

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 Stephen E. Karopczyc School, 74 Farmedge Road, Levittown, New York, on Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mahon, President, at 7:28 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Patricia Mahon, President
Mr. Kenneth Rochon, Vice President
Mr. Robert Condela
Mrs. Kim McDonough
Mrs. Barbara Medellin
Mr. George Storm

ABSENT: Mrs. Kristen Daum

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Charles J. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Ed.
Mrs. Susan Hlavenka, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mrs. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel
Mr. Richard Guercio, General Legal Counsel (arrived 8:45 PM)
Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Mahon 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 Mrs. Medellin, to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting & Executive Session – November 8, 2010
Regular Meeting & Executive Session – November 17, 2010
Committee on Special Education – November 4, 9, 12, 16, 17, 23, 30, 2010
Committee on Preschool Special Education – November 17, 18, 23, 2010

Ms. Mahon explained, after which the Board members voted unanimously (6-0), that the November 17, 2010, minutes should be clarified as follows:

“In response to comments from the public, the Board President, Ms. Mahon, explained that pursuant to the resolution for the *Authorization of Extension of Empire Coverage to Volunteer Firefighters/ Ambulance Workers*, which was voted on at the November 17, 2010 Board meeting, the Board of Education only intended to provide access for health insurance coverage to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers residing in the Island Trees School District.”

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Board of Education Acceptance of Donations from Michael F. Stokes PTA

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept the following donations from the Michael F. Stokes PTA, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity:

1. A Pro-Lite TruColor XP Electronic message sign, approximate value of \$700, to be used for the display of upcoming events and educational messages to the students and parents of Michael F. Stokes Elementary School.
2. An Ellison Prestige Pro Machine and Die Cut Set, approximate value of \$800, to be used for educational purposes at the Michel F. Stokes Elementary School.

2. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from a Faculty Member to Michael F. Stokes Elementary School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept a donation of a new Olympus X-42 Digital Camera, approximate value of \$200, from May-May Leary, a Stokes 4th grade teacher, to be used for educational purposes at the Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking her for her generosity.

3. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from J. Fred Sparke PTA for Cultural Arts Program

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept a donation from the J. Fred Sparke PTA in the amount of \$750 to cover the related expense of a cultural arts program, increasing budget line 2110.490.12.0000 (BOCES Arts in Education), and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

4. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from J. Fred Sparke PTA for the Sparke Elementary School Playground

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept a donation of a Gym-I-Nee from the J. Fred Sparke PTA for the J. Fred Sparke Elementary School playground valued at \$619.99, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

5. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from Heart Links Program of Nassau and Suffolk County to Michael F. Stokes Elementary School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept a donation of a \$500 gift card for Oriental Trading Company from the Heart Links Program of Nassau and Suffolk County to Michael F. Stokes Elementary School to be used in the next Wellness initiative, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

6. Board of Education Approval of the Island Trees High School Science Olympiad Field Trip to West Point

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the request from the Island Trees High School Science Olympiad team to attend the two-day trip to the state championships at West Point on March 18 and 19, 2011, at no cost to the students, contingent upon the team qualifying at the L.I. Regional Science Olympiad competition.

7. Board of Education Approval of Island Trees Memorial Middle School Grade 5 Field Trip to Historic Philadelphia

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the Island Trees Memorial Middle School fifth grade class field trip to Historic Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 6, 2011, at a cost of \$80 per student.

8. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose of a Camera from Michael F. Stokes Elementary School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve to declare surplus and dispose of a broken Kodak Easy Share DX4530 digital camera from

Michael F. Stokes Elementary School as it sees fit pursuant to the State Education Department's recommended procedures.

9. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose of Pole Vault Crash Pads

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve to declare surplus and dispose of old pole vault crash pads from the Athletic Department as it sees fit pursuant to the State Education Department's recommended procedures.

10. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose of Social Studies Books from the Island Trees High School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve to declare surplus and dispose of obsolete social studies textbooks from the Island Trees High School, as presented, and agrees to sell a portion of the excess inventory to K&J Curriculum Solutions at an agreed upon price of \$177.00.

11. Board of Education Approval of Service Contract for the Coordinator of the Ted Petersen Wrestling Tournament

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the service contract with Edwin Gould to provide services as a wrestling tournament coordinator at the Ted Petersen Tournament on January 8, 2011, at a rate not to exceed \$600 for one day, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

12. Board of Education Approval of Certificate of Substantial Completion

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion on the projects listed below at the recommendation of the District architects, H2M, and authorizes the Board President to sign said certificates:

Schedule of Projects

SED Project #0001-019	Electrical & Technology Upgrades – Stokes
SED Project #0002-014	Electrical & Technology Upgrades – Sparke
SED Project #0004-030	Electrical & Technology Upgrades – Memorial Middle School
SED Project #0003-029	Electrical & Technology Upgrades – High School

13. Board of Education Approval of Appropriation of Funds for Baseball Scoreboard

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$25,500, increasing budget line A2855.200-21, for the purpose of installing a baseball scoreboard at the high school, the cost of which will be offset by a donation from Nassau County as previously accepted at the May, 2010, Board of Education meeting.

14. Board of Education Approval of Change Order #4 – Bond Issue 8 – Maintenance Facility

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve Change Order #4 – Bond Issue 8 – Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$2,676.69 representing no change to the total contract amount, and authorizes the Board President to sign said change order subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

15. Board of Education Approval of Date Change for the Island Trees High School Graduation Ceremony

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the date change for the Island Trees High School graduation ceremony to Friday, June 24, 2011.

16. Board of Education Acceptance of New Policy #0115 and #0115-R – Student Bullying Prevention and Intervention – 1st Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept as a first reading the Student Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy #0115, and Student Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation Policy #0115-R, as presented.

17. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #2520 – Board Member Training – 1st Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept as a first reading the revised Board Member Training Policy #2520, as presented.

18. Board of Education Acceptance of New Policy #4850 – Animal Dissection in the School – 1st Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept as a first reading the new Animal Dissection in the School Policy #4850, as presented.

19. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #6685 – Medicaid Compliance – 1st Reading

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (6-0) to accept as a first reading the revised Medicaid Compliance Policy #6685, as presented.

20. Board of Education Approval of Contract with Levittown Union Free School District, Gerald R. Claps Career & Technical Center for 2010-2011 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (6-0) to hereby approve entering into a contract with Levittown Union Free School District, Gerald R. Claps Career and Technical Center, to provide Basic Career and Technical Services to students residing in the Island Trees School District from September 8, 2010 through June 14, 2011, at a tuition rate of \$12,693.00 per student per year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract, subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

21. Board of Education Approval of Instructional Services Contract with Seaford UFSD for 2010-2011 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (6-0) to hereby approve the instructional services contract with Seaford UFSD for the 2010-2011 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract, subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

22. Board of Education Approval of Special Education Consultant Services Contract for 2010-2011 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (6-0) to hereby approve the special education consultant services contract with Sandra Schumer for the 2010-2011 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract, subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

23. Board of Education Approval of Senior Year Students Request to Remain at Island Trees High School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the request by two senior year students who are moving out of the district on December 15, 2010, to remain at Island Trees High School, in accordance with Board Policy #5152, Admission of Non-Resident Students, until they complete their senior year.

24. Board of Education Approval of Personnel Report

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated December 15, 2010, items 1 through 63 inclusive.

25. Board of Education Approval of Use of Buildings

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (6-0) to approve the use of buildings or fields by the following community and school organizations for the 2010-2011 school year subject to the limitations of policy and regulation:

Class of 2011
J. Fred Sparke PTA
Cub Scout Pack 600
Nassau County PAL Levittown
Island Trees Travel Baseball
Levittown Athletic Club
M. F. Stokes PTA
Island Trees Little League Baseball/Softball
Island Trees Baseball/Softball
Girl Scouts of Nassau County
Girl Scouts of Nassau County Troop 3285
Island Trees Varsity Baseball
Island Trees Youth Wrestling

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for October 2010, as presented.

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**COMMENTS
FROM VISITORS
(OLD & NEW**

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

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:48 PM. to discuss contract negotiations.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mrs. Medellin, and unanimously carried (6-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:02 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (6-0), the meeting adjourned at 10:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____