

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 Tuesday, September 26, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Kenneth Rochon, at 8:03 PM.

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

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

Mr. Rochon led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.

PLEDGE

Mr. Kevin Herbst, New York State Fire Inspector, presented the annual fire inspection report. He inspected all buildings in the District, including maintenance sheds and garages, on June 17, 2007, and reported that there were no major violations in any of the buildings. He did point out that there are curtains and carpets in all the buildings that are not flame retardant, and power strips are to be used instead of extension cords.

FIRE INSPECTION

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

MINUTES
APPROVAL

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Special Meeting & Executive Session – September 4, 2007
Committee on Special Education – August 14, 2007
Committee on Preschool Special Education – August 14, 2007

Contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

James Parla, Superintendent of Schools, commented on the following:

**SUPT'S. OPENING
COMMENTS**

1. Mr. Parla announced that eight students from the high school were selected as winners and will perform at the 2007 NYSSMA All-State Conference in Rochester, New York.
2. Homecoming is on Saturday, September 29. The football game starts at 2 p.m. at the high school.
3. On Sunday, September 30, there is a Levittown 60th Anniversary Parade, which begins start at 1 p.m. from the memorial middle school and continues to the Tri-County Flea Market. High school and memorial middle school marching bands will be participating along with cheerleaders, kickline, parents and students from the elementary schools and members of the Board of Education.
4. Last year a letter was issued by the State Education Department that the district is obligated to issue calculators, the same as a textbook, for appropriate math courses. Additional calculators were purchased at the high school and memorial middle school.

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

**CONTRACT FOR
INCLUSION SUPPORT -
LAKRETZ CREATIVE
SUPPORT SERVICES**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into a contract with Lakretz Creative Support Services, Inc., for inclusion support services for the 2007-2008 school year for no more than 30 days at a rate of \$900 per day from day 1 to day 20, and \$850 per day from day 21 to day 30, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**MEMORIAL MIDDLE
SCHOOL ENGLISH**

WHEREAS the Island Trees Memorial Middle School English Department is requesting approval for a seventh grade class field trip on Wednesday , November 28, 2007, and

DEPT. FIELD TRIP

WHEREAS the English Department would like to take the seventh grade class to a performance of the play, *Hairspray*, at the Neil Simon Theater, 250 West 52nd Street, New York City, and

WHEREAS the class would leave the memorial middle school at 10:15 a.m. and will return to the school at 7 p.m., and

WHEREAS the cost will be \$65 per pupil, which includes the cost of the ticket plus the cost of approximately five school buses, and

There will be approximately 213 students, and the appropriate number of chaperones will be provided to supervise the event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees Middle School English Department to sponsor a seventh grade class field trip to New York City on November 28, 2007.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

H.S. FRENCH CLUB
FIELD TRIP

WHEREAS the Island Trees High School French Club is requesting approval for a field trip to attend the play, *Les Miserables*, at the Broadhurst Theatre, 235 West 44th Street, New York City, on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, and

WHEREAS the class would leave the high school at 12:30 p.m. and will return to the high school at approximately 6:00 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately twenty-five students will attend accompanied by the appropriate number of chaperones, and

WHEREAS the cost will be approximately \$60 per student

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees French Club to sponsor a field trip to New York City on November 7, 2007.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**WRESTLING
TOURNAMENT**

WHEREAS Mr. Damian Garcia, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach, is requesting permission for twenty wrestlers from Island Trees to attend the tournament at Minisink Valley High School in Slate Hill, New York, on Saturday, December 15, 2007, and

WHEREAS adequate supervision will be provided by Island Trees coaches and volunteers, and

WHEREAS there will be no charge to the Island Trees School District, as the expense for the bus will be paid through money raised through fundraising

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from Mr. Garcia to attend the tournament at Minisink Valley High School on December 15, 2007.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**DONATION -
DRUM SET**

WHEREAS Mr. Salvatore Dilillo of 110 Meridian Road, Levittown, has generously offered to donate a Ludwig drum set, and

WHEREAS the drum set will be used by the students at J. Fred Sparke School, and

WHEREAS the value of the donated instruments is approximately \$450

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To accept the above mentioned donation from

Mr. Salvatore Dilillo and send a letter from the Board of Education thanking him for his generosity.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**DONATION -
SYNTHESIZER/KEYBOARD**

WHEREAS Mrs. Melissa Greene-Reali of 7302 Springfield Blvd., Oakland Garden, New York has generously offered to donate a Korg 01 W Pro synthesizer/keyboard to the Island Trees Music Department, and

WHEREAS the keyboard will be added to the inventory of school instruments, and

WHEREAS the value of the donated instruments is approximately \$1,200

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To accept the above mentioned donation from Mrs. Melissa Greene-Reali and send a letter from the Board of Education thanking her for her generosity.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

EMT

WHEREAS to approve Christopher Behrens as an EMT to cover Island Trees School District home football games, and

WHEREAS to approve Amy Christian as a back-up in the event Christopher Behrens is unavailable, and

WHEREAS the fee for this service will be \$60 per game

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education is authorized to approve Christopher Behrens as EMT, and Amy Christian as back-up, for Island Trees School District home football games.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Condela,
RESOLVED, To reject all bids for the work truck, Bid #673.008.005,
due to a lower cost on State Bid Contract.

**REJECTION OF
BID #673.008.005 -
WORK TRUCK**

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt,
RESOLVED, To purchase a work truck off of the New York State
Office of General Services website, Bid #20339, in the amount of
\$21,684.75

WORK TRUCK BID

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Buda,
RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of a Nautilus Curl
Machine, a TDS Leg Extension, an Olympic Bench, and an
Incline/Decline Bench, which are located at the high school.
This equipment is broken and no longer useable.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Mr. Ray,
RESOLVED, To approve the District Printing and Publications Bid,
Bid #673.008.004, for the 2007-2008 year as presented.

**DISTRICT PRINTING &
PUBLICATIONS BID**

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Ray, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore
RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report
dated September 26, 2007, items 1 through 91 inclusive.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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 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.

Island Trees Varsity Football

Team Breakfast	No Fee
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Cub Scout Pack 600

Pack Meetings	No Fee
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Cub Scout Pack 600

Den Meetings	No Fee
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M.F. Stokes PTA

4 th Grade Moving Up	No Fee
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M.F. Stokes PTA

BLITZ Fundraiser	No Fee
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M.F. Stokes PTA

Book Fair Set Up & Fair	No Fee
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Island Trees PTSA

PTSA Fun Night	No Fee
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<i>Girl Scouts of Nassau County</i> Parent Meeting	No Fee
<i>Girl Scouts of Nassau County</i> Troop #3630 Meetings	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke PTA</i> PTA Meetings	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke PTA</i> Workshop with Speaker	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke PTA</i> Halloween Party	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke PTA</i> Holiday Craft Night	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke PTA</i> Vendor Sale	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke PTA</i> Plant Sale	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke PTA</i> Magic Game Show	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke PTA</i> Father's Day Sale	No Fee
<i>J. Fred Sparke PTA</i> Book Fair	No Fee
<i>Levittown Athletic Club</i> Coaches Meetings	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Baseball</i> Board Meetings	No Fee

Island Trees Baseball
Registration

No Fee

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for June, July, and August, 2007, as presented.

FINANCIAL
REPORT REC'D.

Mr. Parla gave a presentation on the Capital Plan Bond Issue. He explained that this issue was prompted by the New York State Education Department. The district will receive EXCEL Aid, which is to be used coupled with other Capital Projects. He explained the two Propositions and that the passage of Proposition #2 is contingent on passage of Proposition #1.

CAPITAL PLAN BOND
ISSUE PRESENTATION

OLD BUSINESS

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None

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1. A resident asked why the July Reorganization minutes were not on the district website. The District Clerk will check into this.
2. A petition was brought before the Board of Education by a student from the memorial middle school to get recycle bins for the lunchrooms.
3. Mr. Parla introduced the new part-time Dean of the Memorial Middle School, Mr. Daniel Haggerty.

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:13 PM.

TO EXEC. SESSION

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

EXEC. SESSION

1. Personnel Issue – employee suspension
2. Personnel Issue – employee resignation

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Ms. Mahon and unanimously carried, the members came out of Executive Session at 10:52 PM.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

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

PERSONNEL ACTION

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 913 of the Education Law, the Employee named in executive session is hereby directed to appear for a psychiatric examination in the office of Dr. Michael Schwartz, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Michael Schwartz, is hereby appointed school medical inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the Education Law in order to evaluate said employee's ability to perform his duties.

Dated: September 26, 2007

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

On motion of Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Buda and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____