

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, January 28, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Peter Ray, President, at 8:02 PM.

PRESENT: Mr. Peter Ray, President
Mr. Carl Bonsignore, Vice President
Mr. Joseph Buda
Mr. Robert M. Condela
Mrs. Christine Holt
Ms. Patricia Mahon
Mr. Kenneth Rochon

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Dana DiCapua, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and Mrs. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel; and Mrs. Connie Carr, District Clerk.

Absent: Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education;

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

PLEDGE

Mrs. Jean Ryan was recognized for being the recipient of an Educator of Excellence Award for Administration at the New York State English Council Conference in October. Dr. Susan Kelly stated that Mrs. Ryan was one of three administrators in New York to receive this honor. Mr. Ray and Mr. Parla presented Mrs. Ryan with a Certificate of Recognition. Mrs. Ryan thanked the Board of Education.

**RECOGNITION OF
MRS. JEAN RYAN**

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

**MINUTES
APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting and Executive Session – November 19, 2008
Special Meetings and Executive Sessions – November 3,
December 10, 2008
Committee on Special Education –November 13, 24, 25,
December 2, 9, 11, 16, 2008 and January 8, 2009
Committee on Preschool Special Education – November 7, 12, 13, 25,
December 2, 4, 18, 2008 and January 8, 2009

Carried Ayes 6 Nays 1 (J. Buda)

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

**TRI-M FIELD TRIP
TO "GREASE"**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports and agrees to sponsor the amended Island Trees High School Music Dept. Tri-M field trip to the Broadway production of "Grease" in New York City, on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at a cost of \$77 per student.

Unanimously Carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**TRI-M FIELD TRIP
TO "GREASE"-
RESCINDED**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education rescinds the resolution for the Island Trees Tri-M field trip to "Grease."

Unanimously Carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**H.S. MODEL UN
FIELD TRIP**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the High School Model UN Club to sponsor a field trip to the United Nations Building in New York City on Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16, 2009, at no cost to the students

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**GRADE 5 FIELD TRIP TO
PHILADELPHIA, PA**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the Island Trees Memorial Middle School to sponsor a fifth grade field trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on March 25, 2009, where 46 students will attend at a cost of \$75 per student.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**TREE DONATION
FROM CCE**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of a shade tree from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County (CCE) for our participation in the "Greening of Nassau" project, and

directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for there generosity.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

DONATION-LEV. I.T.
YOUTH COUNCIL-MUSIC

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$188.49 from the Levittown-Island Trees Youth Council, to the Island Trees School District Fine and Performing Arts Dept., increasing budget line 2110.400.12.0000 (Co-Curricular Expense – Music Dept.) and send a letter from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

DONATION-LEV. I.T.
YOUTH COUNCIL-
SUMMER SPORTS

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$3,695.77 from the Levittown-Island Trees Youth Council, to the Island Trees Athletics Dept. for Summer Sports Program., increasing budget line 2855.400.21.0000 (Other Expenses – Interscholastic) and send a letter from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

M.F. STOKES PTA
CULTURAL ARTS
DONATION

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation from the Michael F. Stokes PTA in the amount of \$1,740 to cover the related expense of the cultural arts program entitled “Happy Holidays Around the World” on December 11, 2008. 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 7 Nays 0

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

M.F. STOKES PTA
CULTURAL ARTS
DONATION

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation by

the PTSA in the amount of \$795 to cover the related expense of the Camfel Productions/Trust Me cultural arts program on November 3, 2008, increasing budget line 2110.490.12 (BOCES Arts and Education), and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**SURPLUS EQUIP.-NETWORK
BACK-UP BATTERY**

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of an obsolete Network Back-up Battery, Inventory Tag Number 7001346, located in the Island Trees High School Library.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**BOCES COOPERATIVE
BID**

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Island Trees School District of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County for the purchase of various commodities and/or services, and

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Island Trees School District of New York State is desirous of participating with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the Island Trees School District of New York State has appointed the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education of the Island Trees School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees School

District of New York State and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County hereby accepts the appointment of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County to represent it in all matters related above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees School District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees School District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the School Business Administrator on behalf of the Board of Education of the Island Trees School District of New York State is hereby authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County for various commodities and/or services and if requested, to furnish the Board of Cooperative Educational Services an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That BOCES intends to solicit bids in the name of the Island Trees School District for the following:

Hazardous Material Handling, Removal, Transportation & Disposal (08/09-043)

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**CONSULTANT – WREST.
TOURNAMENT COOR.**

2009 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

**ACTUARIAL
SERVICES**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education engages the services of Actuarial and Technical Solutions, Inc. effective January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, to provide GASB45 actuarial consulting services at a total fixed fee of \$10,500. The Board President is authorized to sign such contract contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel.

Carried Ayes 6 Abstention 1 (J. Buda)

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

PERSONNEL REPORT

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated January 28, 2009, items 1 through 197 inclusive.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

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

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.

J. Fred Sparke PTA

Polar Express Event	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Soccer Club</i>	
Soccer Pictures	
Coaches/Board Meeting	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Little League Baseball</i>	
Baseball Registration	
Baseball Games	No Fee
<i>Levittown Athletic Club</i>	
Softball Practice	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Youth Wrestling – Levittown PAL</i>	
Youth Wrestling Tournament	TBD
<i>Island Trees H.S./Princeton Review</i>	
SAT Review	No Fee
<i>Nassau County Soccer Officials</i>	
Soccer Seeding Meeting	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Memorial Middle School</i>	
Dress Rehearsal	No Fee
<i>Girl Scouts of Nassau County</i>	
Junior Badge Workshop	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Baseball</i>	
Baseball Alumni Dinner	No Fee
<i>American Legion Post 1711</i>	
Adult Softball Games	No Fee
<i>Island Trees USSSA/ABA Sports</i>	
Adult Softball Games & Practices	\$500.00

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR BUSINESS

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for November and December 2008, as presented.

FINANCIAL
REPORT REC'D.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nicolino, President of the Island Trees Wrestling Booster Club thanked the Board of Education for their support of the wrestling program. Mr. Ray complimented everyone for their involvement in the wrestling program.

Mr. Nicolino asked if the district could have oxygen available at games.

A resident asked a question regarding parents going to Greenkill.

A resident asked a question regarding Executive Session.

A resident asked if information regarding district legal expenses could be available to the residents on a monthly basis.

A resident asked for an update regarding the athletic field.

On motion of Mr. Condela, and seconded by Ms. Mahon and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:55 PM.

Executive Session began at 9:11 PM

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

1. Lead issue at the high school.

Mr. Buda left the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Buda not present), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:26 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

**TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

EXEC. SESSION

**RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and carried by a vote of 6-0 the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____