

East Islip School District  
 Craig B. Gariepy Avenue  
 Islip Terrace, New York 11752  
 January 14, 2010 - 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: 90 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. Cronin to adjourn public session in order to convene to executive session; seconded by Mr. Sargent 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 session called to order at 8:16 p.m.

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.

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

- Mr. Chu spoke about the federal grant "Race to the Top (RTTT)" initiative that community members may have been reading about and which New York State is in the process of filing to participate. He stated that he was happy to report that East Islip has submitted its intent to participate and has submitted so with three signatures of support – himself, the Board of Education and the East Islip Teachers' Association. He added that 94% of school districts in New York State are supporting this initiative and hopefully we will be able to receive some of the 350- 700 million dollars that is available through this grant. He said he appreciates the work that was done by all the participants to get East Islip School District in on this initiative.
- Mr. Chu reported on an unfortunate incident which occurred recently with one of our students with the inappropriate use of a controlled substance and wanted the community to be

aware that the district does have programs available to students to help and teach them about destructive decisions.

- Tri-M Honor Society – Judith Fischer & Patricia Bryan (advisors) and students Maxx Vogelsberg, Gabby DeVeglio and Lauren Moccaldi, officers of the honor society, gave an overview of the types of activities in which their club is involved. Through their events, they are able to offer student scholarships, summer enrichment camps, and they are currently working through the Red Cross to help the victims of Haiti. One of their activities was the East Islip Idol contest and also present this evening was, Julia Petrozzino, the first East Islip Idol winner. Julia's winning song, a song by Miley Cyrus, was played from a CD recorded at a professional recording studio, her prize for winning this competition.
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) - Bridget Lopiccolo (advisor) of SADD, explained the program, a national organization, and introduced members of the program: (Athena Shea, Nicole Rudolph, Armon Rahim, Jessica Mackey, Ashley Muroff, Jamie Garcia, Katie Fabry, Lauren Bunde, Jordan Guadagno, Kendall Grant, Billy Murphy, Dayna Ingram, Emmalee West, Skylar Clemens, Lindsay Parker, Brianna Baier, Megan Sakitits, Antonella Vazquez, Janine Spillane, Shannon Murphy, Steven Parker, Zachary French, Brittany Mueller, Kailani Acosta, Paige Jansen, Hannah Reilly, Erin Hansen, Jessica Accardi, Lauren Accardi, Margaret McGrath and Anthony Perry). One of the programs offered to elementary students by SADD is the annual Red Ribbon Contest, and present this evening were this year's winners: (Rebecca Schreiner (TP - Mrs. Giordano's class); Caitlin Buchholz (RCK - Mrs. Nolan's class); Victoria Robbins (JFK - Mrs. Haller's class); and, Karalyn Tejada (CES – Mrs. Graham's class).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2009, pp. 39-42; 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. Mrs. Ferrara asked for clarification on Agenda items al, b., f., i., j. Mr. Fraser and Mrs. Becker-Santa responded to Mrs. Ferrara's questions and would be providing further information for her.

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 October 2009; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: b) Motion by Mr. Raffone 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 November 2009; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: c) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the contract with Kids in Action for therapeutic services provided to our Special

Education students for the 2009-10 school year; the contract with Half Hollow Hills Central School District for services provided to our parentally placed students who attend St. Pius located in their district for the 2009-10 school year; and, the contract with Sayville Public Schools for services provided to our parentally placed students who attend West Sayville Christian School located in their district for the 2009-10 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if we could possibly include the approval for service contracts in the Annual Reorganization Meeting. Mr. Fraser responded that we cannot as rates and services may change depending on the specified service required for a student.

REQUEST TO DISPOSE OF OLD OBSOLETE AUDIOMETER: d) 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 antiquated compact disc player from the RCK Music Department; the disposal of the following equipment from the Buildings & Grounds Department. This equipment is old, and has reached its end-of-useful life :

1. Ford 1991 Mini Bus – VIN 1PDJE34M2MHA21178
2. Ford Taurus 1994 – VIN 1FALP5240RA217213
3. Pride Big Joe Lift – Model PDC 25-106, Serial #88887
4. Reel Mower Ford at vehicle compound;

and, the disposal of obsolete books that are out of date and are no longer functional from the Special Education Department; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES: e) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following appropriation changes:

Music Department	2110-449-00-6000	5540-417-00-0000	\$1,500.00	To maximize BOCES aid by use of FTK donated funds for Cultural Arts.
	Art/Music FTK	Field Trips		
- Buildings & Grounds	- 1621-460-00-1003	- 1621-469-00-0000	- \$13,000.00	To provide funds to maintain grounds/grounds equip.
	Repairs Time & Signal	Upkeep Grnds & Grnds Equip.		
Buildings & Grounds	1621-510-00-1504	1621-469-00-0000	\$5,000.00	To provide funds to maintain grounds/grounds equip.
	Glass & Glazing Supp.	Upkeep Grnds & Grnds Equip.		

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: f) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve Items #1-11 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Chu recognized and congratulated Kate Molloy, special education teacher, and Elizabeth Sullivan, art teacher, who were appointed to tenure this evening.

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1-42 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): g) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):

Case 1-20070279S through Case # 23-20070806S in the Continuing Student Category;  
Case # 24 – 20070817S through Case # 33 – 20070082X in the New Student Category;  
Case # 34 – 20070805S through Case # 38 – 20070067P in the Ineligible Student Category;  
Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

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

Case # 20070345P – 1 through 20070336P - 12 in the New Student Category;

Case # 20070296P – 2 through 20070234P - 11 in the Continuing Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

BIENNIAL REVIEW PLAN: i) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve East Islip School District's Biennial Review Plan; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked Mrs. Becker-Santa to read the list of the district planning committees encompassed in the biennial review, which she did.

REVISED AP/HONORS/ACCELERATED CRITERIA: j) Motion by Mr. Reed to accept the Revised AP/Honors/Accelerated Criteria for the East Islip High School students; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed commented that the revision of these criteria is broadening the inclusion of more students in these programs.

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

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Mark Duvall, parent, stressed his concern with no bus transportation for his children and many students in the district, and questioned why the district even has to put transportation services up for a vote. Mrs. Phillips responded that, by law, we must obtain community/taxpayer approval for changes to our current transportation policy.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mrs. Phillips announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. She also announced that the April 8<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled meeting has been changed to both a business meeting and budget adoption meeting on April 22, 2010. She announced a special executive session on February 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mr. Sargent to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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Carol Feudi, Contingent District Clerk