

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 26, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Kenneth Rochon, at 8:06 PM

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Christine Holt

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 for our troops serving around the world.

**PLEDGE**

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

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – February 27, 2008  
Committee on Special Education – February 11, 12, 26, 29,  
March 4, 2008  
Sub-Committee on Special Education – March 4, 5, 2008  
Committee on Preschool Special Education – February 12, 13, 27,  
March 4, 2008

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 6                      Nays 0

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Parla announced that on Friday, March 28, and Saturday, March 29, 2008, there will be a wonderful musical production of *Cinderella* at the high school at 7:30 PM.

**SUPT'S. OPENING**  
**COMMENTS**

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

THAT THE:

**BOND REFUNDING**  
**- ACCEPTANCE OF**  
**PROPOSAL**

RESOLUTION OF THE ISLAND TREES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 26, 2008, DECLARING THE FINDINGS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSALS FOR THE REFUNDING OF BONDS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Recitals

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2008, the Island Trees Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called "District"), adopted a resolution announcing the intention of the District to accept proposals for the refunding of certain serial bonds of the District which have heretofore been issued and remain outstanding and unmatured (the "Outstanding Bonds");

NOW THEREFOR,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ISLAND TREES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by a majority vote of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District has received a proposal or proposals for the refunding of the District's Outstanding Bonds referred to in the Recital hereto and such proposals have been discussed at the meeting of the Board of Education held this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, such date being more than fourteen (14) days after February 27, 2008, the date the Board declared its intention to accept proposals for such refunding.

Section 2. Following such discussion, and based upon the advice received from the District's Financial Advisor, New York Municipal Advisors Corp., it is hereby determined that the proposal of Roosevelt & Cross, Inc., New York, New York is hereby accepted.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Carl Bonsignore	<u>YES</u>
Joseph Buda	<u>YES</u>
Robert Condela	<u>YES</u>
Christine Holt	<u>Absent</u>
Patricia Mahon	<u>YES</u>
Peter Ray	<u>YES</u>
Kenneth Rochon	<u>YES</u>

AYES:	6
NOES:	0

The resolution was declared adopted.

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

CONSULTANT –  
SPECIAL

EDUCATION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter into the agreement with Erin Poulos McCormack, Consultant, to provide IEP-mandated 4 hours of home services weekly for a youngster with autism commencing March 4, 2008 to June 30, 2008 at a fee of \$60 per hour, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

BID AWARD –  
GEESE CONTROL

RESOLVED, To award the following Bid #673.008.013, to the lowest responsible bidder dated March 10, 2008, for geese control for the

remainder of the 2007-2008 school year to Long Island Geese Control, Inc., 515 Keith Lane, West Islip, NY 11795, in the amount of \$1,450 per month, pending review and approval by District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**PRESCHOOL  
PROGRAM**

RESOLVED, To approve the License Agreement between Island Trees UFSD and SCOPE for the Preschool Program for the 2008-2009 school year at a fee of \$8,204.35, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement pending review and approval by District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**PTSA CULTURAL  
ARTS DONATION**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation by the PTSA at Island Trees Memorial Middle School in the amount of \$1,200 to cover the related expense of a cultural arts assembly program to be presented for students in grades 5-8 on March 14, 2008, entitled "Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz," increasing budget line 2110.490.12 (BOCES Arts and Education), and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**H.S. VAR. GIRLS'  
BASKETBALL F/T**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the High School Varsity Girls' Basketball team to participate in the KSA National Basketball Tournament in Orlando, FL, from December 26 – 31, 2008. All costs are to be borne by the students.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**H.S. BOYS' & GIRLS'  
VAR. TRACK F/T**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the High School Girls' Varsity Track team to compete in the Penn Relays

in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, April 24; and for the High School Boys' Varsity Track team to compete in the Penn Relays on Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26, 2008. All costs are to be borne by the students.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To authorize a transfer of funds between Transportation Contracts (5540.400.96) and Athletic/Field Trips (5541.400.96.5102) in the amount of \$45,000 to cover the cost of athletic field trips for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

**TRANSFER OF  
FUNDS - ATHLETIC  
FIELD TRIPS**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the form of Cafeteria Plan including a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account and Health Flexible Spending Account effective January 1, 2008, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that the duly authorized agents of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan.

**ISLAND TREES  
FLEXIBLE BENEFIT  
PLAN**

RESOLVED, That the Administrator shall be instructed to take such actions that are deemed necessary and proper in order to implement the Plan, and to set up adequate accounting and administrative procedures to provide benefits under the Plan.

RESOLVED, That the duly authorized agents of the Employer shall act as soon as possible to notify the employees of the Employer of the adoption of the Cafeteria Plan by delivering to each employee a copy of the summary description of the Plan in the form of the Summary Plan Description presented to this meeting, which form is hereby approved.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**AUDIT REPORT**



*M.F. Stokes PTA*  
 PARP Book Bingo No Fee

*Nassau County Soccer Officials*  
 Instruction in Rules, Tech., & Mech. of Officiating No Fee

*Cub Scout Pack 600*  
 Derby Registration No Fee

*Girls Scouts of Nassau County*  
 Troop #3630 Meeting No Fee

*Girls Scouts of Nassau County*  
 Daisy Troop #3681 Investiture No Fee

*Island Trees Little League*  
 Baseball Games & Practices No Fee

*Island Trees Travel Baseball*  
 Baseball Games & Practices Waived

*Mickey Lebrecht Studio of Dance*  
 Dance Rehearsal & Recital \$585.00

*Island Trees Youth Football*  
 Registration No Fee

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for January, 2008, as presented.

**FINANCIAL  
 REPORT REC'D.**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

A resident asked a question regarding the *Newsday* articles about consolidation of school district services.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Rochon stated that there will be two meetings regarding the athletic fields—one on March 25 and one in early April. He also stated that the district is looking to increase money in next year's budget for the renovation of the fields. Once the fields are renovated, there will be limited use by outside agencies.

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:32 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

1. Clerical Negotiations

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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