

East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
March 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: 90 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, 8:15 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 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 addressed several questions that were presented by a taxpayer at the Board meeting of February 10, 2009. The taxpayer commented about the East Islip Academic Challenge Team, which was defeated by the Deer Park School team; the number of teachers who wrote the East Islip math curriculum, as compared to the number of teachers from Deer Park who wrote its curriculum; and, stated that a couple of years ago, the salutatorian from East Islip scored only a 960 on the SAT exam. The taxpayer felt that East Islip students involved in the "Challenge" selected less academic categories, which she felt, was a reflection on East Islip academics and teachers and also felt the low SAT score for the salutatorian was a reflection on East Islip academics. Mr. Chu explained the competition and commented that our students may have not won, however, the performance of this team or any other team is not a reflection of their academic performance. He gave the website where the competition can be viewed and community members can make their own judgment. He explained the curriculum writing and reported that each district determines how this type of work should be completed based on the needs of the district and added that it is very difficult to compare this type of work with different

variables. He reported that the SAT scores for our salutatorians between the years 2002-2008 were between 1290 and 2150. He announced that all of this information addressed this evening was available as a hand-out and on the web (under the Board of Education) for anyone who was interested.

- Mr. Chu announced that he recently watched the defending state champion high school mock trial team vs. Harborfields, which resulted in another undefeated season for our students. The team will go into the county eliminations vs. West Islip at County District Court.
- The District Transportation Committee presented its recommendations to the Board of Education. The committee presented a proposal to the Board to include a transportation referendum on the ballot with the school budget vote. The referendum, if approved, would include: elimination of temporary bus passes and institute a uniform mileage eligibility for all grades within a school (Kindergarten – all ride; elementary – grades 1-5: ½ mile; EIMS grades 6-8: ½ mile; and, SHS grades 9-12: one mile). This would permit 673 more students the opportunity to ride a bus. This would involve three additional buses at an approximate cost of \$195,000 or approximately \$289.75 per student per year and a .054% tax rate increase. The Board thanked the committee and said they would review the proposal and get back to the committee. The transportation committee's proposal can be found on the district's website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2009, pp. 41-45; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

Mr. Lamm asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda items before putting them before the Board.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: a) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2009 as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

(Copy of Treasurer's Report Appended to Minutes)

SPECIAL EDUCATION: b) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the contract with The Daytop Preparatory School for educational services being provided to one of our students who has been placed in that facility as of February 23, 2009; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS: c) 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 Health Services Contract with West Islip Public Schools for the 2008-09 school year. This contract is for health services provided to 92 of our students who attend St. John the Baptist located in the West Islip Public Schools district. The cost is \$53,160.36; and, approve the Health Services Contract with Sachem Central School District at Holbrook for the 2008-09 school year. This contract is for health services provided to three of our students who attend L.I. Baptist Academy and one student who attends St. Joseph located in the Sachem Central School district. The cost is \$3,355.68; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE FUND: d) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law, the Board of Education hereby establishes an Employee Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund and approves the initial funding of said reserve by a transfer of unreserved fund balance from the 2008-2009 fiscal year pursuant to further resolution of the Board; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

ACTUARIAL & TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, INC.: e) 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 proposal for actuarial services being provided by Actuarial & Technical Solutions, Inc. to conduct an actuarial review of the East Islip School District's self insured workers compensation program and provide a report of its findings; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

BROOME TIOGA BOCES SERVICE AGREEMENT: f) 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 Broome Tioga BOCES Service Agreement for 2009-2010 school year for the MicroCheck System in the school cafeterias; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

IRRIGATION REPAIR SERVICES – BID#031407-5: g) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District award Bid #031407-5 to Watercraft Irrigation Inc. who has just acquired Metro Irrigation & Maintenance Corporation. Metro Irrigation & Maintenance Corp. had been awarded the original bid in 2007. Our bid specification (10.0 Non Assignment) requires that any change in performance of the contract by the vendor must be Board approved; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

RFP FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES: h) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. for transportation services for as transportation services providers for 5 years beginning in 2009-10 school year ; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

CHANGE ORDERS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS: i) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the change orders as outlined below:

PROJECT NUMBER	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
58-05-03-03-0-005-008	\$2,820.29	Base bid called to install new light bars at the stage. The model MR16
Connetquot Elementary		as specified had stopped production and had to use Model 528.
		This model could not use the Gel lenses due to the heat of the 528 model.
		Glass color roundels had to be used with an up charge of \$2,820.20.

		Discovered condition.
58-05-03-03-0-003-008	\$2,820.29	Base bid called to install new light bars at the stage. The model MR16
Timber Point Elementary		as specified had stopped production and had to use Model 528.
		This model could not use the Gel lenses due to the heat of the 528 model.
		Glass color roundels had to be used with an up charge of \$2,820.20.
		Discovered condition.

Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

DISPOSAL OF TELEVISIONS & OBSOLETE TESTING MATERIALS & BOOKS: j) 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 disposal of several television sets at the Connetquot Elementary School, obsolete testing materials from the Special Education Department and obsolete books from Ruth C. Kinney Elementary School; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES: k) 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 appropriation changes as outlined:

LOCATION	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	RATIONALE
District Office	9060-860-00-0000	2815-449-00-0000	\$50,000.00	To cover expense for health services provided to East Islip students attending private and parochial schools outside of the East Islip district
	Medical Insurance	Prof & Tech Services		
District Office	9010-810-00-0000	2250-470-00-0000	\$100,000	To cover expenses for Special Education students in private placements
	Non Teacher Retirement	Tuition Other Schools		
District Office	9060-860-00-0000	2110-449-00-1007	\$60,000.00	Funds for Home Tutoring Services
	Medical Insurance	Prof/Tech Home Tutor Reg Ed.		
D/O	1320-442-00-0000	1325-160-00-0000	\$10,000.00	To fund Treasurer salary exp.
	Accountants & Auditors	Non-Inst. Salaries		
Instructional/ Personnel	2811-510-00-0000	2110-415-00-0000	\$5,000	Conference and travel for district wide administrators
	Adm. Supplies	Conf. & Travel		
Timber Point Elementary	2630-220-06-0000	2110-485-06-0000	\$3027.27	Funds need to purchase phonics books for Grade 2 & 4
	Comp/Hardware	Workbooks		
	2630-533-06-4630	2110-485-06-0000	\$441.63	Funds need to purchase phonics books for Grade 2 & 4
	Comp/Software	Workbooks		

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: l) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve Items 1-22 in the in the Non-Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EAST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE EAST ISLIP TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION:

m) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

The Board of Education hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between the East Islip Union Free School District and the East Islip Teachers' Association whereas the district is implementing an early retirement incentive for those teachers who meet the eligibility requirements and who retire on or before June 30, 2009; and, whereas the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the said Memorandum of Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EAST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE EAST ISLIP ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION: n) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following resolution:

The Board of Education hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between the East Islip Union Free School District and the East Islip Association of School Administrators whereas the district is implementing an early retirement incentive for those administrators who meet the eligibility requirements and who retire on or before June 30, 2009; and, whereas the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the said Memorandum of Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

REVISED SERVICE AGREEMENT : O) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EAST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT hereby approves the revised agreement between the East Islip Union Free School District and Dr. Steven Pesce, district physician; this agreement replaces the prior 2008-2009 agreement, dated October 14, 2008; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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

Case # 1 – 20070295S through Case # 62 – 20070248S in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 63-20070716S through Case # 68 – 20070738S in the New Student Category;

Case # 69-20070743S 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): q) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):

Case # 20070272P through Case # 20070278P-23 in the New Student Category;

Case # 20070096P - 1 through Case # 20070241P - 25 in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 20070274P-8 through Case # 20070283P-22 in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CPSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VI.

- a. In-District Suspension Program – Mr. Chu, in response to a taxpayer question at the meeting of February 10, 2009, reported that the teacher/student ratio for the IDS Program is 1-5; three or less students requires one teacher, more than three-five students requires and aide; and, above five students requires a second teacher.
- b. Special Education funding – Mr. Fraser, in response to a taxpayer question a few months back, reported that the State Education Department has just finalized its

report of overpayment to the district for which the district owes money back. That figure is 1,675,306. The district had estimated 1,674,548 a difference of \$758.00.

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Mrs. Maya Mordkovich, resident of Central Islip and parent of a four year old, requested that the district accept her child to our schools. She stated that when she had her house built she was led to believe that the house was within the East Islip School District boundaries; however, it turns out that she is 200 feet away from the district. Mr. Lamm responded that, although he sympathizes with Mrs. Mordkovich, district policy does not allow students to enroll on a tuition basis. However, he invited Mrs. Mordkovich to submit her letter to the district clerk and advised that she contact the construction company or builder of her home for proof of her residence advisement. Mr. Chu thanked Mrs. Mordkovich for having the courage to come before the Board and administration and for wanting to enroll in our district. Mr. Chu said that he would look into the matter and that dialog would have to take place with the Central Islip School District and possibly the Town of Islip.

c. Kevin Boyle, President of the United Public Employees Union for the custodial unit, spoke on behalf of its members in the East Islip School District. He stated that it has been twenty-one months since this union's contract expired. He stated that the members provide a high level of service to the district and deserve a fair contract and asked the Board to grant the necessary authorization tonight for a fair agreement.

d. Ann Ceriello, representative from the John F. Kennedy PTA, extended an invitation for all to attend JFK's PTA Dinner/Dance on April 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at the Sayville Country Club. The evening is called *Grooving through the Times*, and begins at 7:00 p.m.

e. Mrs. Ferrara asked how much money was involved in the start up of the new retirement contribution reserve fund to which Mrs. Phillips responded zero. She asked what the cost was for the transportation consultant, which was \$3,000, which is aidable. She asked for the details of the teachers and administrators' retirement incentive and asked if it would cost money. Mr. Chu responded that there is always a cost to offer a retirement incentive but that the anticipated savings through retirements will help the district in the long run. He said the MOAs would be available under the Freedom of Information within the next few days.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mr. Lamm announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting would take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. in the district office boardroom. He also announced that budget presentations would take place on March 17; and, March 31, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Carol Feudi, Contingent District Clerk