

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, June 24, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Peter Ray, President, at 8:01 PM.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Joseph Buda

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 and Mrs. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

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

PLEDGE

PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO DR. ARLENE GENDEN SAGE

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Ms. Lia Phelan, Transition to Work Coordinator from The Rehabilitation Institute (TRI) presented Dr. Arlene Genden Sage with the 2009 School/Community Partnership Certificate – Quality Practice Regional Recognition Award from the New York State Rehabilitation Association (NYSRA).

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Budget Hearing and Executive Session – May 5, 2009
Regular Meeting and Executive Session – May 20, 2009
Special Meeting and Executive Session – June 4, 2009
Committee on Special Education – April 22, 24, 28, May 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 18, 19, 2009
Sub-Committee on Special Education – April 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, May 4, 6, 13, 14, 19, 2009
Committee on Preschool Special Education – April 23, 24, 30, May 4, 7, 14, 19, 20, 21, 2009

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoints Dr. Charles J. Murphy as Superintendent of Schools for the period of August 17, 2009 through June 30, 2012, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract on file with the District, which is hereby approved by the Board of Education and the Board President is authorized to sign.

**APPOINTMENT OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS**

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

Mr. Ray commended the interviewing committee, which consisted of parents, teachers, administrators and board members, for the great job they did in selecting a new Superintendent. Dr. Murphy, who attended the meeting, said that he looks forward to serving the teachers, staff and children of Island Trees.

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoints James Parla to serve in the temporary capacity of Interim Superintendent of Schools and Business Official during the period of July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract on file with the District, which is hereby approved by the Board of Education and the Board President is authorized to sign.

**APPOINTMENT OF
INTERIM SUPERINTEN-
DENT AND BUSINESS
OFFICIAL**

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

James Parla, Superintendent of Schools, commented on the following:

1. Mrs. Elizabeth Roemer, Chairperson of the English Dept. at the high school, was selected as the 2009 Educator of Excellence by the Executive Board of the New York State English Council.
2. Mr. Parla stated that the Moving Up ceremonies at Stokes, Sparke and the Memorial Middle School were terrific, and he congratulated all the students.
3. The high school graduation ceremony is on Sunday, June 28, at noon. Mr. Parla congratulated all the graduates.
4. Mr. Ray thanked the teachers for the fantastic job they do educating our students.

**SUPT'S. OPENING
COMMENTS**

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

**ROLAND'S ELECTRIC
CONTRACT (FE)**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with Roland's Electric Inc. for the high school field lighting (Contract FE) in the amount of \$410,754.00, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract, subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**INSTRUCTIONAL
SERVICE AGREEMENT**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves entering into the following Instructional Service Agreement with Seaford Union Free School District for the 2008-2009 school year, and authorizes the Board president to sign such contract.

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**EMERGENCY REPAIR
ORDER**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to approve payment in the amount of \$2,874.82 to Nickerson Corp., P.O. Box 5751, 11 Moffitt Blvd., Bay Shore, NY 11706, for the emergency installation of wall pads at Sparke school.

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

ACCOUNTING SERVICES

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education engages the services of BookSmart Accounting, a division of Corporate Accounting Solutions, Inc., for the work associated with the June 30, 2009 fiscal year end close that will be performed from July 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009. The fees are as follows: The GASB 34 adjustments and the preparation of the District Financial Statements, Notes and MD&A will be charged at a flat rate of \$7,500. All work prior to preparation of GASB 34 adjustments and the Financial Statements including all monthly and quarterly work will be billed at an hourly rate of \$135 per

hour. The Board President is authorized to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel.

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Island Trees Union Free School District authorizes the funding of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve for an amount not to exceed \$650,000.00.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFIT
ACCRUED LIABILITY
RESERVE**

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve to increase budget appropriation line A9089-800-96 (Termination/Sick Pay) by \$315,000 to fund contractual termination/sick day pay out.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS -
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT
ACCRUED LIABILITY
RESERVE**

Unanimously Carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into the following provider agency/consultant services contracts listed below for the 2009-2010 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contracts.

**PROVIDER AGENCY/
CONSULTANT SERVICES
CONTRACTS 2009-2010**

- Access 7 Consulting, Inc.
- Bilinguals, Inc. Child & Parent Services
- Creative Tutoring, Inc.
- Lisa Faret, Teacher of the Visually Impaired
- Helping Hands Children’s Services
- Institute for Children with Autism and Related Disorders, Inc.
- Interim Health Care
- Islip Tutoring Service, Inc.
- JNC Services Inc. dba Top Grade
- Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Inc.
- Gayle Kligman Therapeutic Resources

Lakretz Creative Support Services, Inc.
Long Island Therapy Management Associates, Inc.
Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc.
Metro Therapy, Inc.
Milestones in Home Care, Inc.
New York. Therapy Placement Services, Inc.
Syosset Home Tutoring, Inc.
The Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities
TheraCare Preschool Services

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into a contract with Hagedorn Little Village School, a New York State approved private special education school, for the period July 1 through August 31, 2009, for eleven students, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

NYS APPROVED
PRIVATE SPECIAL ED.
CONTRACT – SUMMER 2009

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To approve the contracts for summer special education transportation from July 1 to August 31, 2009, to the following bus companies, and authorizes the Board president to sign such contracts:

TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS – SUMMER 2009

1. Acme Bus Corp.
2. Any Time Bus Company
3. Suburban Bus Transportation Company

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the retroactive contract for Dana DiCapua, Assistant Superintendent for Business, for the 2008-2009 school year, and the Board President is authorized to sign.

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT
FOR BUSINESS CONTRACT

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

PERSONNEL REPORT

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated June 24, 2009, items 1 through 289 inclusive.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

Mr. Parla announced the retirement of Mrs. Irene Buttafuoco and Mrs. Carole Ceusters. He congratulated them and wished them well. He also announced the appointment of Mr. Sean Burns as Assistant Principal at the Memorial Middle School, and Mrs. Pamela Hostetter as Assistant Principal at the High School. He congratulated both of them.

On motion of Mrs. Holt, 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.

Island Trees Youth Football
Football Parents Meeting

No Fee

SCOPE Educational Services
Job Fair

No Fee

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

**GRANT DISBURSEMENT
AGREEMENT**

RESOLVED, That the Board does hereby approve the Grant Disbursement Agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement, subject to review and approval of District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

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

ORDER ON CONSENT

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board approves the Department of Environmental Conservation's Order on Consent for File Number R1-20090413-55, and authorizes the Board President to sign such Order on Consent.

Unanimously carried Ayes 6 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR BUSINESS

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Report for May 2009, as presented.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT REC'D.**

OLD BUSINESS

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Mr. Condela thanked Mr. Parla for the five years of dedication and hard work he put into the district. He also stated that he is happy Dr. Charles Murphy is taking the baton.

NEW BUSINESS

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A resident had several questions regarding the following:

1. The high school football field
2. Buses on school property during prom night
3. Greenkill

A resident made a comment about a faculty member.

A resident had a question regarding the accessible ramp at the

Memorial Middle School

On motion of Mrs. Holt, and seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:38 PM, to discuss the following items:

**TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

1. Personnel issue regarding an employee's status
2. Custodial negotiations

Executive Session began at 9:03 PM

EXEC. SESSION

On motion of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried, the members came out of Executive Session at 10:28 PM.

**RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____