

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, January 27, 2010.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Peter Ray, President
Mr. Carl Bonsignore
Mr. Robert Condela
Mrs. Christine Holt
Ms. Patricia Mahon (arrived 8:10 PM)
Mrs. Kim McDonough
Mr. Kenneth Rochon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Charles J. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Susan Hlavenka, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Richard Guercio, General Legal Counsel
Mrs. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel
Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Ray led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting – December 2, 2009
Regular Meeting & Executive Session – December 16, 2009
Committee on Special Education – December 8, 10, 15, 2009 &
January 12, 2010.
Committee on Preschool Special Education – December 3, 8, 10, 17,
22, 2009 & January 6, 13, 2010.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Murphy gave a brief overview of the school budget and how the fiscal crisis, especially state aid cuts, will challenge the 2010-2011 budget development process.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

The Board heard comments and concerns from members of the audience.

ACTION ITEMS:**1. Board of Education Approval of Sparke School Third Grade Field Trip to Bronx Zoo**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and carried unanimously (7-0) to support and agree to sponsor the J. Fred Sparke School third grade field trip the Bronx Zoo on May 26, 2010, at a cost of \$18 per student.

2. Board of Education Approval of Island Trees Memorial Middle School Fifth Grade Field Trip to Historic Philadelphia

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and carried unanimously (7-0) to support and agree to sponsor the Island Trees Memorial Middle School fifth grade class field trip to Historic Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 15, 2010, at a cost of \$75 per student.

3. Board of Education Approval of Varsity Cheerleaders Trip to Orlando, Florida

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and carried unanimously (7-0) to support and agree to sponsor the Island Trees cheerleaders trip to Orlando, Florida, to compete in a National Competition held in the Disney Resort, from Saturday, February 13, to Sunday, February 14, 2010, at no cost to the district.

4. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose of J. Fred Sparke School and Island Trees Memorial Middle School Library Books

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and carried unanimously (7-0) to declare surplus and dispose of obsolete library books from the J. Fred Sparke School and Island Trees Memorial Middle School libraries as it sees fit pursuant to the State Education Department's recommended procedures.

5. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose of High School Library Equipment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and carried unanimously (7-0) to declare surplus and dispose of a Bell & Howell 16 Millimeter Film O Sound Projector from the High School library, and dispose of obsolete equipment as it sees fit pursuant to the State Education Department's recommended procedures.

6. Board of Education Re-certification of the Island Trees School District Plan for Participation in School-Based Planning and Shared Decision Making

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and carried unanimously (7-0) to recertify the Island Trees Plan for Participation in School-Based Planning and Shared Decision Making, and authorizes the Board President to sign the recertification form which will be forwarded to the New York State Education Department.

7. Board of Education Approval of Health Service Agreements

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve entering into the Health Service Agreements with the Seaford UFSD, Hempstead UFSD, Syosset UFSD, and Farmingdale UFSD for the 2009-10 school year and authorizes the Board President to sign such contracts.

8. Board of Education Approval of Special Education Service Contract with Seaford UFSD

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve entering into a contract with the Seaford Union Free School district for the purpose of special education services to a child residing in the Island Trees School District during the 2009-2010 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.

9. Board of Education Approval of Emergency Repair Orders

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve payment of the following emergency repair orders:

1. \$1,294.50 to R & W Truck Equipment Corp., 994 Fulton St./Rte. 109, Farmingdale, NY, 11735, for emergency repair of inoperable plow on school truck.
2. \$586.00 to Island Professional Plumbing & Heating Services, 23 Hawk La., Levittown, NY 11756, for emergency plumbing repair in the kitchen at the Gallow School.

10. Board of Education Approval of Funding for the Island Trees High School Lead Remediation Project

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and carried unanimously (7-0) and in compliance with the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation's selection of the final remedy for the Island Trees High School Pipe Tunnel Area, the Board of Education declares the expense to be ordinary and contingent and authorizes the Board President to sign the necessary SED application for Capital Project approval for said remediation project in the amount of \$400,000 as per the June 30, 2009, accrual.

11. Board of Education Approval of Elementary Report Card

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the revised Elementary Report Card, which was presented to the Board of Education by the Elementary Report Card Committee at the November 10, 2009, meeting.

12. Board of Education Approval of BOCES Lease for Classroom Space at Island Trees Memorial Middle School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the lease agreement between Island Trees UFSD and Nassau BOCES for the use of rooms and other facilities at the Island Trees Memorial Middle School as follows, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement:

<u>Annual Fee</u>	
Rent	\$11,789.26
Student Placement	\$ 1,325.00/per student placement

13. Board of Education Approval of Budget Transfer

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the transfer of funds in the aggregate amount of \$22,000, as presented, to cover the cost of providing AIS classes in the Island Trees High School and Island Trees Memorial Middle School.

14. Board of Education Appointment of Child Safety Zone Committee

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and carried unanimously (7-0) to appoint an

advisory committee as named below, to investigate the hazards encountered by students crossing Hempstead Turnpike and report to the Board their findings and recommendations as to whether the area warrants the establishment of a Child Safety Zone under Section 3635-b of Education Law.

Child Safety Zone Committee:

Dr. Charles Murphy, Superintendent of Schools

Susan Hlavenka, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education

Kim McDonough, Board of Education

Maria DiFede, Transportation Clerk

Christine Holt, PTA President

Lisa Newman, Stokes Principal

15. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #5251, Fundraising Activities - 2nd Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and carried unanimously (7-0) to accept as a second reading the revised Fundraising Activities Policy #5251 as presented.

16. Board of Education Acceptance of Confidential Medicaid Disclosure Policy – 1st Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and carried unanimously (7-0) to accept as a first reading the Confidential Medicaid Disclosure Policy as presented.

17. Board of Education Acceptance of New Policy #4010 – Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials – 1st Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and carried unanimously (7-0) to accept as a first reading the new Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials Policy #4010 as presented.

18. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from Astoria Federal Savings Bank

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and carried unanimously (7-0) to accept the donation in the amount of \$3,450.00 from Astoria Federal Savings Bank for credit to account A2110.400-10-30 for the support of the Career Advantage student participation in mock job interviews at the Long Island Marriott on January 14, 2010, and that a

letter from the Board of Education be sent to Astoria Federal thanking them for their support.

19. Board of Education Approval of Personnel Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated January 27, 2010, items 1 through 80 inclusive.

Dr. Murphy announced that Ms. Cynthia Trainor, music teacher at the Island Trees Memorial Middle School and J. Fred Sparke Elementary, was granted tenure. She will be recognized further at the April meeting with other teachers who are granted tenure.

20. Board of Education Approval of Use of Buildings

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the use of buildings or fields by the following community and school organizations for the 2009-2010 school year subject to the limitations of policy and regulation:

Levittown Athletic Club
Girl Scouts of Nassau County
United Teachers of Island Trees
High School Girls Soccer Association
Stokes and Sparke PTA's
Nassau Approved Umpires
Island Trees Soccer Club
Island Trees Preschool
Cub Scouts Den 1 Weblows—BSA
Levittown Fire Dept.
Class of 2011

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Report for November, 2009, as presented.

DISCUSSION

1. There was discussion regarding the scheduling of the first Budget Development Workshop. There will be a meeting on February 3, 2010, at 7 PM in the General Purpose Room.

COMMENTS

FROM VISITORS: The Board heard comments and concerns from members of the audience.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:06 PM to discuss CSEA negotiations.

Mr. Bonsignore left at 9:25 PM.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (6-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:52 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned at 10:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____