

Minutes of the Reorganization 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 8, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by the District Clerk, Mrs. Concetta Carr, at 7:58 PM.

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

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

Mrs. Carr led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**PLEDGE**

Mrs. Carr asked for a moment of silence for our troops.

Mr. James Parla was sworn in as Superintendent of Schools, by Mrs. Randy Glasser, Legal Counsel.

**SWEARING IN OF  
SUPERINTENDENT**

Mrs. Randy Glasser, Legal Counsel, conducted the swearing in of Ms. Patricia Mahon, Mr. Robert Condela and Mr. Kenneth Rochon as re-elected Board of Education Trustees.

**SWEARING IN OF  
BOARD TRUSTEES**

The District Clerk asked for nominations for President of the Board of Education, conducted the election, and announced the results. District Counsel administered the oath of office to Mr. Peter Ray, President-elect, and District Clerk turned the meeting over to Mr. Ray, President of the Board of Education.

**ELECTION OF  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUC.**

Mr. Ray asked for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education, conducted the election, announced the results, and District Counsel administered the oath of office to Mr. Carl Bonsignore, Vice President-elect of the Board of Education

**ELECTION OF VICE  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUC.**

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

**DISTRICT  
TREASURER**

RESOLVED, That Angelo Tomeo be and is hereby appointed District Treasurer of this District at the pleasure of the Board of Education from July 1, 2008, to August 31, 2008, at an annual salary of \$8,000, prorated.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 1 (Mr. Buda)

Mr. Tomeo was not present to receive the oath of office.

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

**DISTRICT CLERK**

RESOLVED, That Concetta Carr be and is hereby appointed District Clerk of this District at the pleasure of the Board of Education during the 2008-2009 school year at the annual salary of \$10,500.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 1 (Mr. Buda)

Mrs. Carr was sworn in as District Clerk by Mrs. Randy Glasser, District Counsel.

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

**SCHOOL PHYSICIAN**

RESOLVED, That Dr. Jeffrey Elfenbein is hereby appointed School Physician during the 2008-2009 school year at the total fee of \$20,000. He should name Island Trees as additional insured on both his general liability and professional liability policies subject a contract reviewed and approved by District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 1 (Mr. Buda)

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

**GENERAL LEGAL  
COUNSEL**

RESOLVED, That the Firm of Guercio & Guercio LLP be appointed General Legal Counsel at the pleasure of the Board of Education during the 2008-2009 school year, in accordance with contract approved by the Board of Education, at the retainer of \$38,000, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**BOND COUNSEL**

RESOLVED, To authorize, by roll call, the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP to act as Bond Counsel for the Island Trees UFSD for the 2008-2009 school year.

Carl Bonsignore                    YES

Joseph Buda                        YES

Robert Condela                    YES

Christine Holt                     YES

Patricia Mahon                    YES

Peter Ray                         YES

Kenneth Rochon                   YES

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

**INTERNAL  
AUDITORS**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education engages the services of Nawrocki Smith LLP as internal auditors for the 2008-2009 school year at an annual fee of \$33,600, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement contingent upon review and Approval of District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**EXTERNAL  
AUDITOR**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education engages the services of R. S. Abrams & Co. LLP as external auditors for the 2008-2009 school year for the annual fee of \$44,300, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Ms. Mahon, this item was tabled to a later time in the meeting.

**CLAIMS**  
**AUDITOR**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 1

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mr. Condela, this item was removed from the table.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 5            Nays 2

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education engages the services of Cerini & Associates, as claims auditors for the 2008-2009 school year for the annual fee per contract schedule not to exceed \$40,000 for the school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 1

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

**ACCOUNTING**  
**SERVICES**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education engages the services of BookSmart Accounting, a division of Corporate Accounting Solutions, Inc., to provide accounting consulting services for the 2008-2009 school year. The fees are as follows: The GASB 34 adjustments and the preparation of the District Financial Statements, Notes and MD&A will be charged at a flat rate of \$7,500. All work prior to preparation of GASB 34 adjustments and the Financial Statements including all monthly and quarterly work will be billed at an hourly rate of \$135 per hour, plus expenses. The Board President is authorized to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 1

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

**ASSISTANT**  
**TREASURER**

RESOLVED, That Concetta Carr be and is hereby appointed Assistant Treasurer of this District at the pleasure of the Board of Education during the 2008-2009 school year.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

Mrs. Carr was sworn in as Assistant Treasurer by Mrs. Randy Glasser, District Counsel.

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

RESOLVED, That Dana DiCapua be and is hereby appointed Records Access Officer of the Island Trees Union Free School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

**RECORDS**  
**ACCESS**  
**OFFICER**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That Tamara Cofield for the Memorial Middle School and Lizabeth Due for the High School, be and are hereby appointed Central Treasurers for the Extra Classroom Activity Accounts, as presented, at the pleasure of the Board of Education during the 2008-2009 school year at an annual salary established through contract with the U.T.I.T., and authorizes the Board President to sign a charter for each activity account.

**CLASSROOM**  
**ACTIVITY A/C**

High School:

Class of 2008  
Class of 2009  
Class of 2010  
Class of 2011  
Class of 2012  
Career Advantage  
Drama  
Environmental  
French Club  
Honor Society  
Human Awareness  
Key Club  
Newspaper  
Robotics/Physics  
SADD  
Spanish Club

Student Council  
Yearbook

Middle School:

Bulldog Inc.  
Cheerleading Club  
DVM Club  
Fifth Grade  
Goal Program  
National Junior Honor Society  
SADD  
Science  
Student Council  
Student Leaders

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**INSPECTORS OF  
ELECTION**

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 2607 of the Education Law of the State of New York it is required that the Board of Education appoint three qualified voters residing within the School District to act as Inspectors of Election

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the following parties are hereby appointed as Inspectors of Election for the Island Trees School District:

1. Concetta Carr
2. Anita Fusco
3. Patricia Lever,

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the aforesaid Inspectors shall elect one of their number as Chairman and one as Poll Clerk. The third shall act as Deputy Chairman and Poll Clerk should either of the others not be available.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

AUDIT

RESOLVED, In accordance with the Laws of 2005, as set forth by the Office of the New York State Comptroller, that the resolution for the approval of the 2008-2009 Audit Committee be amended as follows:

Robert Condela  
 Patricia Mahon (withdrawn)  
 Peter Ray  
 Kenneth Rochon (withdrawn)  
 Carl Bonsignore (new)

*Unanimously carried*          Ayes 7          Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, In accordance with the Laws of 2005, as set forth by the Office of the New York State Comptroller, the following are approved as members of the 2008-2009 Audit Committee:

Robert Condela  
 Peter Ray  
 Carl Bonsignore

*Unanimously carried*          Ayes 6          Nays 1 (Mr. Buda)

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

OFFICIAL BANK  
 DEPOSITORY

RESOLVED, That the following bank is hereby designated as the Official Depository for the funds of the District for the 2008-2009 school year as per the deposit limits on file with the district:

CAPITAL ONE BANK

Money Market Account	A/C #2344041302
General Fund	A/C #2344041592
Lunch Fund	A/C #2344041591
Trust & Agency Fund	A/C #2344041583

Payroll Account	A/C #2344041567
Special Aid Fund	A/C #2344041575
Capital Fund	A/C #2344041609
Bond Fund	A/C #2344041450
Bond Money Market	A/C #2344041419

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the District may place such monies into Time Certificates/Savings Certificates that are available in the various funds of the District with Capital One Bank, Flushing Commercial Bank, Commerce Bank, and HSBC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Treasurer shall report monthly all transactions necessitated by this resolution.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**REGULAR**  
**MONTHLY MTGS.**

RESOLVED, That the Regular Meetings of the Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year will be on the following dates at 8:00 PM unless otherwise noted:

- September 24, 2008
- October 29, 2008
- November 19, 2008
- January 28, 2009
- February 25, 2009
- March 25, 2009
- April 21, 2009
- May 20, 2009
- June 24, 2009

A special date will be set in July for the annual District Reorganization Meeting

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

**DESIGNATION**  
**OF NEWSPAPERS**

RESOLVED, That the following newspapers are hereby

designated as the official newspapers for legal advertisements of the District for the 2008-2009 school year:

Weekly: LEVITTOWN TRIBUNE

Daily: NEWSDAY

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Business And in her absence, the Superintendent to certify payrolls for the District for the 2008-2009 school year.

**CERTIFICATION  
OF PAYROLL/**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

WHEREAS, the District is in the process of hiring a part-time Purchasing Agent who will be appointed at a future date, and

WHEREAS, the District is required to purchase goods and services on an on-going basis

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Business to be Purchasing Agent for the District until a purchasing agent is hired for the 2008-2009 school year.

**PURCHASING  
AGENT**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Section 1709, Subdivision 29 of the Education Law, the following procedure for the Petty Cash Funds shall be established for the 2008-2009 school year:

**PETTY CASH**

1. Petty Cash Funds in the amount of \$100 each shall be set up for the following:  
Assistant Superintendent for Business

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education  
 Director of Curriculum  
 Director of School Facilities and Operations  
 Director of Food Services  
 Principal of Island Trees High School  
 Principal of Island Trees Memorial Middle School  
 Principal of Michael F. Stokes School  
 Principal of J. Fred Sparke School

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all disbursements of Petty Cash Funds will be limited to \$50.00 each occurrence except for the Director of School Facilities and Operations which will be limited to \$75.00 each occurrence. All disbursements of Petty Cash funds shall be accompanied by receipted bills and/or invoices attached thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board Policy 6670 will be amended accordingly.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

RESOLVED, To authorize signature of Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer, as designated signatures for checks for the 2008-2009 school year.

**DESIGNATED  
CHECK  
SIGNATURES**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To establish the mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.585 per mile for the 2008-2009 school year.

**MILEAGE  
REIMBURSEMENT**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

WHEREAS Education Law provides that the Board of Education shall enter into contracts for health services with other districts or BOCES when Island Trees children attend schools outside the

**HEALTH  
SERVICE  
CONTRACTS**

home district, and

WHEREAS Education Law also provides that the Board of Education may enter into contracts for instructional services with other districts or with BOCES for the education of children diagnosed by the Committee on Special Education

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That when application of Section 912, Sections 2042 and 4402 of the Education Law shall be required, the President of the Board and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to sign such contract when presented by the administration for the proper execution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the control of such contract shall be the same as is now in force in the district, and that the above resolution shall be effective for the 2008-2009 school year.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Policy Number 6833 of the Board of Education Policy Manual, the following job titles are approved for the use of District cellular telephones for the 2008-2009 school year:

**POLICY 6833 -  
CELLULAR  
TELEPHONES**

- Superintendent of Schools
- Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Director of Athletics
- Director of Facilities
- Maintenance Supervisor
- Technology Manager/Director

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Policy Number 6833 shall be amended to include the aforementioned titles.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Policy Number 6834 of the Board of Education Policy Manual, the following is hereby amended:

**POLICY 6834 –  
DISTRICT-ISSUED  
GAS & OTHER  
CREDIT CARDS**

“Job titles that will be issued a District gas credit card are as follows: Superintendent of Schools (in accordance with employment contract), Assistant Superintendent for Business and Director of Facilities.”

“In addition to a gas credit card, the District maintains the following credit cards which are retained in a safe in the Business Office: Staples, Office Max, and Home Depot. These credit cards are available for use by district personnel and must be approved by the Purchasing Agent or Assistant Superintendent for Business.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Policy Number 6834 will be amended accordingly.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

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

**NSSBA**

RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education renew its membership with the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association for the 2008-2009 school year at an annual fee of \$2,495.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

On motion of Mrs. Holt and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

**NYSSBA**

RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education renew its membership with the New York State School Boards Association for the 2008-2009 school year at an estimated annual fee of \$9,305.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

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

**SCOPE**

RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education renew its membership with SCOPE Education Services for the 2008-2009 school year at an annual fee of \$3,600.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 7            Nays 0

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

CSE

RESOLVED, To appoint the following as members of the Committee on Special Education for the 2008-2009 school year:

- the parents or persons in parental relationship to the student;
- the general education teacher of such child whenever the student is or may be participating in the general education environment;
- the special education teacher of the student, or, if appropriate, a special education provider of the student;
- a school psychologist:
  - Dr. Gail Sherry, Psychologist
  - Dr. Nadia Pellicano, Psychologist
  - Dr. Leslie Eder, Psychologist
  - Dr. Maryann Leone Maidat, Psychologist
  - Ms. Melissa Matovic, Psychologist
  - Dr. Michael Perlotto, Psychologist
  
- a representative of the school district who is qualified to provide or supervise special education and who is knowledgeable about the general curriculum and the availability of the resources of the school district, provided that an individual who meets these qualifications may also be the same individual appointed as the special education teacher of the special education provider of the student or the school psychologist. This person shall serve as the chairperson of the committee:
  - Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Chairperson
  - Dr. Gail Sherry, Psychologist, Alternate Chairperson
  - Ms. Sandra Antar, Alternate Chairperson
  
- an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results, who may be a member of the team selected from the regular education teacher, the special education teacher or provider, the school psychologist or the representative of the school district described above;
- a school physician, if specifically requested in writing by the parent of the student or by a member of the school at least 72 hours prior to the meeting:

Dr. Jeffrey Elfenbein, Medical Doctor

- an additional parent member of a student with a disability or a parent of a student who has been declassified or has graduated within a five-year period, residing in the school district or a neighboring school district, provided that such parent is not a required member if the parents of the student request that the additional parent member not participate:

Mrs. Linda Ackerina, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Nancy Agostinelli, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Allison Carr-Breen, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Kimberly Caruana, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Anna Clifford, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Jeaninne Cunningham, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Marcy D'Arcy, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Beth Dennett, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Michele Gianni, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Carol Gleixner, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Annemarie Greener, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Debora Herbert, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Anne Hotchkiss, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Theresa Isaacs, Parent Member

Mrs. Dorothy Jenkofsky, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Rosanna Kluth, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Annette Lagan, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Jamie-Marie Lawlor, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Niki Mirabella, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Jacqueline Moen, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Janice Moller, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Linda Ortiz, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Lori Oswiecimski, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Patricia Peck, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Janet Picone, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Eileen Schroeder, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Cathleen Schroko, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Christina Trezza, Parent Member  
 Mrs. Linda Vogt, Parent Member

- at the discretion of the parent or district, other individuals who have knowledge or special expertise regarding the child, including related services personnel as appropriate;
- whenever appropriate, the student.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

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

**SUBCOMMITTEES**  
**ON SPEC. ED.**

RESOLVED, To appoint the following as members of the Subcommittees on Special Education for the 2008-2009 school year:

- the parents of the student;
- one regular education teacher of the student whenever the student is or may be participating in the regular education environment;
- the student's special education teacher or, if appropriate, a special education provider of the student;

- a representative of the school district who is qualified to provide, administer or supervise special education who is knowledgeable about the general curriculum and who is knowledgeable about the availability of resources of the school district. This person shall serve as the chairperson of the committee:
  - Ms. Lisa Newman, Chairperson, Stokes School Sub-CSE
  - Ms. Penny Fisher, Chairperson, Sparke School Sub-CSE
  - Ms. Helen Gould, Chairperson, Middle School Sub-CSE
  - Mr. Damian Garcia, Chairperson, High School Sub-CSE
- a school psychologist:
  - Dr. Nadia Pellicano, Psychologist, Stokes School Sub-CSE
  - Dr. Gail Sherry, Psychologist, Sparke School Sub-CSE
  - Ms. Melissa Matovic, Psychologist, Sparke & Stokes Sub-CSEs
  - Dr. Maryann Leone Maidat, Psychologist, Middle School Sub-CSE
  - Dr. Michael Perlotto, Psychologist, Middle School Sub-CSE
  - Dr. Leslie Eder, Psychologist, High School Sub-CSE
- an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results, who may be a member of the team described above;
- such other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, including related services personnel as appropriate, as the committee or the parent shall designate;
- the student, if appropriate.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

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

**CPSE**

RESOLVED, To appoint the following as members of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2008-2009 school year:

- the parents of the preschool child;
- a general education teacher of such child whenever the child is, or may be, participating in the general education environment;
- the special education teacher of the child or special education provider of the child;
- a representative of the school district who is qualified to provide or supervise special education and who is knowledgeable about the general curriculum and the availability of preschool special education programs and services and

other resources of the school district and municipality. The representative of the school district shall serve as the chairperson of the committee:

Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Chairperson

Ms. Sandra Antar, Alternate Chairperson

- the parent of a preschool or elementary school age child with a disability who resides in the school district or a neighboring school district, provided that such parent is not a required member if the parent(s) of the child request that the additional parent member not participate:

Mrs. Linda Ackerina, Parent Member

Mrs. Nancy Agostinelli, Parent Member

Mrs. Allison Carr-Breen, Parent Member

Mrs. Kimberly Caruana, Parent Member

Mrs. Anna Clifford, Parent Member

Mrs. Jeaninne Cunningham, Parent Member

Mrs. Marcy D'Arcy, Parent Member

Mrs. Beth Dennett, Parent Member

Mrs. Michele Gianni, Parent Member

Mrs. Carol Gleixner, Parent Member

Mrs. Annemarie Greener, Parent Member

Mrs. Debora Herbert, Parent Member

Mrs. Anne Hotchkiss, Parent Member

Mrs. Theresa Isaacs, Parent Member

Mrs. Dorothy Jenkofsky, Parent Member

Mrs. Rosanna Kluth, Parent Member

Mrs. Annette Lagan, Parent Member

Mrs. Jamie-Marie Lawlor, Parent Member

Mrs. Niki Mirabella, Parent Member

Mrs. Jacqueline Moen, Parent Member

Mrs. Janice Moller, Parent Member

Mrs. Linda Ortiz, Parent Member

Mrs. Lori Oswiecimski, Parent Member

Mrs. Patricia Peck, Parent Member

Mrs. Janet Picone, Parent Member

Mrs. Eileen Schroeder, Parent Member

Mrs. Christina Trezza, Parent Member

Mrs. Linda Vogt, Parent Member

- an individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results, who may be a member of the team selected from the general or special education teacher or provider or district representative described above;
- other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding the child, including related services personnel as appropriate, as the school district or the parents shall designate;
- for a child who is in transition from early intervention programs and services, the appropriate professional designated by the agency that has been charged with the responsibility for the preschool child; and
- a representative of the municipality of the preschool child's residence, provided that the attendance of the appointee of the municipality shall not be required for a quorum.

*Unanimously carried*

Ayes 7

Nays 0

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

**SURROGATE**  
**PARENTS**

WHEREAS as required by 8NYCRR 200.5 (n), the Board of Education of each school district must maintain a list of persons from whom the district may choose a surrogate parent, and

WHEREAS a surrogate parent is one who is appointed to act in place of parents or guardians when a student's parents or guardians are not known, or when after reasonable efforts, the board of education cannot discover the whereabouts of a parent or, the student is an unaccompanied homeless youth or the student is a ward of the State and does not have a parent who meets the definition of parent, or the rights of the parent to make educational decisions have been subrogated by a judge in accordance with State law

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the following people have agreed to act as surrogate parents if the need should arise:

Mrs. Eileen Cassar  
158 Cardinal Road  
Levittown, NY 11756  
Telephone: 731-2860

Mrs. Kristine McGarry  
149 Cardinal Road  
Levittown, NY 11756  
Telephone: 796-0017

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Ms. Mahon,

As required by 8NYCRR 200.2(b)(9), the Board of Education annually establishes and maintains a list of the names and qualifications of all impartial hearing officers available to serve in the school district. The list is developed from a more comprehensive listing provided by the State Education Department, downloaded from their website in June 2008, and **supersedes all previous lists.**

**IMPARTIAL**  
**HEARING**  
**OFFICER**

In compliance with the Commissioner's Regulations, only those persons who have successfully completed an approved training program and have been certified, pursuant to section 200.1(x), as Impartial Hearing Officers are eligible to be on the list. The definition of impartial hearing officer has been revised as

per IDEA 2004 to add that the impartial hearing officer possess knowledge of, and the ability to: understand federal and State law and regulations and legal interpretations; and knowledge of the ability to conduct hearings and render and write decisions in accordance with standard and appropriate standard legal practice.

The list of hearing officers is established from those eligible persons who have indicated their willingness to serve in Nassau County or who have contacted the district directly and indicated their availability to serve in the district. The Impartial Hearing Officer's list is established and maintained in alphabetical order, with new appointees inserted in alphabetical order in the list. Selection is made on a rotational basis, beginning with the first name after the hearing officer who last served. If no hearing officer on the list has served, selection will be made beginning with the first name on the list. If the hearing officer declines appointment or if, within 24 hours, the impartial hearing officer fails to respond or is unreachable after reasonable efforts by the school district, each successive impartial hearing officer whose name next appears on the list shall be offered appointment, until such appointment is accepted. If the impartial hearing officer is unable to initiate the impartial hearing within the first 14 days of being contacted by the school district, the impartial hearing officer cannot accept the appointment. Each successive hearing officer on the list shall be offered appointment, until such appointment is accepted. In all cases, these attempts will be documented.

BERYL BLAUSTONE  
WENDY BRANDENBURG  
JEANMARIE BRESCIA  
ROBERT BRIGLIO  
PAUL BUMBALO  
DIANE COHEN  
EDGAR DELEON  
DEBRA S. DEWAN  
MURRAY DIAMOND  
BARBARA EBENSTEIN  
JOHN FARAGO  
RONA FEINBERG  
SHARYN FINKELSTEIN  
LANA FLAME  
STEVEN GOLDSMITH  
LORRAINE GROSS  
SINAI HALBERSTAM  
NANCY HAMPTON  
JONATHAN HEIDELBERGER  
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DORA LASSINGER  
PATRICIA LATZMAN  
MICHAEL LAZAN  
NANCY LEDERMAN  
SUSAN LUSHING  
ROBERT MACKRETH  
JAMES MCKEEVER  
JAMES MONK  
CHRISTINE MOORE  
ESTHER MORA  
ERIC NACHMAN  
JOHN NAUN  
ROBERT NISELY  
MARY NOE  
DAVID NYDICK  
VERONICA ODOM  
JANICE ORLAND  
JANE OWENS  
RALPH PENNINGTON Jr.  
GARY PETERS  
KENNETH PETERS

GEORGE ROBERTS  
PAUL ROSEN, Esq.  
JEAN ROSENZWEIG  
BERNARD ROSTANSKI  
JEROME SCHAD  
MARTIN SCHIFF  
JUDITH SCHNEIDER  
ANNETTE GORSKY SCHACTER  
VANESSA SHEEHAN  
MARJORIE SILVER  
KENNETH STEWART  
CRAIG TESSLER  
RICHARD THALER  
AARON TURETSKY  
ARTHUR VENEZIA  
WILLIAM WALL  
JAMES WALSH  
CARL WANDERMAN  
MARC WEINER  
MINDY WOLMAN  
JOSEPH WOOLEY  
JOEL ZIEV

THERESA R. JOYNER  
 GEORGE KANDILAKIS  
 EUGENE KAUFMAN  
 MARTIN KEHOE III  
 ROBIN KENT

JUDITH PIERCE  
 JOSEPH QUINN  
 HEIDI REICHEL  
 SUSAN MILLS RICHMOND  
 KENNETH RITZENERG

LINDA AGOSTON  
 PETER ALBERT  
 LYNN ALMELEH  
 STUART BAUCHNER  
 DALE BLACK-PENNINGTON

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 7      Nays 0

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mrs. Holt, the Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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The Regular Meeting began at 9:38 PM.

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – June 25, 2008  
 Special Meeting & Executive Session – June 11, 2008  
 Special Meeting & Executive Session – June 16, 2008

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 7      Nays 0

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

**BOCES COMPUTER CONTRACT**

RESOLVED, To approve the agreement between Island Trees Union Free School District and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Project #5 Dated July 8, 2008) to find that:

- (i) the use of the Equipment and the District's participation in the PowerSchool Infrastructure project is essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of its education program to be supported by the Equipment, and is necessary to maintain the District's Educational program; and that
- (ii) the expenses arising under this Agreement constitute ordinary contingent expenses necessary for providing educational services and the transaction is in the best financial interests of

the School District because it enables the District to utilize the equipment in a cost effective and economic manner.

And to approve an assignment of co-ser agreement between the Island Trees Union Free School District and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County arising under the agreement for technology program project #5 to replace obsolete computer equipment at Island Trees High School, Island Trees Memorial Middle School, Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, J. Fred Sparke Elementary School, Administrative Building and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate assignment and such other documents and agreements as may be necessary to effect the transaction subject to legal counsel review and approval.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

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

**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 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2008, 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 2008-2009, amounting to

	\$	<u>54,705,585</u>	School Purpose
	\$	<u>1,157,530</u>	Library Purpose
Total	\$	<u>55,863,115</u>	be and the same is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED, that the sum of	\$	<u>35,732,785</u>	School Purpose
	\$	<u>1,082,530</u>	Library Purpose
	Total \$	<u>36,815,315</u>	being the remainder of

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 2008-2009 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 2008-2009.

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Signature of Board Members:

s/Robert Condela

s/Christine Holt

s/Peter Ray

s/Patricia Mahon

s/Joseph Buda

s/Kenneth Rochon

Attest: s/Concetta Carr s/Carl Bonsignore

Dated: July 8, 2008 Trustees

*Unanimously carried*      Ayes 7      Nays 0

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

**FOOD BIDS**

WHEREAS it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York to bid jointly on Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2008-2009 school year, and

WHEREAS the Island Trees Union Free School District is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS the Island Trees Union Free School District wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District hereby appoints Long Island School Food Service Directors' Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Island Trees Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Island Trees Union Free School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Island Trees Union Free School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 7                      Nays 0

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

**TRANSPORTATION**  
**CONTRACT**

WHEREAS Island Trees School District's current contract with WE Transport expires at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, and

WHEREAS WE Transport has offered a proposal to extend the contract for one additional year, and

WHEREAS the proposal includes the following:

<b><u>School Year</u></b>	<b><u>Proposal</u></b>
2008-2009	CPI or 4.0% increase – whichever is lower

NOW THEREFORE BE IT



<i>Girl Scouts of Nassau County</i>		
Troop Cookie Manager Meeting		
Sock Hop		
Daisy Night		
Registration		
Talent Night		
Leader-Daughter Dinner		
Leader Meetings		
Junior Troop Meetings		
Child Safety Performance for Bronze Award		
Troop Meetings		
Service Team Meetings		
Daisy Meetings		
Brownies/Junior Meetings		No Fee
 <i>Island Trees Boys Lacrosse</i>		
Practice		No Fee
 <i>Levittown Athletic Club</i>		
Softball Practice		
Softball Coaches & Managers Meetings		No Fee
 <i>Island Trees Varsity Cheerleading</i>		
Practice		No Fee
 <i>Nassau County Soccer Officials</i>		
Rules & Mechanics of Soccer Instruction		No Fee
 <i>National Youth Flag Football League</i>		
Flag Football		No Fee
 <i>Touro College</i>		
Intern Orientation		No Fee
<i>Unanimously carried</i>	Ayes 7	Nays 0

**OLD BUSINESS****OLD BUSINESS**

A resident asked a question regarding lead removal at the high school.

A resident asked if the whole area outside the art suite (hallway, wrestling area) at the high school will be tested for lead before school starts in September.

Mrs. Mahon asked if an ad had been placed for the Physical Education & Health position. Mr. Parla stated that the ad was placed, and resumes were being received. Mrs. Mahon also asked to be involved in the hiring process as an observer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A resident stated that he responded to a notice on the district website looking for residents interested in being on the Audit Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mrs. Holt and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 10:32 PM.

Mr. Buda left Executive Session at 10:32 PM.

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

1. Clerical Negotiations
2. Request from Parent of Suspended Student to attend BOCES Program
3. Salaries for non-contractual personnel
4. Mileage Reimbursement
5. Personnel Report

Mr. Buda returned to Executive Session at 11:30 PM.

Mr. Buda left Executive Session at 11:40 PM.

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried, the members came out of Executive Session at 12:15 AM.

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

RESOLVED, That the 2008-2009 salaries for the following employees have been approved as presented and are on file with the District Clerk:

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **TO EXEC. SESSION**

### **EXEC. SESSION**

### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

### **NON-CONTRACTUAL SALARIES**

Arlene Genden Sage  
Dana DiCapua  
John Rezek  
Concetta Carr  
Margaret McElhinney

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0 (J. Buda absent)

On motion of Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and  
unanimously carried, the Personnel Report was removed from  
the table.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0 (J. Buda absent)

On motion of Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and  
unanimously carried, the Personnel Report was amended to  
exclude Item #78.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0 (J. Buda absent)

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

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report  
dated July 8, 2008, items 1 through 77 inclusive.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0 (J. Buda absent)

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and  
unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District clerk

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