

Minutes of the Special Meeting/Budget Workshop 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, April 1, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Peter Ray, President, at 6:59 PM.

PRESENT: Mr. Peter Ray, President  
Mr. Carl Bonsignore, Vice President  
Mr. Joseph Buda  
Mr. Robert M. Condela  
Ms. Patricia Mahon  
Mr. Kenneth Rochon (arrived 8:17 PM)

ABSENT: Mrs. Christine Holt

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. Connie Carr, District Clerk.

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

**PLEDGE**

District directors and elementary school principals attended the meeting and reviewed their respective budgets for the 2009-2010 school year with the Board.

There was discussion regarding the ineffectiveness of the geese control company, Long Island Geese Control, Inc.

**GEESE CONTROL**

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Mr. Rochon,  
**GEESE**

**TERMINATION OF**

**CONTROL CONTRACT**

RESOLVED, To terminate the contract with Long Island Geese Control, Inc. subject to review of the contract by District Counsel.

*Unanimously Carried*      Ayes    6      Nays    0

The Board discussed the YES program.

**YES PROGRAM**

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

RESOLVED, To remove the YES Program from the budget, and if it can be self-sustained, that the Board will entertain the notion.

*Not Carried*                      Ayes    3                                      Nays 3  
(P. Ray, R. Condela  
C. Bonsignore)

Discussion ensued regarding the amendment to the Superintendent's contract that was approved by the Board at the March 25, 2009, meeting. Ms. Mahon made a motion to rescind this prior resolution and amendment to the Superintendent's contract. Mr. Parla consented and asked the Board to rescind such amendment because he wants the Board to come together, and he does not want any more rancor and hard feelings.

**RESCINDING OF  
AMENDMENT TO  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONTRACT**

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

RESOLVED, To rescind on consent the amendment to the Superintendent's contract and the resolution approving such amendment at the March 25, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

*Carried*                      Ayes    4                      Nays    0                      Abstentions    2  
(R. Condela, P. Ray)

The Board continued with a discussion of capital projects; namely, the intercom systems in three buildings, sand tunnel at the high school, and ventilation of the high school wrestling room.

**BUDGET**

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 10:00 PM. to discuss the following:

**TO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

1. Personnel items (particular administrators)
2. Continued employment of the Superintendent.

Executive Session began at 10:08 PM

**EXEC. SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Buda, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried the meeting returned to regular session at 10:46 PM.

**RETURN TO REGULAR  
SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried the meeting adjourned at 10:47 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_