

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Kim G. Phillips, President  
Ken Cronin, Vice President  
Louis F. Raffone, Trustee  
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: 75 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 6:02 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](mailto:eiboard@eischools.org), which can be accessed through the district's website.

Mrs. Phillips wished everyone a happy holiday and Happy New Year.

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

Mr. Chu announced that he has various different roles in the state and the nation. He serves on various committees and/or advisory boards throughout the state - President of the Suffolk County Superintendent's Association, Co-chair of New York State Council of School Superintendents' Legislative Committee or member of the Governing Board of the American Association of School Administrators. He has been asked to testify on behalf of the Suffolk County Superintendents and has appeared on Channel 12, 55, 4, WSHU Radio, and in *Newsday*. He frequently testifies for legislative committees and speaks relatively often representing our area to the Commissioner of Education as well as State Legislature and Governor. He stated that he hoped that people do not misinterpret any statements he makes as individual statements toward East Islip or special education situations that occur in East Islip. He encouraged anyone who has any questions to please contact him and he would be happy to discuss their concerns.

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 March (Ms. Taylor): Jamie-Boroden, Brittany Leisner, Jeanine Padilla, Caroline Phillips, Christopher Rathbun, Danielle Sheridan; April (Mrs. Meyer): Marissa Caico, Daniel Lowe, Vincent Sheppard, Joseph Whitman; May (Mrs. Weller): Briann Madden, Gillian Mormino, Christina Rooney, Samantha Smith, Teresa Teuschler, Jonathan Werner; June (Mrs. Nelson) June (Mrs. Nelson) Rafael Coelho, Christian Cruz, Ashley Curry, Samantha Equale, Kayla Nixdorf, Rebecca Sonkin, Jenna Vecchio, Amber Wright; July (Mrs. Donnelly) Nicholas Buquicchio, Tyler Clehane, Megan Davis; August (Ms. Spera) Stephanie Accles, Joseph Affrunti, Sarah Bloom, Lindsay Guzzetta and Jake MacMorris

Mr. Chu announced that the Tri-M Music Honor Society and the Students Against Destructive Decisions & their Red Ribbon contest winners would be present at the meeting in January.

Mrs. Phillips announced that Agenda Item f. would be tabled this evening and Item l. is being removed, making item m. District Physician, now item l.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2009, 2009, pp. 33-37; Seconded by Mr. Cronin; Mr. Raffone abstained. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2009, pg. 38; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Phillips 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 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; Mr. Raffone and Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried. Mr. Sargent stated that he was dissatisfied with the way items are presented in the treasurer's report and had difficulty interpreting them. Mrs. Phillips responded that she had invited Board members to meet with Mr. Fraser to review the report and said it was a good idea if a meeting is scheduled for this purpose in January.

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: b) 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 Extra Classroom Activity Funds Report for the month of October 2009; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if the school store was now reopening, to which Mr. Fraser responded yes. Mr. Sargent asked if the Extra classroom Activity Funds were coming into compliance now. Mr. Reed responded that as in the past, the auditors reported that the cash receipt records were not adequate to permit their auditing, which is typical of school district activity funds. (i.e., we know there was a cake sale, but can't audit how many were sold, only how much was deposited.) As with other districts, the auditors noted

this observation in their report while still issuing an unqualified (“clean”) opinion. That said, the District shall continue to review and improve upon these procedures.

**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 contract with Caryl Oris MD for staff development and student evaluation services provided to our Special Education students for the 2009-10 school year; the contract with Laura Geelan-LoManto, Vision Specialist, for services provided to our Special Education students for the 2009-10 school year; the agreement with Suffolk Learning Center (a Program of EAC, Inc.) to provide tutoring/home instruction services to our Special Education students for the 2009-10 school year; and, the contract with Our Lady of Peace Twilight School to provide educational services to one of our students ; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent questioned is the vision specialist’s fee was the normal fee and if we are required to bid for these services. Mr. Fraser responded that based on board policy, we do not need to bid for professional services. The individualized services provided to students provide continuity when using the same agency from year to year.

**OMNI GROUP:** 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 403(b) Plan Document Amendment with The Omni Group to amend Section 2.1 of our plan that will make all employees eligible for participation in the plan; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent asked for clarification on what this amendment would cost the district. Mr. Fraser responded that there is no cost to the district as this service does not involve district participation.

**REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF OLD OBSOLETE AUDIOMETER:** e) 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 disposal of an obsolete audiometer from the Special Education Department. The audiometer is out of date and can no longer be utilized. Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. This item does not need replacement.

**APPROPRIATION CHANGES:** f) Motion by Mr. Cronin to table this item; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

**PERSONNEL:** g) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items #1-20 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Chu recognized and congratulated Elizabeth McInerney, special education teacher, who was appointed to tenure this evening.

Items Numbered 15-18 were removed from the Non-Certified Board Report prior to this meeting.

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1-14 and 19-40 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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

Case # 1-20070809S through Case # 27-20070810S in the Continuing Student Category;  
Case # 28-20070815S through Case # 31-20070806S in the New Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

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

Case # 20070341P-3 through Case # 20070348-14 in the New Student Category;

Case # 20070219P-1 through Case #20070315P-20 in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 20070339P-8 in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

FIELD TRIP: (j) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following field trips:

East Islip High School Career Academy Environment Green Club (I. Malinowitzer) to Key West, Florida April 13 through April 16, 2010; East Islip High School Varsity Wrestling Team (Coaches Guy Leggio and Michael Longobardi) to Oneonta, New York January 2, 2010 through January 3, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if the April trip was during school time, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa replied it was. Mr. Raffone asked if it would be too much trouble for some of the students to write about their trip to Florida, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa replied that this was included as a requirement for the trip.

BOARD POLICY 8505 MEAL CHARGE POLICY: k) Motion by Mr. Cronin to adopt Board Policy 8505 Meal Charge Policy; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF PHYSICIAN AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION: l) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the Request for Proposal submitted by Anthony Donatelli, M.D., for Physician and Health Services for Special Education services only at a fee of \$15,000 per year; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VI a) At the request of a resident at the November Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Becker-Santa reported on the AP scores for the district. She reported that 265 different AP exams were taken; 67.55% scored a level of 3-5, which gives students an opportunity to earn college credit, depending on the college/university they plan to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Mr. Reed said that with the holiday season in mind he would like to thank our students for the terrific concerts taking place in the district and give thanks to any of our graduates serving in the service, especially during this holiday season.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mrs. Phillips announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would be held on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.