

East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
November 12, 2009 – APPROVED
BUSINESS MEETING

Board Members in Attendance:

Kim G. Phillips, President
Ken Cronin, Vice President

Glenn Reed, Trustee
Joseph Sargent, Trustee

Staff Members in Attendance:

Wendell Chu, Superintendent of Schools
Alise Becker-Santa, Asst. Supt for Instruction/Personnel
Carl Fraser, Asst. Superintendent for Business
Robert M. Tartaglia, Plant & Facilities Administrator

Marie Rogers - District Clerk

Approximate Attendance: 106 Meeting held in the Early Childhood Center Boardroom
(Meeting chaired by Mrs. Phillips, Board President)

MTG. CALLED TO ORDER: I.) Meeting called to order by Mrs. Phillips at 6:07 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: II.) Motion by Mr. Reed to adjourn public session in order to convene to executive session; seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SESSION: III.) Motion by Mr. Sargent to adjourn executive session in order to reconvene in open public session; seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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 said he was happy to announce that the District Communications' Committee has been established. The committee will be chaired by Mrs. Harper and members will include EITA President Mr. Barry; PTA members Mrs. Clyne and Mrs. Irace, teacher Concetta Stevens and parent Mrs. Neville. The first meeting will be held December 1, 2009, at 1:30 P.M.

Mr. Chu introduced Mr. John Spiezio, Director of Art/Music and the 2009/2010 School Calendar Art winners, who were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation September (Mr. Melendez): Cassandra Benedict, Christopher Burns, Ashley Curry, Patrick Javino (*Cover*); Kristina Smith; October (Mrs. Larado) Justin Arnold, Polina Arteev, Krista Cook, Anthony Molewski, Harley Spinks; November (Mrs. Bernard): Jenna Anderson, Michaela Fehn, Zachery Goess, Maggie Ruland, Emma Werth; December (Ms. Hedges) Jennifer Aponte, Michael Higgins, Allison O'Brien, Kyle Shevlin, Lawrence Staebler; January (Mr. Star) Randy Bazoge,

Victoria Clarke, Shaelynn Hickey, Lexie Lodato, Shahrazad Zayer; February (Ms. Sullivan)
Daniel Burnham, William Madden, Jake Pipitone, Megan Tohill, Kristine Tropia

Mr. Chu reported that he testified at a hearing of the New York State Senate Finance Committee on October 27, 2009 at the Town of Brookhaven Town Hall. The hearing was scheduled to provide for public input on the Governor's proposed mid-year budget reduction measure to close the state deficit. Mr. Chu's testimony, on behalf of educators, will be posted on the district's website.

Mr. Fraser gave a presentation on the transportation proposition revote, which is taking place on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. A question and answer session took place following the PowerPoint presentation. Questions included: *What is the annual cost of the three additional buses - \$200,000; Is anything aidable? – approximately 60%. How are 600 new eligible students, if the proposition passes, going to fit on three buses? – Capacity will be increased on all buses. (Mr. Fraser added that this year we did reduce our buses by one due to enrollment.) If this proposition does not pass, will more crossing guards be added? – The district can request and has requested additional crossing guards; however, they are assigned by the police department. Mr. Fraser added that we are working with Islip Town for sidewalks. What is the approximate cost per household if proposition passes? - \$21. If this proposition does not pass, is there any contingency plan for buses, re-routing, additional capacity? Secondary buses, mostly high school, are filled more to capacity because that is where the buses are needed most. The community sets the parameters and any change must be a community vote. Temporary bus passes are not legal. Will transportation committee reconvene if this proposition does not pass? Not in the plan, but perhaps another committee.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2009, 2009, pp. 25-30; and the Special Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2009, pp. 31-32; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Phillips 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 e., f., h. (#s 11, 9&10, 13&14, 15, 18, 16 & 17, 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 55, 53&54, 58-69, 82-83 and 84); and i.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: a) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2009; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: b) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District accept the Extra Classroom Activity Funds Report for the month of September 2009; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent said that he understood we were not in compliance, or auditors could not give an opinion, because of procedure; for example, Funds brought in from cupcake sale; don't have count on how many cupcakes were sold.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: c) 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 IDEA-Flow through Sub-Allocation contract with Bay Shore Union Free School District for services provided to special education students from Bay Shore; the IDEA-Flow through Sub-Allocation contract with Anderson Center for Autism for services provided to our special education students for the 2009-10 school year; the contract with Metro Therapy, Inc. for services provided to our Special Education students for the 2009-10 school year; and, the contract with NSSA (Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism) for services provided to our Special Education students for the 2009-10 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

CHANGE ORDER FOR CAPITAL PROJECT: 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 below listed change order received from Building and Grounds:

| PROJECT | AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| 58-05-03-03-0-002-016 | (\$5,000.00) | Construction allowance in the amount of \$5,000 was not used. Credit |
| Middle School | | back to Owner. |

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF OLD TEXTBOOKS & OBSOLETE TYPEWRITER: 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 disposal of 24 fifth grade social studies textbooks (Harcourt Brace Social Studies – United States) and 23 workbooks (Our Neighbors Canada & Latin America) from John F. Kennedy Elementary that are outdated and are no longer usable and the disposal of Swintec 600 Typewriter located in Special Education Department, which is outdated and can no longer be utilized; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the below listed appropriation changes:

| <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>RATIONALE</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| Middle School | 2110-460-08-0000 Furn/Equip Repair | 2020-460-08-0000 Adm. Furn/Equip Repair | \$195.82 | To cover the cost of a maintenance contract on folding/inserting machine |

Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

DONATIONS: TABLED: g) Motion by Mr. Cronin to table the approval of the donation of 100 televisions valued at approximately \$300 each from the management of the Hilton Homewood Suites until the need for and condition of televisions are reviewed; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: h) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items #1-2 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items 1-84 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

EDUCATIONAL VISTAS SERVICES CONTRACT: i) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the contract with Educational Vistas Services for scoring eighth grade NYS ELA and mathematics assessments for the 09/10 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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

Case # 1 – 20070053P through Case # 24-20070755S in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 25-20070769S through Case # 28 – 20070757S in the New Student Category;

Case # 29-20070772S through Case # 31-20070800S in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

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

Case # 20070338P - 3 through Case # 20070342P - 10 in the New Student Category;

Case # 20070247P – 1 through Case # 20070324P - 9 in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 20070336P – 2 in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

FIELD TRIP: (m) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve high school music teachers Bethany Affelt and Chris Neske and Music and Art Director, John Spiezio and NYSSMA students to attend the NYSSMA All State Festival in Rochester NY December 3 through December 6, 2009; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VI. a. Mr. Flamio asked for the amount of scholarships given to our students in the Class of 2009, information he requested for last month's meeting, but was unable to attend. Mr. Chu responded \$5,328,444.

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Mrs. Ferrara requested the status of her Freedom of Information Requests and the response to her letters to the Board. Mr. Tartaglia read Mrs. Ferrara the letter, which was sent to Mrs. Ferrara in response to her requests. Mr. Chu addressed Mrs. Ferrara's request concerning East Islip custodial staff and lining the fields at Heckscher State Park for Lacrosse. Mr. Chu reported that no one has been able to identify the truck or people who were at Heckscher State Park and that our employees have approached Mr. Chu to report that they were not there. Mr. Chu stated that if anyone can identify any East Islip employees on that date, he will take appropriate action, but to date no one can identify these people as East Islip employees. He said he is unable to continue to address this issue each month, when no accurate information is available. Mrs. Ferrara asked how the After School care policy change came about. Mrs. Phillips replied that it is not an item that requires Board approval. Mr. Chu responded that students will now remain in their home schools, except the Early Childhood Center students, for after care rather than being transported to other buildings. It is hoped that in their home schools they will be able to avail themselves to programs offered in their buildings.

b. Mr. Flamio asked that the breakdown of student AP scores be given under Old Business at the next Board meeting. He also asked if there was a policy on Board members'

absences from meetings. Mrs. Phillips replied that there was a policy; however, there has been no abuse of absences on this Board.

c. Mrs. Bonnie Buckley read a statement she prepared on behalf of SEPTA. She thanked the district for their assistance with the presentation by Rick Lavoie and stated that SEPTA members appreciate all initiatives that help or special needs students. She also urged residents to vote in the upcoming transportation proposition revote.

d. Mr. Chu announced that the Board will be reviewing new board policy - Meal Charge Policy – which sets parameters for students who charge meals during breakfast or lunch periods. Mrs. Phillips read the draft policy aloud to those in attendance.

e. Mrs. Phillips announced that a meeting will be held next week with multi districts regarding mid-year cuts. In speaking with Phil Boyle today, she told him that East Islip is ready to stand and fight against any mid-year cuts. Mr. Fraser will be in Albany next week and hopefully, we will also be able to get information about any proposed cuts. We will get back to the community if we need to get a letter writing campaign underway.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mrs. Phillips announced that the Transportation Proposition Vote would take place on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and that a special meeting would take place on November 24th at approximately 9:00 p.m., and the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would be held on Thursday, December 10, 2009, at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Carol Feudi, Contingent District Clerk