

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, March 28, 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.

Mr. Parla began the meeting by praising the musical performance of *Carousel* at the high school the past weekend, and commented that there are so many students in our district with wonderful voices.

**RECOGNITION**

The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Greg Warnokowski, performed at the meeting in celebration of .Music in Our Schools Month. On Tuesday, March 27, the Jazz Band performed at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Certificates were given to each band member by Mr. Peter Gibbons, District Director of Fine and Performing Arts. Mr. Warnokowski thanked the Board of Education, Mr. Parla and administration for all their help and support. Mr. Parla congratulated the band and said they make the district proud. He thanked them for a wonderful performance.

**JAZZ BAND  
PERFORMANCE**

At the meeting, there was a display of social studies projects from Mrs. Marks' third grade class at Sparke Elementary School. These

**SPARKE STUDENTS'  
SOCIAL STUDIES**

projects fit into our curriculum and curriculum mapping in social studies. The project was a way for the students to show what could be done as a result of the curriculum mapping and the materials that were provided.

**PROJECT DISPLAY**

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

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – February 28, 2007  
Committee on Special Education – December 21, 2006, January 9, 23, 24, February 6, 7, 12, 14, 27, 2007  
Committee on Preschool Special Education – January 4, 10, 12, 18, 24, 26, 30, February 6, 27, 28, 2007

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

**WORK TRUCK BID**

RESOLVED, To award the following Bid #673.007.003, dated February 28, 2007, for a 2007 4-Wheel Drive Regular Cab 133” Work Truck as presented:

To:     Country Ford, Ltd.  
          210 Gardiners Avenue  
          Levittown, New York 11756

In the amount of \$27,120.00

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**SECURITY BID**

RESOLVED, To award the following Bid #673.007.004, dated March 12, 2007, for Security Services as presented:

To:     Westech Investigations, Inc.  
          1612 Warren Street

East Meadow, NY 11554

In the amount of \$19.50 per hour.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

A resident asked numerous questions regarding the bid for security services, including personnel involved in handling the bid and the bid process. Mr. Carambia responded to each question. The same resident also requested the Board President to suspend the meeting and go into executive session to get specific information in response to his questions. The Board President advised the resident that according to district counsel, the Board was not required to do so and that the information could be made available at the next meeting.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of Island Trees U.F.S.D. approves an application and contract with BOCES to provide services to upgrade internet and voice connectivity for the district for a three-year two-month period for the 2007-2008 school year at a cost of \$103,938.00.

**UPGRADE OF  
INTERNET AND VOICE  
CONNECTIVITY**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

WHEREAS Mr. Lawrence D'Aquisto, Consultant, has entered into an agreement with the Island Trees U.F.S.D. to perform professional services in the area of staff development, and

**CONSULTANT -  
STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS the fee for this service is \$600 per school day, not to exceed two days, and

WHEREAS fees will be paid from a grant fund

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter into the agreement with Mr. Lawrence D'Aquisto, Consultant, to perform

professional services.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**CONSULTANT -  
STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS Mr. Thomas Fazio, Consultant, has entered into an agreement with the Island Trees U.F.S.D. to perform professional services in the area of staff development, and

WHEREAS the fee for this service is \$600 per school day, not to exceed two days, and

WHEREAS fees will be paid from a grant fund

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter into the agreement with Mr. Thomas Fazio, Consultant, to perform professional services.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**CONSULTANT -  
STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS Dr. Peter Garrity, Consultant, has entered into an agreement with the Island Trees U.F.S.D. to perform professional services in the area of staff development , and

WHEREAS the fee for this service is \$1,200 per school day, not to exceed five days, and

WHEREAS fees will be paid from a grant fund and General Fund

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter into the agreement with Dr. Peter Garrity, Consultant, to perform professional services.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**H.S. GIRLS'**  
**VARSIITY TRACK**

WHEREAS the Girls' Varsity Track team is requesting permission to participate in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 26, 2007, and

WHEREAS eight athletes plus Coach Lewis Levy and one female supervisor will attend the competition, and

WHEREAS the team will leave at approximately 7 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m., and

WHEREAS the registration fee is \$60, and rental cost of a van is \$125

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the Girls' Varsity Track team to compete in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, April 26, 2007.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**H.S. BOYS'**  
**VARSIITY TRACK**

WHEREAS the High School Boys' Varsity Track team is requesting permission to participate in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Friday, April 27, 2007, and

WHEREAS six athletes plus Coach Pete McNally will attend the competition, and

WHEREAS the team will leave at approximately 7 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m., and

WHEREAS the registration fee is \$60, and rental cost of a van is \$125

NOW THEREFORE BE IT



<i>Island Trees Travel Baseball</i>	
Baseball Games and Practices	No Fee

<i>American Legion</i>	
Softball Games and Practices	No Fee

<i>Mickey Lebrecht School of Dance</i>	
Dance Recital	\$405.00

<i>Nancy's Dance Factory</i>	
Dance Rehearsals and Recitals	\$3445.00

<i>PTA Council</i>	
Puberty Program	No Fee

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for January and February, 2007, as presented.

**FINANCIAL**  
**REPORT REC'D.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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A resident asked questions about the upgrading of the district telephone system. The resident asked about the bid and transfer of funds from capital account to equipment. Mr. Carambia explained that the transfer was from maintenance projects to equipment. Mr. Carambia further explained that the equipment was proprietary and was purchased from a sole-source provider in Nassau County. He also stated that the telephone network portion of this project was handled through BOCES.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

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WHEREAS the Island Trees High School Fine and Performing Arts Department is requesting approval for a field trip on Friday, April 13, 2007 to the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center, and

WHEREAS the students would depart the high school at 9 a.m. and will return to the high school at approximately 2:30 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 20 students will attend accompanied by the requisite number of chaperones, and

WHEREAS the total cost for tickets and transportation is approximately \$82 per student.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees High School Fine and Performing Arts Dept. to sponsor a field trip to the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center on Friday, April 13, 2007.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

1. A resident asked a question regarding the personnel report.
2. A resident asked a question regarding the hiring of consultants for staff development.

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mr. Buda, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:40 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

1. Negotiations
2. Personnel Issue – change of administrative title

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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