

East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
February 10, 2009 – APPROVED
BUSINESS MEETING

Board Members in Attendance:

Gary J. Lamm, President
Kim G. Phillips, Vice President
Ken Cronin, Trustee
Terri Lyons, Trustee
Glenn Reed, Trustee

Staff Members in Attendance:

Wendell Chu, Superintendent of Schools
Carl Fraser, Asst. Superintendent for Business
Alise Becker-Santa, Asst. Supt. For Instruction/Personnel
Kathleen Borzello, Asst. Supt. For Pupil Personnel & Special
Education
Robert M. Tartaglia, Plant & Facilities Administrator
Marie Rogers - District Clerk

Approximate Attendance: 85 Meeting held in the Early Childhood Center Boardroom
(Meeting chaired by Gary Lamm, Board President)

MTG. CALLED TO ORDER: I.) Public session of meeting called to order by Mr. Lamm, Board President, 8:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mr. Lamm asked those in attendance to join him in a Salute to the Flag.

PUBLIC ADVISED: II.) The Chairman advised the public that the Board would accept questions from the public and employees of the district, concerning agenda items, under New Business. Members of the audience wishing to avail themselves of the opportunity to ask a question are required to sign in at the door prior to the start of the meeting. The District Clerk will then call upon each member, allowing each three minutes, to address the Board. Questions by the public will be addressed immediately and addressed at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting. Members of the Board will also be available after the meeting to speak to anyone wishing to do so. Questions may be sent by email to the Board at its newly created email address: eiboard@eischools.org, which can be accessed through the district's website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD: III)
(Wendell Chu)

- Mr. Chu announced that senior, Molly McLean, has been moved from National Merit Semi-finalist to National Merit Finalist!
- He reported that fourteen of our League II Champion wrestlers are moving to the County championship; congratulated our bowling teams for a great season and our boys and girls winter track teams for a tremendous job this season.
- Mr. Chu announced that he will be testifying on behalf of the District and the Suffolk County School Superintendents' Association at a hearing at the State Building in Hauppauge this Friday (2/13/09). The New York State Legislature on Long Island has convened a hearing on the Governor's budget and that he is one of the people giving a testimony to Assembly members; testimonies will be given all day.
- Mr. Chu introduced For the Kids Foundation of East Islip, Inc. (FTK), President, Pat Diesu. Mrs. Diesu, on behalf of the FTK, presented the Board with a check for \$50,000 to be used to supplement the academic and extracurricular programs of our students. She

reported that \$40,000 was to be used for technology, \$5,000 for health, physical education and athletics (K-5 fitness) and \$5,000 for art and music programs and equipment. Mrs. Diesu thanked the East Islip community for its support in helping reach FTK's goal. She also announced that in continuing in their efforts, FTK's Annual Black Tie event would be held March 14, 2009. Pete Blieberg is being honored as Educator of the Year and Ellie Henry, FTK Board member, as Black Tie Gala Honoree.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2009, pp. 37-40; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

Mr. Lamm asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda items before putting them before the Board. Mrs. Rosa Ferrara asked for clarification on Agenda Items d., e., g., and Certified Personnel Item #1. Mr. Fraser and Mrs. Becker-Santa responded; Mrs. Ferrara asked that the teacher/student ratio for the In-District Suspension Program be available under Old Business at the next Board of Education Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: V.) Action Items Recommended by the Supt. of Schools
(Wendell Chu)

TREASURER'S REPORT: a) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2008 as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

(Copy of Treasurer's Report Appended to Minutes)

SPECIAL EDUCATION: b) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the contract for special education services provided to our students parentally placed in non-public schools within Brentwood School District for the 2008-09 school year; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS: c) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the Health Service contract with Brentwood School District for the 2008-09 school year for health services provided to eight of our students who attend St. Joseph's Academy located in the Brentwood School District. The cost is \$4,612.80; and Health Services Contract with Sayville Public Schools for the 2008-09 school year for health services provided to three of our students who attend Prince of Peace and four students who attend West Sayville Christian School located in the Sayville District for a cost of \$4,860.24; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

STATE AID REVIEW SERVICES: d) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the Service Agreement with School Aid Specialist, LLC (SAS) for consultant services on State Aid Revenues. This organization will review the District's 2007/08, 2008/09 and prior year financial and student records for all applicable funding years as part of its revenue recovery service. There is no cost to the District for this service, however, the consultants will be entitled to 15% of any additional monies claimed and recovered; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

HUSTLER MOWER FOUR (4) YEAR LEASE/PURCHASE – BID #091808-1: e) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District rescind the bid award for the Hustler Mower Four (4) Year Lease/Purchase that was awarded at the October 14, 2008 Board meeting as per our attorneys recommendations; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

FTK DONATION: f) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District accept the donation from the FTK Foundation for Technology (\$40,000), Music (\$5,000) and Physical Education (\$5,000) programs for the 2009-10 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES: g) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the below listed appropriation changes:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>Amt.</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
District Office	\$40,000	2250-449-00-0000 Prof & Tech Services	2110-449-00-1007 Prof/Tech Home Tutor Reg Ed.

Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR: h) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the services of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski as external auditors for the district; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: i) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Item #1 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1-29 in the in the Non-Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

DISTRICT PHYSICIAN SERVICE AGREEMENT: j) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the contract agreement between the district and district physician, Dr. Michael Torelli; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL ED. (CSE): k) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):

Case #1-20070436S through Case # 36-20070243S in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 37-20070731S through Case # 44-20070728S in the New Student Category;

Case # 45-20070729S through Case # 49-20070726S in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL ED. (CPSE): l) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):

- Case # 20070260P-1 through Case # 20070220P-17 in the New Student Category;
- Case # 20070228P-3 through Case # 20070135P-18 in the Continuing Student Category;
- Case # 20070261P-2 through Case # 20070271P-13 in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CPSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

FIELD TRIPS: m) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following field trips, as amended:

- a. CES (Mrs. Belz, Mrs. Egbert, Mr. Baldo) & The Connetquot Chords to NYS Capital, Albany 3/11/09;
- b. SHS (TBA) & Nicole Fragala to Providence, Rhode Island for honors chorus All Eastern competition
- c. SHS (music staff) & music students to Lakewood Sr. High School, Great Adventure Park 5/15/09
- d. SHS (Ron Fox) and Theodore Schaber to Albany SCMEA All-County Jazz Ensemble Performance 3/10/09.

The field trip proposed by SHS (J. Ancona/J Lavey) & varsity lacrosse to Manhattan College 3/28/09 was omitted for approval due to a change in the trip.

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VI. There was no unfinished business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Joe Rosadio from the Islip Terrace Fire Department, asked for permission to distribute leaflets to the community inviting them to the firehouse on Monday, February 16th to donate blood; in support of the recovery of a Connetquot Elementary student (H.M.). Mr. Lamm requested that Mr. Rosadio send the flyer to Mr. Chu for approval.

b. Mrs. Eleanor Morris stated that she attended the district's Budget Finance Committee meetings for the past two years, a committee which includes resident volunteers. She expressed her concern that district residents can serve no more than three years on the committee and requested that the Board, for efficiency sake, rescind this rule. Mr. Lamm responded that we do have a lot of community members who want to serve on committees in the district. In order to allow more community participation on committees, this practice was put into place, which he feels is an open and transparent process.

c. Mrs. Rosa Ferrara spoke about the *Jeopardy Challenge* featured on television this past Sunday between Deer Park and East Islip students. She claimed that thirty teachers from East Islip wrote the district's math curriculum, where three teachers wrote the curriculum in Deer Park. She reported that for the *Challenge* Deer Park students chose math, science and technology as their categories whereas East Islip students chose entertainment, sports and fruit. She claimed that a few years back, East Islip's salutatorian scored a 964 on the SATS and feels the district is not getting the results the community would like to see. Mrs. Ferrara expressed that academics should take priority and asked for a report at the next Board meeting giving a detailed plan for this. Mr. Lamm questioned Mrs. Ferrara's claim about the salutatorian's score, to which she responded she was told. Mr. Chu responded that he could obtain the information, however; would not be able to share it due to FERPA (privacy act). He questions the overall number of teachers in Deer Park, their operating budget, etc. Mr. Chu stated that academics do not take a "back seat" in East Islip and that he takes these comments by Mrs. Ferrara seriously. He thanked her for her input and said he would be looking into the matter.

d. Mr. Jim Cummings first commented on the number of students in the high school and the number represented on *News 12* during the Jeopardy Challenge. He also thanked the FTK for all they do for the students of East Islip. He stated, that although he is a member of the Booster Athletic Club, he was present this evening as a parent of four children in the district. He stressed the importance of sports and extracurricular activities for our children and the affect it has on their growth and success in life. He asked the Board to keep our children in mind as the 09/10 school budget is prepared.

e. Geri Jacobsen, Connetquot Elementary School parent, announced, on behalf of the Connetquot Elementary School Chords, that they would be holding a spaghetti dinner to fund raise for the Chords for a bus for their trip to Albany for their performance at the Capitol Building. The breakfast will be held March 6th for a cost of \$5.00 at Connetquot Elementary School.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mr. Lamm announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting would take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. in the district office boardroom. He also announced that budget presentations would take place on March 3; March 17; and, March 31, 2009, all beginning at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Carol Feudi, Contingent District Clerk

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