

Minutes of the Budget Hearing 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 Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board of Education, Mr. Kenneth Rochon, at 8:10 PM.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Joseph Buda
Mrs. Christine Holt

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Superintendent for Finance & Administration; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

Not Present: Mr. Salvatore Carambia, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Administration; and Mrs. Randy Glasser, Chief Legal Counsel

Mr. Rochon led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for our troops serving around the world.

PLEDGE

BUDGET HEARING

Mr. Parla began the meeting by thanking everyone for coming tonight. He announced that presentations will also be given at the Stokes PTA, Sparke PTA, and PTSA meetings.

The budget plan sets the agenda for the type of education the district is going to provide for our students. The Board of Education worked very, very hard going through the budget and making sure all the needs of our children are met and that we maintain a quality educational program. He also stated that these are very difficult financial times. If we are not in a recession, we are at the doorstep of one. We are all feeling financial pressures. The Board of Education wants to maintain the quality of education that our students and the community expects.

Using a PowerPoint Presentation Mr. Parla showed that the budget increase would be 5.53%, and the tax levy increase would be 2.60%, which is among the lowest in Nassau County. The district has maintained

quality programs and the increases are lower than the year before.

Mr. Parla presented a section-by-section analysis of the budget. After each section was presented, Mr. Parla asked the audience if there were any questions.

No questions were asked.

At this evening's budget hearing, Mr. Parla had the following information available for public review:

- Proposed 2008-2009 Budget Summary including Expenditures, Revenues, Fund Balance, Tax Levy and 3-Part Budget Comparison Summary.
- District Administrators' Salaries
- Proposed 2008-2009 Budget divided into three components, pursuant to Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 – Administrative, Program and Capital. This budget printout will include 2007-2008 Actual Budget, 2008-2009 Proposed Budget, the change in dollar amount and the percentage change. These headings will also be available in the ST-3 format.
- Property Tax Report Card

These printouts have been available in the Business Office since April 29, and will be available until the budget vote on May 20, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____