

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, May 26, 2010.

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Charles J. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Arlene Genden Sage, Assistant Superintendent for Special Ed.  
Ms. Susan Hlavenka, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Richard Guercio, General Legal Counsel  
Mrs. Randy Glasser, General Legal Counsel  
Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Ray led the  
pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a  
moment of silence.

**MINUTES:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting/Budget Workshop & Executive Session – April 5, 7, 2010  
Regular Meeting & Executive Session – April 20, 2010  
Special Meeting & Executive Session – April 27, 2010  
Committee on Special Education – April 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, May 4, 6, 7, 10, 2010  
Sub-Committee on Special Education –April 9, 14, 22, 27, 2010  
Committee on Preschool Special Education – April 6, 8, 9, 15, 22, 29, May 4, 6, 11, 13, 2010

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** The Board heard comments and concerns from members of the audience.

**RECOGNITION**

Emily Sutch, a senior at Island Trees High School, was recognized by the Board of Education and presented with a Certificate of Recognition for being the Dream Job Challenge Winner.

**VISITORS** (Each visitor will be limited to 3 minutes)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education welcomed visitors who wished to address the Board on matters relating to this agenda.

**Board of Education Approval of Teachers and Administrators Eligible for Tenure**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Mr. Stephen Connolly, music teacher at Island Trees Memorial Middle School, effective September 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Ms. Bridget Croteau, science teacher at Island Trees Memorial Middle School, effective September 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Ms. Nicole DiMichele, Special Education teacher at Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, effective September 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Ms. Abigail Levitz, Special Education teacher at J. Fred Sparke Elementary School, effective September 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Ms. Anne McKenna, Special Education teacher at Island Trees Memorial Middle School, effective September 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Ms. Noreen Naughton, elementary teacher at Island Trees Memorial Middle School, effective September 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Ms. Celiz Ortiz, elementary teacher at Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, effective September 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Ms. Carly Palazzolo, elementary teacher at Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, effective September 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Ms. Jamie Pietrantonio, math teacher at Island Trees High School, effective September 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Mr. Roger Bloom, Principal at Island Trees Memorial Middle School, effective August 1, 2010.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve tenure for Ms. Penny Fisher, Principal at J. Fred Sparke Elementary School, effective August 10, 2010.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Board of Education Approval of Report of Chief Inspectors of Election**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried (7-0) that the Board of Education reviewed the tabulation contained in the report of the Chief Inspectors of Election and declares the result of the ballot as presented.

**2. Board of Education Approval of Principals' Association Memorandum of Agreement**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Island Trees Principals' Association contract modification for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.

**3. Board of Education Approval of Island Trees High School Field Trip to Model UN**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to support and agree to sponsor the Island Trees High School Field Trip to the Model UN on May 6, 14 and 15, 2010.

**4. Board of Education Approval of Island Trees Memorial Middle School Trip to New York State Science Olympiad Championships**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried to support and agree to sponsor the Island Trees Memorial Middle School two-day trip to compete in the New York State Science Olympiad Championships at SUNY New Paltz on April 30 and May 1, 2010.

**5. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose Island Trees Sparke Elementary School and Memorial Middle School Library Books**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve to declare surplus and dispose of damaged library books from the J. Fred Sparke Elementary School library and the Island Trees Memorial Middle School library as it sees fit pursuant to the State Education Department's recommended procedures.

**6. Board of Education Approval to Declare Surplus and Dispose of Furniture and Equipment from the Island Trees High School**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve to declare surplus and dispose of furniture and equipment, as presented, from the Island Trees High School as it sees fit pursuant to the State Education Department's recommended procedures.

**7. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from J. Fred Sparke PTA for Cultural Arts Programs**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept a donation from the J. Fred Sparke PTA in the amount of \$850.00 to cover the related expense of a cultural arts program, increasing 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.

**8. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation of Musical Instrument to the Island Trees Fine & Performing Arts Department**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the

donation of a Mathias Thoma String Bass (Serial #3394, Model 90-P), valued at approximately \$800, to the Island Trees Fine and Performing Arts Department from The Roslund Family, 37 Jupiter Lane, Levittown, NY 11756, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

**9. Board of Education Acceptance of the Proposed Funding from The County of Nassau for Procurement and Installation of Scoreboard at Island Trees High School**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the proposed funding from The County of Nassau in the amount of \$28,062 for the procurement and installation of a scoreboard at the Island Trees High School, and authorizes the signing of the Intermunicipal Cooperation agreement by the Superintendent of Schools and the expenditure of funds for the project as required for reimbursement, subject to review and approval of District Counsel.

**10. Board of Education Acceptance of Donation from Spectrum Physical Therapy and Chiropractic for Scholarships in Memory of Michael G. Annarella**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept a donation from the Spectrum Physical Therapy and Chiropractic for the purpose of providing two \$500.00 scholarships in the memory of Michael G. Annarella to two athletes (one male, one female) who demonstrate excellence both on the field and in the classroom.

**11. Board of Education Approval of Health Service Agreement**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to hereby approve entering into the Health Service Agreement with the Plainedge UFSD for the 2009-2010 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract subject to review and approval of District Counsel.

**12. Board of Education Approval of Gallow Building Lease Agreement between Island Trees UFSD and Nassau BOCES**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the five year lease agreement between Island Trees UFSD and Nassau BOCES rental of the Gallow building in its entirety as follows subject to review and approval of district counsel:

Initial Year – Annual Fee - \$320,594.00

Escalation beyond 1 year shall be the greater of the prior year's rent increased by the CPI, or

The prior year increased by 4%

In no case will the annual increase exceed 5%

**13. Board of Education Approval of Karopczyc Building Lease Agreement – Rental of Room – between Island Trees UFSD and Nassau BOCES**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the one year lease agreement between Island Trees UFSD and Nassau BOCES for the rental of Room 134 at the Karopczyc building to be used by BOCES as non-instructional space as follows subject to review and approval of district counsel:

Room 134 – Approx. 756 sq. ft. - Annual Fee - \$6,288.30  
non-instructional use

**14. Board of Education Approval of Change Order #2 – Elementary Electrical Upgrades Replacement**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve Change Order #2 to Contract ES – Electrical Service Replacement – Elementary Schools, in the net amount of (\$1,966.25) representing a \$573.75 charge to investigate a system short offset by a credit of (\$2,540.00) for tree planting performed by the District, and authorizes the Board President to sign the agreement subject to review and approval by District Counsel.

**15. Board of Education Approval of Emergency Repair Orders**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve payment of the following emergency repair orders:

1. \$1,916.12 to ABS Pump, 89 Allen Blvd, Farmindeale, NY 11735, for the emergency repair of the condensate system at the Gallow School.
2. \$500.00 to Tree King of Long Island, 1761 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793, for the emergency removal of a storm damaged tree at Sparke School.

3. \$2,500.00 to Tree King of Long Island, 1761 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, NY 11793, for the emergency pruning and removal of storm damaged trees at Karopcyzc, Sparke and the high school.
4. \$161.84 to Statewide Roofing, 205 Brookville Ave., Islip, NY 11751, for the emergency repair of a roof leak at Stokes School.
5. \$225.00 to City Wide Sewer & Drain Svc., 100 Voice Road, Carle Place, NY 11514, for the emergency service of the acid neutralization tank from the science rooms at the high school.

**16. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #0100, Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condelá, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Policy #0100 as presented.

**17. Board of Education Acceptance of New Regulation #0100-R, Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Regulation Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Regulation #0100-R as presented.

**18. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #8635, Information Security Breach and Notification – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the Information Security Breach and Notification Policy #8635 as presented.

**19. Board of Education Acceptance of New Policy #5285, Student Eligibility for Occupational Educational Programs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Rochon, seconded by Mr. Bonsignore, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept the Student Eligibility for Occupational Educational Programs Policy #5285, as presented.

**20. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #5030, Student Complaints – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept as a first reading the Student Complaints Policy #5030 as presented.

**21. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #5151, Homeless Children – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Ms. Mahon, seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept as a first reading the Homeless Children Policy #5151 as presented.

**22. Board of Education Acceptance of Revised Policy #5151-R, Homeless Children Regulation – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried (7-0) to accept as a first reading the Homeless Children Regulation Policy #5151-R as presented.

**23. Board of Education Approval of Personnel Report**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. Holt, seconded by Mrs. McDonough, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated May 26, 2010, items 1 through 378 inclusive.

**24. Board of Education Approval of Use of Buildings**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a **Motion** was made by Mrs. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rochon, and unanimously carried (7-0) to approve the use of buildings or fields by the following community and school organizations for the 2009-2010 school year subject to the limitations of policy and regulation:

Island Trees PTSA – Post Prom Breakfast Committee  
Girl Scouts Troop 3162  
Class of 2010  
Class of 2011  
Men's Alumni Soccer  
Nassau County Girls Soccer Association  
Island Trees Soccer Club  
Island Trees Youth Lacrosse  
Island Trees Youth Football



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for March and April, 2010, as presented.

**DISCUSSION**

Dr. Murphy announced that the Budget Newsletter will be sent out to the community a week earlier next year.

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

The Board heard comments and concerns from members of the audience.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:40 PM to discuss litigation and negotiations.

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SESSION:**

On **Motion** of Mrs. Holt seconded by Mr. Condela, and unanimously carried (7-0), the members came out of Executive Session at 10:07 PM.

**ADJOURNED:**

On **Motion** of Mr. Condela, seconded by Mrs. Holt, and unanimously carried (7-0), the meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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