

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 25, 2008.

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. Joseph Buda  
Mr. Robert M. Condela  
Mrs. Christine Holt  
Mr. Peter Ray (arrived 8:15 PM)

ABSENT: Mr. Carl Bonsignore

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

Mr. Rochon led the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silence for our troops serving around the world.

**PLEDGE**

Mr. Rochon announced that the meeting was being taped by a member of the audience.

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

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVAL**

RESOLVED, To approve the following minutes, as presented:

Regular Meeting & Executive Session – May 21, 2008  
Committee on Special Education – May 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 2008  
Sub-Committee on Special Education – May 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 2008  
Committee on Preschool Special Education – May 6, 8, 15, 2008

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 5                      Nays 0  
(Mr. Ray arrived later)

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent made the following announcements:

**SUPT'S. OPENING**  
**COMMENTS**

1. Mr. Parla praised the Stokes, Sparke and Memorial Middle

school faculty, administrators and staff who made a wonderful moving up ceremony at each of the schools for all of our children.

2. The Island Trees High School Graduation is on Sunday, June 29.

Mr. Parla addressed the situation at the high school Art Suite where ceramic glazing paints were found to contain lead. He stated that he immediately got in touch with the EPA and Dept. of Health to make sure that the District did everything it was supposed to do to clean up the room. A letter was sent home to parents and was posted on the District website.

Mr. Parla introduced Mr. Jim DeMartinis from the Architectural Firm H2M, and Mr. Brendan Broderick from J.C. Broderick, to answer any questions the audience might have.

Numerous questions and concerns were expressed by the audience.

Mr. Buda, a Board Member, voiced concerns regarding the District's knowledge of the lead issue in the sand tunnel in 1999 and 2003 and that the situation was not taken care of.

A document was handed to Mr. Rochon, Board President, by a resident dated August 17, 2006, from Katie Murphy at the NYS DEC addressed to Steve Faltermayer.

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

**REORGANIZATION  
MEETING**

RESOLVED, To hold the Annual District Reorganization Meeting for the 2008-2009 school year on Tuesday, July 8, at 8 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**GREENKILL**

RESOLVED, That the Island Trees Board of Education supports and approves the Island Trees Memorial Middle School scheduled Grade 6 trip to the Greenkill Outdoor Environmental Education Center from December 1 through December 5, 2008, and authorizes the Board President to sign a contract in the amount of \$46,675 in order to book

the dates. The contract is subject to review and approval of District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of three welcome mats valued at \$1,500 from the Michael F. Stokes PTA to be displayed at the entrance of the Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking them for their generosity.

**M.F. STOKES PTA  
DONATION - WELCOME  
MATS**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation of a used 32" color television, with an approximate value of \$200, from Mrs. Josephine Dellacrocce, residing at 17 Edward Street, Bethpage, NY 11714, to be used for educational purposes at the Michael F. Stokes Elementary School, and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking her for her generosity.

**DONATION OF COLOR  
TELEVISION**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the donation from Mr. Kenneth Fazio, 16 The Plains Road, Levittown, NY 11756, of a new small chair to be used in a kindergarten classroom at the Michael F. Stokes Elementary School and directs that a letter be sent from the Board of Education thanking him for his generosity

**DONATION - CHAIR**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To declare surplus and dispose of computer equipment on the attached list that has been deemed obsolete and irreparable by the I.T. Manager, as presented.

**SURPLUS  
COMPUTER EQUIP.**

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**EMERGENCY  
REPAIR ORDERS**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to approve payment of the following emergency repair orders:

1. \$850 to Island Elevator, 50 Wyandanch Ave. Unit D, Wyandanch, NY 11798, for the emergency repair of the elevator at Island Trees Memorial Middle School on June 2, 2008
2. \$26,365.54 to Branch Restoration Services, 101 Colin Drive, Holbrook, NY 11741, for the emergency lead clean up in the high school Art Suite
3. \$8,000 to J.C. Broderick & Assoc., 420 Lake Ave., St. James, NY 11780, for the emergency call to provide testing and to oversee lead clean up
4. \$2,000 to Island Elevator, 50 Wyandanch Ave., Unit D, Wyandanch, NY 11798, for the emergency repair of the high school elevator
5. \$150 to Shelley Electric Inc., 270 Harrison Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714, for an emergency call to restore electricity to the high school after severe weather

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

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

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLVED, To authorize a transfer of funds for the following:

1. In the amount of \$36,000 to cover retroactive increases in state-set tuition rates dating back to the 2005-2006 school year to date – between codes 2250.150.60 (Salaries, Special Education) and 2250.472.53 (Tuition, Private Schools)
2. In the amount of \$30,000 to cover additional athletic events not covered in the budget – between codes 9060.800.96 (Health Insurance) and 5541.400.96.5102 (Transportation for Athletics/Field Trips)

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**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 119-00, 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:

**Boiler, Duct & Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning, Ext. #2 (05/06-050A)**  
**Repair and Maintenance of Irrigation Systems (07/08-075)**  
**Floor Tiles and Installation, Ext. #1 (06/07-092X)**  
**Chain Link Fencing (07/08-0008)**  
**Venetian Blinds and Shades (08/09-011)**  
**Buildings and Grounds Equipment (07/08-079)**  
**Roof Maintenance and Repairs, Ext. #2 (06/07-019A)**  
**Furniture: Classroom & Office (08/09-022)**  
**Plumbing Services, Ext. #1 (07/08-001X)**  
**Fire Extinguishers & Services (08/09-004)**  
**Oil and Gas Burner Service (08/09-010)**

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

On motion of Mr. Ray, and seconded by Ms. Mahon, this item was tabled to a later time in the meeting.

**BID AWARD - HVAC  
& ELECTRICAL**

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes    6                      Nays    0

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

**PROVIDER AGENCY/CONSULTANT SERVICES  
CONTRACTS 2008-2009**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into the following provider agency/consultant services contracts listed

below for the 2008-2009 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contracts contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel:

Dr. Marcia Bergtraum (Consultant)  
Access 7 Consulting, Inc.  
Mid Island Therapy DBA All About Kids  
Bilinguals, Inc. Child & Parent Services  
Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources  
Home Care Therapies LLC/dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing  
Institute for Children with Autism and Related Disorders, Inc.  
Lakretz Creative Support Services, Inc.  
Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc.  
Metro Therapy, Inc.  
Milestones in Home Care, Inc.  
New York. Therapy Placement Services, Inc.  
TheraCare Preschool Services  
Lisa Faret, Teacher of the Visually Impaired  
Hagedorn Little Village School  
Andrea Pineiro, Special Education Teacher  
The Cody Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities  
Lighthouse International

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 6                      Nays 0

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

**NYS APPROVED PRIVATE  
EDUCATION SCHOOLS  
CONTRACTS 2008-2009**

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into the following contracts for the New York State approved private education schools listed below for the 2008-2009 school year, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contracts contingent upon review and approval of District Counsel:

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc.  
Hagedorn Little Village School  
Developmental Disabilities Institute  
Abilities Inc.  
Judge Rotenberg Center  
AHRC  
Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial

*Unanimously carried*                      Ayes 6                      Nays 0

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

RESOLVED, To authorize the Island Trees Board of Education to enter into a contract with The Hagedorn Little Village School for the purpose of providing special education services to eight children residing in the Island Trees School District beginning July 7, 2008, and ending August 15, 2008, at a rate of \$6,031.00 per child, plus \$2,537.70 for a 1:1 aide for one child, and authorizes the Board President to sign such contract.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes   6            Nays   0

**SPEC. EDUC. SERVICES**  
**CONTRACT - THE**  
**HAGEDORN LITTLE**  
**VILLAGE SCHOOL**

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the participation of a high school student (name on file with the District Clerk) to participate in swimming with the Bethpage swim team for the fall of 2008. The parents have agreed to be responsible for her transportation and fees involved in swimming, and there will be no cost to the Island Trees School District.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes   6            Nays   0

**SWIM TEAM**  
**PARTICIPATION**

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

RESOLVED, To approve, as presented, the Personnel Report dated June 25, 2008, items 1 through 331 and items 333-370.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes   6            Nays   0

**PERSONNEL**  
**REPORT**

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Ms. Mahon, Item 332 was tabled to a later time in the meeting.

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

**USE OF BUILDINGS**

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.

<i>Island Trees Soccer Club</i>	
Practices & Games	No Fee
<i>Island Trees Youth Football</i>	
Practice	No Fee
<i>Scope Education Services</i>	
Job Fair	No Fee

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

**REPORT BY ASST. SUPT. FOR FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

The Board of Education accepted the Financial Reports for March and, May 2008, as presented.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT REC'D.**

A resident had a question about the deed restriction discussion. The Board President stated that he would not discuss this due to pending litigation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The following bid was opened today:

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**H.S. ELEVATOR  
RENOVATION**

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the contract with Mercury Elevator Corp., Bid #673.008.015, to perform the elevator renovation services at the Island Trees High School, and authorizes the Board President to sign same, with such contract subject to the review and approval of District Counsel.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

A resident asked a question regarding blood testing for students due to the finding of lead in certain glaze paints in the Art Suite. Mr. Parla stated in his letter to parents, which is posted on the district website, that they should consult with their family physician if they had any concerns.

A resident asked when the football field and shed projects would be done.

A resident stated that the district should move the wrestling room back upstairs to the Ted Petersen Room.

A resident presented two letters to the Board President from the EPA regarding the sand tunnel.

Mr. Buda, Board Member, voiced concerns for residents in the district who do not have health insurance.

On motion of Mr. Ray, seconded by Ms. Mahon, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:44 PM.

**TO EXEC. SESSION**

The following items were addressed in Executive Session:

**EXEC. SESSION**

1. Clerical Negotiations
2. Legal Issues
3. Audit Report Presentation
4. Personnel Issue

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Buda, and unanimously carried, the members came out of Executive Session at 11:27 PM.

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR SESSION**

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

**BID AWARD - HVAC  
& ELECTRICAL**

RESOLVED, To award Bid #673.008.014, to the lowest responsible bidder, dated June 16, 2008, pending review and approval by District Counsel for the following:

To: Ultimate Power, Inc.  
45 Nancy Street  
West Babylon, NY 11704

For HVAC Work in the amount of, including alternates, \$1,170,750.00

and

To: Roland's Electric, Inc.  
307 Suburban Avenue  
Deer Park, NY 11729

For Electrical Work in the amount of, including alternates, \$38,400.00,  
Subject to the district receipt and approval of a letter by H2M stating  
that such bid is in compliance with the section entitled Equivalents on  
page 6 of 9 of the Invitation to Bidders.

*Unanimously carried*            Ayes 6            Nays 0

On motion of Ms. Mahon, and seconded by Mr. Buda, and  
unanimously carried, the members returned to Executive Session  
at 11:32 PM.

**RETURN TO  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Buda, and seconded by Ms. Mahon, and  
unanimously carried, the members returned to Regular Session  
at 12:09 AM

**RETURN TO  
REGULAR SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Ray and seconded by Ms. Mahon, and  
unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12.33 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Concetta Carr  
District Clerk

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