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, October 24, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Kenneth Rochon, at 8:05 PM

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

Also Present: Mr. James Parla, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Salvatore Carambia, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Administration; Mr. Richard Guercio and Mrs. Randy Glasser, Chief Legal Counsel; and Mrs. Concetta Carr, District Clerk.

PLEDGE

Mr. Rochon led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

RECOGNITION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Mr. Parla announced that Governor Spitzer proclaimed the week of October 22-26, 2007, as *School Board Recognition Week*. Mr. Parla read the proclamation from the Governor's office which is sent to each district. Mr. Parla congratulated the members of the Board of Education and expressed his gratitude for their dedication to our school and our children. The High School Chamber Chorus, lead by Mrs. Leiann McGrory, gave a wonderful performance that was enjoyed by all. Mr. Richard Reineker and three students made a presentation on behalf of the Memorial Middle School. Offering their thanks on behalf of their respective organizations were Mr. Peter Gibbons, Island Trees Administrators Association; Ms. Karen Olsen, UTIT; Mrs. Patricia Guidice, CSEA Clerical Unit; Mr. Harry Villone, CSEA Custodial Unit; and Mrs. Vicki Del Giacco, PTA Council.

Mr. Rochon, President, thanked everyone for their expressions of appreciation.

The meeting broke at 8:30 PM for refreshments provided by the PTA Council.

The meeting resumed at 8:43 PM.

MINUTES APPROVAL

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

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – September 26, 2007
Committee on Special Education – September 11, 17, 25, 2007
Subcommittees on Special Education – September 27, 2007
Committee on Preschool Special Education – September 4, 17, 19, 26, October 4, 2007

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPT'S. OPENING COMMENTS

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

1. On Friday, November 9, there will be a special ceremony at the memorial middle school to dedicate a plaque donated by the American Legion, Levittown Post 1711, that has the names of all soldiers from this district who made the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony will take place at 9:30 AM in the main lobby.

2. On November 16 and 17, the high school Drama Club will present a theatrical production of "Rumors."

CAPITAL PLAN BOND ISSUE PRESENTATION

Mr. Parla gave a presentation on the Capital Plan Bond Issue. He explained that this issue was prompted by the New York State Education Department. The district will receive EXCEL Aid, which is to be used coupled with other Capital Projects. He explained the two Propositions and that the passage of Proposition #2 is contingent on passage of Proposition #1.

HIGH SCHOOL A.P. GOVT. & MODEL UN FIELD TRIP

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

WHEREAS the Island Trees High School Social Studies Department is requesting approval for a field trip to Columbia University in New York City on November 28, 2007, and
WHEREAS the high school A.P. Government and Model UN students will attend, and

WHEREAS the class would leave the high school at 8 a.m. and will return to the high school at 4 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 30 students will attend accompanied by the appropriate number of chaperones, and

WHEREAS the cost will be approximately $20 per student to cover the cost of transportation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees High School Social Studies Department to sponsor a field trip to Columbia University in New York City, on November 28, 2007.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

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

WHEREAS the Island Trees Memorial Middle School is requesting approval for a sixth grade class field trip to Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, and

WHEREAS the class would leave the memorial middle school at 8:30 a.m. and return to the school at 2:40 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 208 students will attend, and the appropriate number of chaperones will be provided to supervise the event, and

WHEREAS the cost will be $63 per student, which includes the cost of admission and transportation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the trip to Medieval Times in New Jersey on Wednesday May 7, 2008.
Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

H.S. FIELD TRIP -

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

N.Y. PHILHARMONIC

WHEREAS the Island Trees School District Fine and Performing Arts Department is requesting approval for a high school field trip to the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center on Wednesday, March 28, 2007, and

WHEREAS the students would depart the high school at 9 a.m. and will return to the high school at approximately 3:00 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 37 students will attend accompanied by the requisite number of chaperones, and

WHEREAS the total cost for tickets and transportation is approximately $55 per student.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from The Island Trees School District Fine and Performing Arts Dept. to sponsor a high school field trip to the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center on Wednesday, March 26, 2007.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP - HIGH NOTE MUSIC FESTIVAL

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

WHEREAS the Island Trees School District Fine and Performing Arts Department is requesting approval of a memorial middle school field trip to the “High Note Music Festival” at Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey, on Friday, May 30, 2008, and

WHEREAS the memorial middle school band, orchestra and chorus students will perform repertoire for adjudication by music clinicians, and

WHEREAS the students will have an opportunity to attend Great Adventure Amusement Park, and
WHEREAS the students will leave the memorial middle school at 5:45 a.m. and will return to the school at approximately 9 p.m., and

WHEREAS approximately 180 students will attend accompanied by

the requisite number of chaperones, and

WHEREAS the cost will be approximately $75 per student

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the Island Trees School District Fine and Performing Arts Department to sponsor a memorial middle school field trip to the "High Note Music Festival" at Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey, on Friday, May 30, 2008.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE DEPT. FIELD TRIP

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

WHEREAS the Island Trees Memorial Middle School Science Department is requesting approval for an eighth grade class field trip on Thursday, November 15, 2007, and

WHEREAS the Science Department would like to take the students to the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS the class would leave the memorial middle school at approximately 7:30 a.m. and will return to the school at approximately 5:30 p.m., and

WHEREAS the cost will be $44 per pupil, which includes the cost of admission and transportation, and

WHEREAS there will be approximately 200 students, and the appropriate number of chaperones will be provided to supervise the event

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education supports the request from the Island Trees Memorial Middle School Science Department to sponsor an eighth grade class field trip to Liberty Science Center on November 15, 2007.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

DONATED PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT

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

WHEREAS Donald and Carolyn Armstrong, 362 Minolta Avenue, Carle Place, New York 11514, graciously donated photography items to the Island Trees School District, and

WHEREAS the items donated are:

1 Omega C 760 Enlarger
1 4-way Easel
2 negative carriers
1 lens mount
2 enlarging lenses
1 Time O Lite timer
3 developing tanks
Miscellaneous darkroom supplies including tongs, clips, stirring rods, thermometer, foot switch, and filters

WHEREAS the equipment is valued at $800.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To accept the above-mentioned donation from Donald and Carolyn Armstrong and send a letter from the Board of Education thanking them for their kindness.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

SWIM TEAM

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

WHEREAS a ninth grader student (name on file with the District Clerk) in Island Trees High School, is requesting permission to participate in swimming with the Bethpage swim team, and

WHEREAS Island Trees High School does not have a swim team, and

WHEREAS Coach Harry Clarke from the Bethpage School District has agreed to be the student's coach, and

WHEREAS the student's parents have agreed to be responsible for

his transportation and any fees involved in swimming, and

WHEREAS there will be no cost to Island Trees School District, and

WHEREAS Mr. Michael Meehan has First Aid and CPR/AED certification and would be the student's supervisor

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, To approve this ninth grade student's participation in swimming with the Bethpage swim team.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

WESTECH INVESTIGATIONS, INC.

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

RESOLVED, that the Island Trees Board of Education accepts the Westech Investigations, Inc., termination of its provision of security services to the Island Trees School District on October 19, 2007, at 2 p.m.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

SURPLUS EQUIP. - VIOLIN

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

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of a Schroetter Brand Violin, Serial #22814, located in the Island Trees Fine and Performing Arts Department. The instrument is 29 years old and is unrepairable.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

SURPLUS EQUIP. - AIR CONDITIONERS

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

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of the following air conditioners due to the fact that they are inoperable and unfixable:

Carrier – Model 51GMA124301, Serial #62P929876

Amana – Model 1002MA, Mfg. #P6968312R,
Serial #8910139427

Friedrich – Model SL28J30A, Serial #LRLR07872

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

CONSULTANT - SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

WHEREAS Andrea Pineiro, Consultant, has entered into an agreement with the Island Trees U.F.S.D. to provide special training to parents of a youngster diagnosed with autism, per the Committee on Special Education, from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and

WHEREAS the fee for this service is $30 per hour

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter into the agreement with Andrea Pineiro, Consultant, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

GERSH ACADEMY CONTRACT - INSTRUCTIONAL

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

RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement for Special Education Services with Gersh Academy for the 2007-2008 academic school year for educational services and a facility for instruction for a Special Education student in the Island Trees School District, in the amount of $43,000, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

GERSH ACADEMY CONTRACT - SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES

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

RESOLVED, To enter into an agreement for Special Education Services with Gersh Academy for related services and supplementary aids and services for the 2007-2008 academic school year for a Special Education student in the Island Trees School District, in the amount of $37,320, and authorizes the Board President to sign such

contract.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT W/LEVITTOWN UFSD

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

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into a contract with Levittown Union Free School District to provide occupational education services to students residing in the Island Trees School District from September 5, 2007 through June 13, 2008, at a tuition rate of $9,740 per student per year for Basic Career & Technical Programs, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

ISLAND TREES PRINCIPALS' ASSOC.

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

WHEREAS the three-year contract with the Island Trees Principals' Association expired on June 30, 2007, and

WHEREAS negotiations between the District and the Principals' Association have resulted in an Agreement which stipulates certain changes in the contract, and

WHEREAS this agreement provides for a four-year contract with salary increases of 4.0% for 2007-08, 3.5% for 2008-09, 3.5% for 2009-10, and 4.0% for 2010-11, and

WHEREAS other modifications in working conditions and benefits are acceptable to the District Administrators and the Board of Education

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That this Agreement is accepted, as presented, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That on behalf of the Island Trees UFSD, the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the new contract containing these modifications effective July 1, 2007.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

BID - FLOOR MATS

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

RESOLVED, To award the following Bid #673.008.006, dated September 24, 2007, for 1" Resilite Brand Mats as presented:

To: TW Promotions Inc.
845 Marconi Avenue
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

In the amount of $15,455.00

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

AUDIT REPORT

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

RESOLVED, To accept from Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen and Danowski, LLP the following reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007:

1. Auditor's Report and Financial Statements.

2. Extraclassroom Activity Fund financial statements and auditor's report.

3. Management Letter.

4. Management's Discussion & Analysis.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

NONVIOLENT CRISIS INTERVENTION WORKSHOP

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

WHEREAS The Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc. (CPI), will provide the *Nonviolent Crisis Intervention* Two-Day Comprehensive Workshop starting on November 6 (Staff Conference Day) and November 7, and

WHEREAS this training is for a select group of school psychologists, administrators and special education teachers, and

WHEREAS there will be approximately 40 participants, and

WHEREAS the fee is $349 per person, plus approximately $900 for estimated expenses for one CPI Professional Staff Instructor

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorized to enter into an agreement with The Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc. to provide the Two-Day Comprehensive Workshop on November 6 and 7, 2007, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

GREENKILL NURSING COVERAGE

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

WHEREAS the Island Trees Memorial Middle School has scheduled its week-long Grade 6 Greenkill trip from November 26th through November 30, 2007, and

WHEREAS the memorial middle school has requested to have twenty-four hour nursing coverage, and

WHEREAS Carol Nivens, a RN and Greenkill nurse will be contracted to provide nursing coverage from Monday, November 26, at 11 a.m. to Friday, November 30, at 1 p.m. at a cost of $3,500

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education is authorized to enter into the contract with Carol Nivens, RN, for the 6th grade Greenkill trip from November 26 to November 30, 2007, and authorizes the Board President to sign such agreement contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report

dated October 24, 2007, items 1 through 177 inclusive.

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

USE OF BUILDINGS

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

WHEREAS community and school organizations have applied for use of district facilities for the 2007-2008 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 Baseball	
Alumni Dinner	No Fee
Levittown PAL	
Wrestling Instruction	No Fee
J. Fred Sparke PTA	
Boutique Set Up	No Fee
Cub Scout Pack 600	
Wolfs Den Meeting	No Fee
Cub Scout Pack 600	
Tigers Den Meeting	No Fee
Cub Scout Pack 600	
Derby Registration	No Fee
Girl Scouts of Nassau County	

Troop #3224 Meetings	No Fee
Girl Scouts of Nassau County Daisy Troop Meetings	No Fee
Girl Scouts of Nassau County Troop #3540 Meetings	No Fee
Girl Scouts of Nassau County Daisy Parent Meeting	No Fee
Girl Scouts of Nassau County Cookie Manager Training	No Fee
Memorial Middle School Kickline Club Fundraiser	No Fee
Memorial Middle School Kickline Club Kickline Festival/Flea Market	No Fee
SEPTA Avon Fundraiser Product Distribution	No Fee
Island Trees Travel Baseball Practice/Drills & Skills	No Fee
Levittown Athletic Club Girls Softball Practice & Games	No Fee
Levittown Athletic Club Girls Softball Clinic	No Fee
Island Trees Baseball General Meetings	No Fee
Island Trees Baseball Registration	No Fee
Island Trees Baseball	

Baseball Draft	No Fee
Island Trees Baseball Baseball Pictures	No Fee
Island Trees Baseball Winter Workouts	No Fee
Island Trees Baseball Pitching Tryouts	No Fee
St. Bernards Youth Basketball Basketball Practice & Games	No Fee
Post Prom Breakfast Committee Committee Meetings	No Fee
Post Prom Breakfast Committee Post Prom Breakfast	No Fee

Unanimously carried Ayes 7 Nays 0

REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

FINANCIAL REPORT REC'D.

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for September, 2007, as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

A resident asked a question regarding the district Assistant Treasurer. The same resident asked a question regarding when the district architect was hired.

A resident brought to the Board's attention that the name of the Island Trees Memorial Middle School has not been updated on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

A resident asked the Board of Education to consider providing late buses for students who live in the district and attend private schools.

A resident stated that the letter of intent sent to the SED does not include elevators and doors.

A resident asked about hiring full-time kindergarten aides instead of part-time aides.

A resident asked what the policy is regarding the number of students in a classroom.

TO EXEC. SESSION

On motion of Mr. Bonsignore, seconded by Mr. Condela and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 10:20 PM.

EXEC. SESSION

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

1. Principal Negotiations
2. 2007-2008 Salaries for Assistant Superintendents
3. Interview of Interim Facilities Director

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr
District Clerk

Minutes approved _____