

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, May 20, 2009.

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

PRESENT: Mr. Peter Ray, President
Mr. Carl Bonsignore, Vice President
Mr. Joseph Buda (arrived at 9:43 PM)
Mr. Robert M. Condela
Mrs. Christine Holt
Ms. Patricia Mahon
Mr. Kenneth Rochon

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education; Ms. Dana DiCapua, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Mr. Richard Guercio, General Legal Counsel; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

Mr. Ray led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence to honor our soldiers and veterans.

PLEDGE

Mr. Ray welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. He also thanked the residents who voted on May 19.

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

MINUTES
APPROVAL

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Special Meeting/Budget Workshop and Executive Session – April 1, 2009
Regular Meeting and Executive Session – April 21, 2009
Committee on Special Education – March 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, April 6, 7, 21, 2009
Sub-Committee on Special Education – March 25, 27, April 3, 6, 7, 2009
Committee on Preschool Special Education – March 23, 25, April 3, 7, 2009

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

SUPT'S. OPENING
COMMENTS

1. Sparke School had two Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest state Winners. One student is in grade 4, and the other is in grade 1.
2. A fourth grader from Sparke School is a Covanta's Annual Recycling Poster Contest winner.
3. A fourth grader from Sparke School is a CAPS (Child Abuse Prevention Services) Poster Contest Winner. The poster will be part of CAPS next

year's calendar.

4. Levittown School District is closing for the remainder of the week starting May 21 due to reported unconfirmed cases of swine flu. There are no cases of the flu at Island Trees.

Ms. Lauren Stiles from Toomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin and Quartararo LLP, and Mr. Glenn Neuschwender from Enviroscience Consultants, Inc., gave an update on the sand tunnel project at the high school.

**SAND TUNNEL
PROJECT UPDATE**

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

**CHRISTOPHER
COLUMBUS TRIP**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the trip to the Christopher Columbus Project Finals Competition in Orlando, Florida, from June 14-19, 2009, where four students in the eighth grade science enrichment class were selected as finalists to compete for the award of being the best middle school science team in the nation. Expenses for the students and coach of the team, Eileen Anderson, will be paid by the Christopher Columbus Project. Expenses for a male chaperone and the principal to administer the regents exam will be paid by the district. Student permission slips are to be reviewed and approved by District Counsel.

Carried Ayes 5 Nays 1 (P. Mahon)

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

**DONATION - CONSOLE
PIANO**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of a Kohler and Campbell Console Piano with an approximate value of \$2,000 to the Island Trees Fine & Performing Arts Dept. from Mrs. Jackie Pidgeon, 3690 Farm Ranch Road South., Bethpage, NY 11714, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking her for her generosity.

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**M.F. STOKES PTA
CULTURAL ARTS PROG
DONATION**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation from the Michael F. Stokes PTA in the amount of \$3,675 to cover the related expenses of three cultural arts programs that took place on 2/23, 3/27,

and 4/20/09. This increases budget line 2110.490.12 (BOCES Arts in 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 Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Rochon,

DONATION – PETER J. HALLER FAMILY

FOUND.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation by the Peter J. Haller Family Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 to be used to create a reading garden at the Michael F. Stokes School, 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 Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried, a brief recess was called at 8:20 PM.

At 8:34 PM, Mr. Ray reconvened the meeting.

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

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT - SONY TV

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of a SONY TV, Model #KU-27T527, Serial #7345723, Inventory Tag #100674, located in the Island Trees Memorial Middle School Library Media Center. The television is no longer in working condition, and it is not cost effective to have it repaired.

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

EMERGENCY REPAIR ORDER

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to approve payment in the amount of \$1,025.00 to City Wide Sewer & Drain Service, 100 Voice Road, Carle Place, NY 11514, for the emergency plumbing service at the Island Trees Public Library.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

CSEA HOLIDAYS

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the CSEA holiday calendar for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**EMERGENCY
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves a one month emergency contract with WE Transport Inc. for a special education student from May 18 to June 16, 2009, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

TRANSPORTATION BID

RESOLVED, To approve the WE Transport Inc. Bid #673.009.010 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**CHANGE ORDER -
UNIT VENTILATOR
REPLACEMENT**

RESOLVED, To approve the five Change Orders for Unit Ventilator Replacement at J. Fred Sparke Elementary School, SED #28-02-26-03-0-002-013, and at Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, SED No. 28-02-26-03-0-001-018, as listed below in the net amount of \$3,611.00, and authorizes the Board President to sign the required documents:

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| <u>Contract E</u> | |
| Change Order 01 | \$(8,068.00) |

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| <u>Contract H</u> | |
| Change Order 01 | \$(13,181.00) |
| Change Order 02 | 26,860.00 |
| Change Order 03 | (1,000.00) |
| Change Order 04 | (1,000.00) |

Net Amount \$3,611.00

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**PLAYGROUND
RENOVATION CONTRACT**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with Louis Barbato Landscaping Inc., 1600 Railroad Ave., Holbrook, NY 11741, for the Playground Renovation at the Michael F. Stokes and J. Fred Sparke Elementary Schools, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract, subject to review and approval of District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**CHANGE ORDER – PLAY-
GROUND RENOVATION**

RESOLVED, To approve the Change Order for the Playground Renovations at the Michael F. Stokes and J. Fred Sparke Elementary Schools in the amount of (\$12,600.00) and authorizes the Board President to sign the required documents.

Carried Ayes 5 Nays 1 (P. Mahon)

Ms. Mahon did not approve change order because the trail was included in the bid.

On Motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Rochon,

BOND ISSUE – CONTRACT E

RESOLVED, To award the District Wide Electrical and Technology Upgrades bid to Roland’s Electric Inc., 307 Suburban Ave., Deer Park, NY, for Contract E in the amount of \$1,545,000.00, and for Alternate E1 in the amount of \$14,000.00, for a total of \$1, 559,000.00. The Board President is authorized to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval by District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

BOND ISSUE – CONTRACT ES

RESOLVED, To award the bid to Corporate Electrical Technologies, 2719 Grand Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710, for Contract ES in the

amount of \$447,898.00. The Board President is authorized to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval by District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

BOND ISSUE – CONTRACT BL

RESOLVED, To award the bid to Nickerson Corporation, 11 Moffitt Blvd., Bay Shore, NY 11706, for Contract BL in the amount of \$151,471.00. The Board President is authorized to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval by District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

BOND ISSUE – CONTRACT H

RESOLVED, To award the bid to Ultimate Power, Inc., 45 Nancy Street, West Babylon, NY 11704, for Contract H in the amount of \$141,000.00. The Board President is authorized to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval by District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

BOND ISSUE – CONTRACT G

RESOLVED, To award the bid to Venzandio Contracting, 530 Beech St., New Hyde Park, NY 11040 for Contract G in the amount of \$208,100.00. The Board President is authorized to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval by District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

On Motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Rochon,
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**HEALTH & WELFARE &
SERVICES CONTRACTS**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves entering into the following districts’ Health and Welfare Services and Instructional Contracts for the 2008-2009 school year, and authorizes the Board president to sign such contracts:

Mineola Union Free School District

North Merrick Union Free School District
Wantagh Union Free School District

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**AGREEMENT-BOARD OF ED.
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RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement with the United Teachers of Island Trees regarding the extension of child care leaves for three teachers contingent on teachers signing agreement, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

On Motion of Mr. Bonsignore, and seconded by Mrs. Mahon,

**REPORT OF CHIEF
INSPECTORS OF
ELECTION**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education reviewing the tabulation contained in the report of the Chief Inspectors of Election declares the result of the ballot as per the attached.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

PERSONNEL REPORT

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated May 20, 2009, items 1 through 224 inclusive.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

Mr. Parla announced the appointment of Mr. Nicholas Grande as the new principal at the high school upon Mr. Kealy's retirement. He wished Mr. Kealy well on his retirement. He also announced that Mrs. Dana DiCapua, Assistant Superintendent for Business, is leaving Island Trees to take a position in the Wantagh School District.

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

USE OF BUILDINGS

WHEREAS community and school organizations have applied for use

of district facilities for the 2008-2009 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.

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| <i>Girls Varsity Soccer</i> Coaches Alignment & Scheduling | No Fee |
| <i>Levittown Athletic Club</i> Girls Softball | No Fee |
| <i>Island Trees Tigers Baseball</i> Games | No Fee |
| <i>Island Trees Baseball</i> Summer Baseball League for Island Trees | No Fee |
| <i>Island Trees Travel Baseball</i> Games & Practices | No Fee |
| <i>Island Trees Soccer Club</i> Practice and Games | No Fee |
| <i>Island Trees PTA Council</i> Amblyopia Training & Screening | No Fee |
| <i>Nassau County Coaches Association</i> All County Selection & Play Off Meeting | No Fee |

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR BUSINESS

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

**FINANCIAL
REPORT REC'D.**

OLD BUSINESS

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A resident asked a question regarding the football field.

A resident asked a question regarding the bond and the process to get projects done.

A resident read a statement regarding campaign signs.

A resident asked a question regarding the football field and the concerns of a crumb rubber field.

NEW BUSINESS

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A resident had a question regarding the plumbing repair at the Island Trees Public Library.

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:07 PM, to discuss the following items:

**TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

1. Legal Issue – Sand Tunnel, Article 78 update
2. Personnel Issues pertaining to:
 - a) Assistant Superintendent for Business position
 - b) Superintendent position
 - c) Assistant Principal positions at the high school and memorial middle school

Executive Session began at 9:23 PM

EXEC. SESSION

Mr. Buda arrived to Executive Session at 9:43 PM.

Mr. Buda recused himself at 9:46 PM.
Mr. Buda returned to Executive Session at 10:24 PM.

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mr. Condela, and
unanimously carried, the members came out of Executive
Session at 11:43 PM.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt and
unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____