervan will submit his report to the state by August.

Mr. Parla and Mr. Condela presented Certificates of Recognition to Joseph Gombar, Gregory Karbucsky, Christopher Pizzo, and Robert Pulido for being chosen as national finalists in the Christopher Columbus Awards Competition in Orlando, Florida. They won a grant of \$25,000 to be used towards obtaining a patent for their "Fire Escape" invention.

**CHRISTOPHER  
COLUMBUS AWARDS  
COMPETITION  
NATIONAL FINALISTS**

Mr. Parla and Mr. Condela recognized and presented retirement certificates to Mrs. Virginia DeFelice, District Substitute Teacher Coordinator; Mr. Timothy Lyons, Middle School English teacher; and Mrs. Carolyn Sullo, Stokes Elementary School teacher. Mr. Charles Witte, Grounds Supervisor, was also recognized but was not in attendance.

**RETIREES**

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

**CHARLES  
BAMBINO**

WHEREAS Charles Bambino has been a trustee of the Island Trees Board of Education for twelve (12) years, and

WHEREAS Mr. Bambino has brought to every work session and Board of Education meeting sensibility to needs of all students, faculty, staff and administration, and

WHEREAS Mr. Bambino has supported all district programs and has aided in the improvement of staff and curriculum, and

WHEREAS Mr. Bambino has supported sound fiscal management through new enhancements to the district's financial operations, and

WHEREAS Mr. Bambino's tenure on the Board of Education has enhanced the district on all levels

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the members of the Island Trees Board of Education and the entire Island Trees community salute and thank Charles Bambino

for his past efforts and his twelve years of dedication to the students, staff and residents of Island Trees.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

**KENNETH  
FAZIO**

WHEREAS Kenneth Fazio has been a trustee of the Island Trees Board of Education for three (3) years, and

WHEREAS Mr. Fazio's performance has been one of comprehensive and articulate deliberation and action that has aided in the improvement of district operations and the instructional program, and

WHEREAS Mr. Fazio has consistently supported all programs of the district, and

WHEREAS Mr. Fazio has diligently supported the need for quality education, tempered with sound fiscal management, and

WHEREAS Mr. Fazio's tenure on the Board of Education has enhanced the district on all levels

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the members of the Island Trees Board of Education and the entire Island Trees community salute and thank Kenneth Fazio for his past efforts and his three years of dedication to the students, staff, and residents of Island Trees.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

Mr. Parla and Mr. Condela presented Mr. Fazio with a plaque. Mr. Fazio gave a parting speech. Mrs. Donna Donahue also presented Mr. Fazio with a Humanitarian Award on behalf of the Island Trees Alumni Heroes Scholarship Committee.

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

**FIRE  
INSPECTION**

WHEREAS school buildings in New York State are required to be inspected for fire hazards in accordance with Education Law, and

WHEREAS Joseph Hervas, Code Enforcement Officer, inspected all district buildings, and

WHEREAS all buildings were found to be in conformance

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, The Board of Education accept the fire safety reports for the 2005-2006 school year.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

**REORGANIZATION  
MEETING**

RESOLVED, To hold the Annual District Reorganization Meeting for the 2006-2007 school year on Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at 7:30 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

**RECERTIFICATION  
OF DISTRICT SHARED  
DECISION MAKING  
PLAN**

WHEREAS the New York State Education Department requires a biannual review of the District's Shared Decision Making Plan, and

WHEREAS the Shared Decision Making Team in each school has reviewed the District Plan, and

WHEREAS no material changes to the District Plan are required

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education approves the recertification of the District's Shared Decision Making Plan.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Ray, and seconded by Mr. Fazio,

**POLICY 5002 –  
WELLNESS POLICY**

WHEREAS school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program are mandated to establish a Wellness Policy by July 1, 2006 in accordance with Public Law 108-265, Section 204, June 30, 2004, Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004

WHEREAS the Island Trees Board of Education requires that the school district establish a policy to provide guidelines for the promotion of student wellness through nutrition, physical activity and the selection of nourishing foods and beverages, and

WHEREAS the “Wellness Policy” was prepared by a Wellness Committee comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, and food service staff with the guidance of Stony Brook University, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the “Wellness Policy” for the Island Trees School District, as presented.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes    5            Nays    0

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

**POLICY 1140 -  
FUNDRAISING**

WHEREAS, Policy Number 1140 of the Fundraising Policy of the Island Trees Union Free School District was originally adopted on June 26, 1973; and amended on October 25, 1995, and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that Policy Number 1140 be amended to include greater administrative oversight regarding student fundraising

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That Policy Number 1140 of the Board of Education Policy Manual is hereby amended as presented.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

**CLASSROOM  
RENTAL**

WHEREAS the New York State Education Department has instituted a Special Education Space Utilization Plan requiring Nassau BOCES to submit a plan to the State outlining how it will reduce the number of special education students in center-based programs, and

WHEREAS BOCES is working with local districts to encourage them to provide instructional space for disabled students now in segregated sites and to include space for special education classes when they implement any new building construction projects, and

WHEREAS we have determined that the J. Fred Sparke Elementary School will have four classrooms for the 2006-2007 school year, and

WHEREAS the rental will help BOCES reduce its percentage of special education students in center-based programs while bringing in some revenue to the Island Trees School District. The annual rental fee charged to BOCES for the 2006-2007 school year will be \$100,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees School District to enter into a contract with BOCES to lease four classrooms in the J. Fred Sparke Elementary School for the 2006-2007 school year.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

**CLASSROOM  
RENTAL**

WHEREAS the New York State Education Department has instituted a Special Education Space Utilization Plan requiring Nassau BOCES to submit an updated plan to the State, outlining how it will reduce the number of special education students in center-based programs, and

WHEREAS BOCES is working with local districts to encourage them to provide instructional space for disabled students now in segregated

sites and to include space for special education classes whenever possible, and

WHEREAS we have determined that the Island Trees Middle School will have two rooms that are available for the 2006-2007 school year to rent to BOCES, and

WHEREAS the rental will help Nassau BOCES reduce its percentage of special education students in center-based programs while bringing some revenue to the Island Trees School District. The annual rental fee charged to BOCES for the 2006-2007 school year will be \$10,089.34 plus \$1,250 per year for each student placed by BOCES into any programs at the Island Trees Middle School

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees School District to enter into a contract with BOCES to lease two classrooms in the Island Trees Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 5                      Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Ray, and seconded by Mr. Fazio,

**EMPLOYEE  
DAY CARE**

WHEREAS the Island Trees School District, in an effort to meet the needs of the district staff, authorized the Superintendent to work with SCOPE (Suffolk County Organization for the Promotion of Education) to create an *Employee Day Care Program*, and

WHEREAS the program is now in its tenth year and has been well received and frequently used by district staff in need of child care, and

WHEREAS many staff members are now trying to plan for their child care needs for the 2006-2007 school year, and  
WHEREAS the expenses of running the child care program are covered by the tuition charged with the exclusion of the use of the room and utility costs, and

WHEREAS the Superintendent would like to initiate the necessary planning with SCOPE to provide this service to the staff for the

2006-2007 school year

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To authorize the Superintendent to work with SCOPE for the purpose of offering the Employee Day Care Program to the district staff for the 2006-2007 school year.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

WHEREAS Mr. Ken Fazio has requested the establishment of a scholarship fund in the name of his late father, Peter J. Fazio, and

**ESTABLISHMENT  
OF PETER J. FAZIO  
SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

WHEREAS the scholarship shall be awarded to a senior on the Island Trees Varsity Baseball Team who displays the values of hard work and selfless dedication to the game of baseball, and

WHEREAS a check in the amount of \$1,000 has been received from Mr. Ken Fazio to be deposited in this fund

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education approves the establishment of the Peter J. Fazio Scholarship Fund with grateful appreciation to Mr. Fazio and the Fazio family.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

WHEREAS the Board of Education is responsible to develop, evaluate and oversee education policies of the district, and

WHEREAS the recent abundance of new laws and regulations from the legislature, State Education Department and New York State Comptroller's Office require a thorough review of the Board of Education Policy Manual, and

**CONTRACT WITH  
NYSSBA FOR  
REVIEW AND  
UPDATING ALL  
BOARD OF  
EDUCATION POLICIES**

WHEREAS the New York State School Boards Association provides this service using its legal, governmental relations and leadership development departments to ensure the policies of the Board of Education reflect the latest changes in federal and state law, are legally sound and reflect up-to-date management approaches, and

WHEREAS this project will take approximately one school year to complete

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves a contract with the New York State School Boards Association in the amount of \$8, 500, to be paid over two budget years.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

**DONATION OF  
SYNTHESIZER/  
KEYBOARD**

WHEREAS Mrs. Vicky DelGiaccio of 22 Ripple Lane in Levittown desires to donate a Yamaha PSR-240 stereo-sample synthesizer with stand to the district to be put to use in the music department at Island Trees Middle School, and

WHEREAS the District Director of Fine and Performing Arts finds this synthesizer/keyboard to be in excellent condition

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accept the above mentioned donation from Mrs. DelGiaccio with gratitude.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

**TRANSFER OF  
FUNDS**

WHEREAS the 2005-2006 budget appropriation for electricity is under appropriated by approximately \$55,000 due to an increase in utility costs, and

WHEREAS funds are available in the Building Projects Code, and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To approve a transfer of funds between the Building Projects and Electric codes to cover the increase in utility costs.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

**INTERNAL  
AUDITOR**

WHEREAS the New York State Comptroller has required that school districts retain the services of an internal auditor in addition to the district's claims auditor and external auditor, and

WHEREAS a Request for Proposal for these services was issued by the district, and

WHEREAS the district received two responses to its Request for Proposal

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education enter into an agreement with Callaghan Nawrocki LLP to perform internal auditing services for the 2006-2007 school year at a fee of \$33,600 for the school year.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

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

**GYMNASTICS**

WHEREAS Danielle Alesi and Kaitlin Shroko, 9<sup>th</sup> graders in Island Trees High School, are requesting permission to participate in gymnastics with the Bethpage Gymnastics team, and

WHEREAS Island Trees High School does not have a gymnastics team, and



in the following amount:

1. Lead Remediation - Base Bid: \$73,600

**Contract #3 – Lightweight Concrete Installation** – no award of this contract

**Total of Contracts 1 & 2 \$124,250**

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 5      Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Ray, and seconded by Mr. Fazio,

**DISTRICT RADIO  
SYSTEM**

RESOLVED, To award the Bid #673.006.003 dated June 26, 2006  
as follows:

**Contract #1 – UHF Radio System Equipment Installation**

To: Telecom Communications Inc.  
234 Newtown Road  
Plainview, NY 11803  
516-777-3333

in the following amount:

1. Base Bid: \$18,318

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 5      Nays 0

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

**USE OF BLDGS.**

WHEREAS community and school organizations have applied for  
use of district facilities for the 2005-2006 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 Cheerleading*

J.V. and Varsity Cheerleading Practice No Fee

*Unanimously carried* Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

**PERSONNEL  
REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated June 28, 2006, items 1 through 364 inclusive.

*Unanimously carried* Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

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

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT REC'D.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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None

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A resident from Ramble Lane, who lives next to the high school entrance on Straight Lane, expressed his concerns regarding the garbage, cigarette butts, chewing gum and other paraphernalia that is thrown on his lawn, other residents' lawns and on the street. Another resident from Straight Lane who also lives next to the entrance of the high school expressed her concerns. Mr. Parla stated that there was a meeting with the Board of Education, Mr. Gary Hudes, Deputy Inspector Mike Cronan from the Eighth Precinct, Mr. Sal Carambia and himself to address this situation and some traffic concerns as well. This

school year the district contracted with a security company and there was a security guard standing outside the entrance of Straight Lane. Mr. Parla asked these residents to contact him in August to meet with him.

Another resident asked what is the policy with regard to smoking on school grounds. Mr. Parla stated that we are prohibited by law to allow students to smoke on school property, and designated smoking areas cannot be assigned.

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mr. Fazio and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:40 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

A resolution was recommended to the Board involving a personnel matter that is on file with the District Clerk. On motion by Mr. Ray, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, this resolution was approved.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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