

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, May 23, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Peter Ray, at 8:01 PM

PRESENT: Mr. Peter Ray, President
Mr. Kenneth Rochon, Vice President
Mr. Carl Bonsignore
Mr. Robert M. Condela
Mrs. Christine Holt
Ms. Patricia Mahon

ABSENT: Mr. Joseph Buda

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

PLEDGE

The meeting began with the recognition of teachers, administrators clerical, food service and custodial personnel who are retiring this year. Certificates were distributed to everyone.

**RECOGNITION
OF RETIREES**

Students and advisors on the high school Science Olympiad Team were recognized, and certificates from the Board of Education were distributed to everyone.

**RECOGNITION
OF H.S. SCIENCE
OLYMPIAD TEAM**

The High School Robotics team placed 6th out of 60 participating teams on Long Island, which won them the right to compete in Atlanta, Georgia. A presentation was given by Dr. Andrew Sass, one of the advisors, where he explained the concept of the competition, and showed videotape from two competitions. Students and Dr. Sass and Mr. Price, advisors, were presented with certificates from the Board of Education.

**RECOGNITION
OF H.S. ROBOTICS
TEAM – ROBODAWGS**

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

MINUTES

APPROVAL

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Special Meeting – April 23, 2007

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – April 24, 2007

Budget Hearing – May 1, 2007

Committee on Special Education – March 27, 28, April 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 24, 27, 2007

Subcommittees on Special Education – April 10, 11, 13, 17, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 2007

Committee on Preschool Special Education – April 11, 25, 2007

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Salvatore Carambia, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Administration, made the following announcements in Mr. Parla's Stead:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The high school Creative Arts Fair was this evening, May 23.
2. Two Sparke students, Kelsey Manganiello, Grade 3, and Joseph Badalato, Grade 4, were winners in Covanta Seventeenth Annual Recycling Poster Contest.
3. From the memorial middle school, Michelle Lambert, Grade 8, was selected as the Junior Volunteer of the Year for 2007 by the Levittown Community Council. She will be honored by the Council on May 29th.
4. Also from the memorial middle school, Ted Connelly, Grade 6, was a finalist for the "There Ought To Be a Law" contest sponsored by Senator Kemp Hannon. He was honored this evening at Levittown Hall.
5. For the second year in a row, the memorial middle school newspaper, *Bulldog Jr.*, won 1st place among middle schools nationally from the American Scholastic Press Association. Kudos to advisors Justine Previdi and Ramona Triolo.

6. Many students from the high school have been recognized for various writing contests. Danielle Allen, Krystyna Malewski, Gregory Kelty, Stephanie Rogers, Samantha Pontillo, Jaclyn Michelsen, and Hafza ShariEFF were recognized by the Nassau Reading Council. The following students have the opportunity to win cash awards from Creative Communications: Michael Lloyd, Kevin Buonomo, Marissa Giambelluca, Justin Heredia, Krystyna Malewski, Michelle Meyer, Nicholas Muccio, Erin Kratina, Yukari Nemoto, Arianna Russell, Prerna Thakur, and Pola Gierlak.

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

DONATION

WHEREAS the H2M Group, 575 Broad Hollow Road, Melville, NY, wishes to make a donation in the amount of \$1,500 to the High School Robotics Team (Robodawgs), and

WHEREAS the donation is to be used by the district to help defray cost of trip to Robotics competition. Budget line 2110.450.10.0080, Supplies-Science, will be increased by this amount

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To accept the above mentioned donation from the H2M Group and send a letter from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**SPARKE SCHOOL
FIELD TRIP**

WHEREAS the J. Fred Sparke Elementary School is requesting approval for Ms. Carol Russo to take her second grade class on a field trip on Wednesday, June 7, 2007, and

WHEREAS Ms. Russo's second grade class won a contest on railroad safety sponsored by the Long Island Railroad, and

WHEREAS the winning class receives a trip on the Long Island Railroad

to New York City and a visit to the Empire State's Sky Ride, and

WHEREAS the class would leave Sparke School by bus at 9:42 am and will return to Sparke school by 2 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 19 students will attend accompanied by six chaperones, and

WHEREAS there is no cost to the students

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the trip to New York City for Ms. Russo's second grade class on Wednesday, June 7, 2007.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

CSEA HOLIDAYS

WHEREAS a 2007-2008 holiday calendar has been developed for CSEA employees, and

WHEREAS this calendar has been reviewed by the presidents of the units involved, and

WHEREAS the calendar meets the contractual requirement of 15 days For each full-time employee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the CSEA calendar be adopted, as presented.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

CSEA HOLIDAYS 2007-2008

July 4

Independence Day*

September 3	Labor Day*
September 13 & 14	Rosh Hashanah
October 8	Columbus Day
November 12	Veterans' Day
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Recess
December 24, 25, 31 & Jan. 1	Holiday Recess
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 18	Presidents' Day
March 21 & 24	March Recess
May 26	Memorial Day

*12 Month Only

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

**RETIREMENT
INCENTIVE**

WHEREAS the Island Trees Board of Education has offered a one-time retirement incentive to full-time teachers and administrators, and

WHEREAS the retirement incentive will offer the retiree \$30,000 if at least ten (10) teachers or more tendered their resignation, and

WHEREAS the retirement incentive is offered only to full-time teachers and administrators who have worked in the Island Trees School District for at least ten (10) years and are eligible by age and service to retire on June 30, 2007

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District is in agreement of offering this one-time retirement incentive.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**RETIREMENT INCENTIVE
- NON-ELECTIVE
CONTRIBUTION &
TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS the Island Trees Board of Education has approved a one-time retirement incentive to teachers and administrators, and

WHEREAS the one-time retirement incentive of \$30,000 shall be made as an Employer Non-Elective Contribution to the 403b account of each teacher and administrator who tendered their resignation, and

WHEREAS the Island Trees Board of Education approves the transfer of funds from the employee benefit accrued liability reserve to increase budget appropriation line A9089-800-96 (Termination/Sick Pay) by \$1,291,686.00 to fund contractual sick day pay out and the incentive for each teacher and administrator who tendered their resignation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District is in agreement of this Employer Non-Elective Contribution and transfer of funds.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**TERMINATION PAY -
WILLIAM BRENNAN**

WHEREAS the Salary and Benefit Agreement for William Brennan as District Coordinator of Technology, grants to the employee twenty-three (23) days of paid vacation earned subsequent to each twelve (12) months of service, and

WHEREAS William Brennan is employed with the Island Trees Union Free School District through June 30, 2007, and

WHEREAS William Brennan will be leaving employment with the Island Trees Union Free School District at the end of the 2006-2007 school year, and

WHEREAS William Brennan has used certain vacation days during the course of the 2006-2007 school year, and

WHEREAS William Brennan will not be employed by the School District during the Summer of 2007 commencing July 1, 2007, and

WHEREAS the School Board and William Brennan are desirous of adjusting the "paid vacation earned" days

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That William Brennan shall be paid for his 2006-2007 vacation days, less any days used prior to June 30, 2007, at the conversion rate, called for within his Employment Agreement, of 1/240th of salary per day multiplied by the number of days remaining.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**DRIVER EDUCATION
INSTRUCTION BID**

RESOLVED, To award the following Bid #673.007.005, to the lowest responsible bidder dated April 17, 2007, for the provision of classroom and in-car driver education instruction as presented:

To: East Meadow Driving School
 2900 Hempstead Tpke.
 Levittown, New York 11756

In the amount of \$415 per student, of which each student will pay \$325 which includes the cost of a textbook. The remaining \$90 per student is included in a budget appropriation which is not an increase to the budget.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

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 Memorial Middle

School will have two rooms that are available for the 2007-2008 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 2007-2008 school year will be \$10,687.46 plus \$1,285 per year for each student placed by BOCES into any programs at the Island Trees Memorial 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 Memorial Middle School for the 2007-2008 school year.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**PERSONNEL
REPORT**

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated May 23, 2007, items 1 through 198 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.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life
Garage Sale No Fee

Nassau County Mens Lacrosse Coaches
Vote for All County Players No Fee

CAPIT
Senior Citizen Prom No Fee

Girl Scouts of Nassau County
Moving Up Ceremony No Fee

New York State DEC
American Drive-In Clean Up Meeting TBD

Football Moms Club
Poster Night No Fee

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Report for April 2007, as presented.

FINANCIAL
REPORT REC'D.

OLD BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

None.

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:27 PM.

TO EXEC. SESSION

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

EXEC. SESSION

1. Negotiations

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____