

East Islip School District  
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue  
Islip Terrace, New York 11752  
February 25, 2010 - 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: 85 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 5:30 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 7:20 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.

Mrs. Phillips announced that Agenda Item O. was being added to the agenda this evening; Agreement Between the District and the East Islip Teachers' Association for the Teaching Assistant Unit.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mr. Chu introduced Timber Point Elementary School Ms. Lisa Smith, Social Worker; Dr. Tina Ruggiero, School Psychologist and students Jenna Murphy, Sarah Powell, William Powell, Rebecca Schreiner, and Alexa Helhoski; and John F. Kennedy Elementary School teacher Mrs. Shelly Stapleton and students Amanda Moccaldi, Abbey O'Halloran; Joey Corrao; Maggie Lennon; Jake Sexton, who led those in a salute to the flag. The students shared their recent project, Hearts for Haiti.

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

Mr. Chu stated for those residents who may have questions about our district and fire sprinklers, we do not have any, with the exception of the high school kitchen areas. We are up to date with our fire drills and feel we are very well prepared for fires. All of our fire drills are timed and we hold several throughout the year. If anyone has any questions, they should feel free to contact Mr. Tartaglia in the Buildings & Grounds Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2010, pp. 43-46; 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. Ferrara questioned Agenda Items d., g., h., i.(#s 21, 22, 28, 34), l., o., which were explained.

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 December 2009; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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 December 2009; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS: 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 Health Services Contract with Syosset Central School District and Sayville Public School for the 2009-10 school year; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent asked if someone could clarify to the public why we pay these services, for which Mrs. Phillips did.

ADVANCE REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION: 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 resolution to refund two Serial Bonds. The first bond was originally issued for the East Islip Public Library in 2002 (the "2002" Refunded Bonds) in the amount of \$8,250,000. The second bond was originally issued by the East Islip School District in 2002 (the "2002A" Refunded Bonds) in the amount of \$22,169,120. There are potential cost savings on these bonds based on the attached analysis if they are refunded. By approving the resolution to refund these bonds, the district can quickly take advantage of more favorable interest rates in the near future in order to reduce its annual interest payments. There is no up front issuance cost to refund these bonds. The current net savings for the 2002 Refunded Bond is \$174,089, and the net savings on the 2002A Refunded Bond is \$106,674. These savings, however, are not high

enough at this time to move forward with the actual refunding process; Mr. Sargent asked what the Board was voting on. Mr. Reed clarified that technically the term is refund; really the firm is refinancing. Mr. Reed then asked Mr. Fraser if it is state mandate that we wait to refinance, to which Mr. Fraser responded it is the general rule to wait until it is 2%. Motion seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

UTILITY AUDIT AGREEMENT: 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 Utility Audit Agreement with Troy & Banks, Utility and Telecommunication Consultants; audit all of our utility service accounts for the purpose of securing refunds, credits and cost reductions resulting from charges or costs in excess of those permitted or allowed by applicable contract, tariffs, statutes, rules and regulations and/or from overcharges or billing errors. The company will be paid a percent of the amount saved which shall be a sliding scale of 39% to 25% based on the amount recovered. There will be no fee for Troy & Banks services if no money is recovered. Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if we checked their references; how do we know that they are a reputable firm; and if we have done an audit of our services previously? Mr. Fraser responded we have used this firm before and we have done an audit in the past.

DONATIONS: f) 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 donation of \$60,000 from For the Kids (FTK) Foundation for the support and enhancement of academic programs district wide for the 2009-10 school year, approve to increase the budgetary appropriation for this donation; accept the donation of a replica plague from Mr. and Mrs. Swezey - their daughter Megan was named 2009 Suffolk County Pitcher of the year by the Coaches Association in 2009; and; approve the temporary donation of two teacher desks to West Babylon Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if the money from FTK was fulfilled grant requirements or are these new? Mr. Chu responded that it is for future implementation of the proposals that were submitted to FTK. Mr. Reed questioned if the money would be spent in the required time frame? Mr. Reed announced that Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, was FTK's Annual Black Tie Event, in which Mrs. Ruland, elementary teacher at Timber Point Elementary School was being honored, as well as our own Board President, Mrs. Kim Phillips.

INCREASE TO THE BUDGET: g) 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 increase to the budget (code 2110-200-09-5380) by \$1,639 to reflect the reimbursement for a district-owned instrument that was stolen from the premises of one of our students. This reimbursement was received from the student's parents to replace the stolen instrument; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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

LOCATION	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	RATIONALE
Buildings & Grounds	1620-420-00-0000	1621-469-00-0000	\$20,160	Emergency snow removal services from blizzard 12-19-09

Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: i) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve Items #1-2 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Chu congratulated Mrs. Jean Donnelly, art teacher at the middle school and Mrs. Rose Rebori, elementary teacher at Ruth C. Kinney Elementary School, on their retirement from the district at the end of this school year and thanked them for their twenty-four and twenty-five years of service (respectively) to the students of East Islip School District.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Item #3 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 1-39 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): j) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):  
Case #1 – 20070816S through Case #18 – 20070150P in the Continuing Student Category;  
Case # 1 – 20070833S through Case # 7 – 20070829S in the Initial Eligibility Determinations Student Category; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.  
(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL ED: k) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):  
Case # 20070355P - 1 through 20070360P - 12 in the New Student Category;  
Case # 20070223P - 2 through 20070334P - 13 in the Continuing Student Category;  
Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

AGREEMENT WITH ABCD CONSULTING, INC.: l) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the agreement with ABCD Consulting, Inc, and the District for professional developments services. Ms. Crandall, of ABCD Consulting will provide guidance and training to our RTI Committee for up to 10 half day meetings at a cost of \$450 for ½ day; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent requested clarification on this agreement.

FIELD TRIP: m) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the high school music teachers and students to Somerset New Jersey (music competition) and Six Flags Great Adventure Park Friday, May 14, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

2010/2011 School Calendar: n) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the 2010/2011 School Calendar; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

Agreement Between the District and the East Islip Teachers' Association for the Teaching Assistant Unit: o) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the agreement between the District and the East Islip Teachers' Association for the Teaching Assistant Unit, which establishes a pay rate for In-District Suspension and chaperoning for teaching assistants; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Kathleen Molly, parent, stated that she had a child in the school for seventeen years and is now retired from the County. She stated that her union, the Suffolk

County Association of Municipal Employees, helped the economy by giving up two weeks salaries in 2009. Still active in the union, she stated that they have been without a contract since 2008 and pay raises for other unions (i.e. CSEA) received 2% or less in pay raises. With the unemployment rate up to 10%, she asked the East Islip School Board and teachers to sit back and take a good look at the economical situation. She said that now is the time to use surplus – and use our heads.

b. Mrs. Phillips read proposed Board Policy, 7321 Alcohol Breathalyzer Policy, and reported that the Board would be considering approval of the policy at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

c.) Mr. Sargent read a statement he prepared stating his desires for the 2010/2011 school budget and his commitment to his constituents both during his campaign and his term on this Board.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mrs. Phillips announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 8:00 p.m., a change from the calendar date of March 11, 2010. 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 work session on February 25, 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