

Minutes of the Work Session 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, March 14, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mahon, President, at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Patricia Mahon, President
Mr. Kenneth Rochon, Vice President
Mrs. Kristen Daum
Mr. Daniel Donahue
Mrs. Kim McDonough
Mrs. Barbara Medellin (arrived 7:02 PM)
Mr. George Storm

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 (arrived 8:10 PM)
Ms. Kathryn Maier, General Legal Counsel (arrived 8:10 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 for our troops.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: None

ACTION ITEMS: The Action Items listed on the agenda were reviewed and discussed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Dr. Murphy explained that the Island Trees Public Library wants to install a wireless service to their building. The Board gave their approval.
2. Auctions/Lease Purchase – The Board discussed purchasing equipment from auctions, which is not a good idea. Susan Hlavenka, Assistant Superintendent for Business, also contacted a leasing service for information. The Board suggested that the Director of Facilities, Mr. DiPadova, attend the next budget meeting on March 19.
3. Child Safety Zone – The District discussed having Hempstead Tpke. designated as a Child Safety Zone in order to generate additional transportation aid of approximately \$65,000. per year.
4. Middle School athletics was discussed.
5. Sick Day Donations – Agreements are being reviewed by NYSUT.

6. Senior Year Requests – Putting on agenda for two students who are moving out of the district and will be seniors next year.
7. 2012-2013 Budget
 - a. Island Trees Budget Committee – Mr. Michael Dieppa spoke on behalf of the Island Trees Budget Committee. The overall consensus was to keep the core curriculum, AIS, and Spec. Ed. programs. Combine the 7th and 8th grade teams at the middle school. Vocal lessons are not a necessity in the middle school. Committee questioned increased legal fees.
 - b. Staffing discussion continued regarding the music department and athletics.
 - c. Cultural Arts Program – It was decided that the cultural arts programs that are brought in will be looked at more closely

**COMMENTS
FROM VISITORS
(OLD & NEW
BUSINESS):**

A resident asked a question about fuel costs and the high school demerit system.

A resident asked a question about the school safety zone.

A resident asked a question about teacher negotiations. Resident also asked questions about the transfer of funds and middle school sports and music program.

A resident had a question about the fuel rate.

A resident had a question about the music program.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Donahue, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:17 PM. to discuss personnel issues regarding faculty members and negotiations.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. Medellin, seconded by Mr. Storm, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:54 PM.

ADJOURNED:

On **Motion** of Mr. Storm, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 10:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____