

Minutes of the Special 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 Tuesday, July 31, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Ms. Patricia Mahon, at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Ms. Patricia Mahon, Vice President
Mr. Carl Bonsignore
Mr. Joseph Buda
Mr. Robert M. Condela
Mrs. Christine Holt

ABSENT: Mr. Kenneth Rochon, President
Mr. Peter Ray

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Salvatore Carambia, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Administration; Mrs. Randy Glasser, Chief Legal Officer; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

Ms. Mahon led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by a moment of silence for our troops.

PLEDGE

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

MINUTES
APPROVAL

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Reorganization Meeting, Regular Meeting & Executive Session – July 9, 2007

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mr. Condela, Previous motion rescinded and this is in its place.

REVISED TAX LEVY

We the undersigned, Trustees of Island Trees UFSD (#26) in the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York hereby certify as follows:

At a meeting of the Trustees of Island Trees UFSD (#26) held in the said School District on the 31st day of July 2007, the following resolutions were duly adopted and have been entered on the records of the said School District.

RESOLVED, That the following budget (Gross Amount) of the necessary claims and expenditures in Island Trees UFSD (#26) in the Town of Hempstead School Year 2007-2008, amounting to

	\$	<u>51,839,417</u>	School Purpose
	\$	<u>1,078,200</u>	Library Purpose
Total	\$	<u>52,917,617</u>	be and the same is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED, that the sum of	\$	<u>34,803,108</u>	School Purpose
	\$	<u>1,053,200</u>	Library Purpose
Total	\$	<u>35,856,308</u>	being the remainder of

the budget adopted as above and the amount which must be RAISED BY TAXATION (NET AMOUNT) for Island Trees UFSD (#26) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York for the year 2007-2008 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified to by the Board of Assessors for the school year 2007-2008.

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District be and she is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Board of Assessors, Mineola, New York, on or before August 15th, 2007.

Signature of Board Members:

s/Robert M. Condela

s/Christine Holt

s/Carl Bonsignore

s/Joseph Buda

Attest: s/Concetta Carr

s/Patricia Mahon

Dated: July 31, 2007

Trustees

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

INTERNAL AUDITOR

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education engages the services of R. S. Abrams & Co., LLP as internal auditors for the 2007-2008 school year for the revised annual fee of \$26,400, subject to the review and approval of District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

**DONATION OF CYBEX
WEIGHT MACHINES**

WHEREAS Mr. Tom McCormick, Varsity Assistant Football coach, would like to donate two Cybex weight machines.

WHEREAS the district Athletic Director and Director of Facilities find these two weight machines to be in excellent condition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of the two Cybex weight machines from Mr. McCormick with gratitude.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

**REJECTION OF BID
#673.007.003 - WORK
TRUCK**

RESOLVED, To reject the work truck bid #673.007.003 from Country Ford, Ltd.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
LLC**

WHEREAS the Island Trees Union Free School District wishes to retain School Leadership, LLC to facilitate the conduct of a School Board Development Workshop related to the duties and responsibilities of the members of the Board of education, and

WHEREAS School Leadership is willing to provide such services, and

WHEREAS School Leadership represents that it is experienced in

providing the abovementioned services in New York State for public educational organizations, including school districts, and that its staff and its consultants, if any, to be assigned to this search are or will be personally so experienced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED The Board President is authorized to sign a contract with School Leadership, LLC for Board development in the amount of \$2,500.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees School District establishes the following position effective July 1, 2007:

**ESTABLISH POSITION -
PRINCIPAL TYPIST
CLERK**

PRINCIPAL TYPIST CLERK

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the 2007-2008 salaries/stipends for the following employees have been approved as presented and are on file with the District Clerk:

**NON-CONTRACTUAL
SALARIES**

- Concetta Carr
- Margaret McElhinney
- James Parla
- Elizabeth Due
- Magaly Saunier

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

WHEREAS the Superintendent may carry over five (5) vacation days per contract, and

**SUPERINTENDENT
VACATION DAYS**

WHEREAS the superintendent cancelled vacations in June 2007 in order to conduct three searches to replace administrative personnel in the best interest of the district, and

WHEREAS this resolution applies to the current school year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the superintendent shall be allowed to carry over an additional five and one-half (5.5) vacation days into 2007-2008 and be paid for five (5) unused vacation days at his 2006-2007 per diem rate.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

**AMENDMENT TO
SUPERINTENDENT'S
CONTRACT**

WHEREAS the New York State Education Law 211-b requires a new provision in the contracts of all Superintendents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Superintendent's contract be modified to add the following language:

“Consistent with and pursuant to Education Law 211-3(5)(a) the Superintendent shall cooperate fully with any distinguished educators appointed by the Commissioner of Education.”

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

PERSONNEL REPORT

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated July 31, 2007, items 1 through 133 inclusive.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

USE OF BUILDINGS

WHEREAS community and school organizations have applied for use

of district facilities for the 2007-2008 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.

Cub Scouts

Den Meetings No Fee

M.F. Stokes PTA

School Store No Fee

M.F. Stokes PTA

PTA Meetings No Fee

M.F. Stokes PTA

School Store No Fee

Bethpage Fire Dept.

Multiagency Hazmat Drill No Fee

Boy Scouts of America

Leader Meetings No Fee

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

OLD BUSINESS

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None

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

IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Commissioner’s Regulation 200.5(i), the Board of Education does hereby appoint Wendy Brandenburg as the Impartial Hearing officer for Student No. 0323.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

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

TRIP TO NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ATLANTA, GA - CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS GRANT WINNERS

WHEREAS four students, formerly from the memorial middle school, won a \$25,000 Christopher Columbus Grant for their invention, and

WHEREAS the team will present and exhibit their invention at the Fire and Rescue International at a National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, on August 23 to August 25, 2007, and

WHEREAS all expenses, including air fare, hotel, food, and exhibitor fees will be paid through the Grant, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Eileen Anderson, memorial middle school science teacher, is requesting approval from the Board of Education for the four students to attend the National Convention, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Anderson, as their “coach,” is required to accompany them on this trip.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the trip to the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, and authorizes the Grant money to be spent on this trip. Mrs. Anderson is authorized to attend, and a male certified employee approved by the Superintendent is authorized to attend with expenses paid by the district with the student permission slips to be reviewed and approved by District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 5 Nays 0

Before going into Executive Session the following was presented:

1. Review of Internal Audit Report by Lauren Agunzo, Internal Auditor, Callaghan Nawrocki LLP. Each finding and recommendation was presented.
2. Presentation of District Safety/Security Proposal by Bill Marr. Regarding security services, the Superintendent is directed by the Board of Education to put together a proposal in the neighborhood of \$75,000 for in-house security services.

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

TO EXEC. SESSION

Mrs. Holt was not present at Executive Session.

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

EXEC. SESSION

1. Negotiations – Principals
2. Connie Ecker – Substitute Teacher Service
3. 2007-2008 rates for hourly employees

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mr. Buda and unanimously carried, the members came out of Executive Session at 10:05 PM.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

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

RESOLVED, To hire Mrs. Connie Ecker to operate the SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SERVICE for the 2007-2008 school year at an annual salary of \$7,500.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
SERVICE**

Unanimously carried Ayes 4 Nays 0

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

SALARIES

RESOLVED, That the compensation for the following employees in the following job titles are approved as presented and are on file with the district clerk:

Teacher Aide

Registered Professional Nurse
Buildings and Grounds – Hourly
Part Time – Hourly
Substitutes: Food Service Helper and School Monitor

Unanimously carried Ayes 4 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore and
unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____