

East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
March 16, 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

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 6:00 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 8:25 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, which can be accessed through the district's website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG IV): Mrs. Phillips led those in attendance to a salute to the flag.

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

Mr. Chu reported on the damage we sustained as a result of the recent storm. Major
repairs are necessary at the middle school due to a large heating unit that tore away from the
roof. Students have been eating lunch in the gymnasium each day and will continue until the end
of the week. Also, a very beautiful tree in the middle school courtyard was lost as well as a tree
at Connetquot Elementary School. There was minor damage to the other schools.

Mr. Chu stated that on April 20, 2010, Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy along with
the Dept. of Mental Health will be holding a Heroin Symposium at the East Islip High School at
7:00 p.m., in cooperation with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Dept. and Legislator Tom Cilmi.
Drug Testing Kits will be available free to anyone who would like one. There will be various
programs relating to substance abuse to help support individuals who may be suffering from
dependency problems. He encouraged all to participate to gain information on this problem.

Mr. Chu introduced Mr. Bernard, Principal at the East Islip Middle School who thanked Mrs. Rena Costello for adopting a military unit in Afghanistan and thanked Mr. Sargent for his assistance in arranging to send magazines and supplies to help support our troops. He read a letter from Platoon leader, Phil Ricaud (through his wife) who thanked East Islip staff and students for supporting the 4th LAR battalion and wanted everyone to know how extremely grateful they are for all we have done for them. Mr. Bernard thanked Mr. Sargent for his generous donation and Mrs. Costello for putting together the supplies that were well needed. Additional supplies that are needed are antibacterial wipes, hand sanitizers and other items. A list will be put together listing any additional supplies that are needed.

Mr. Chu congratulated the Marching Band for performing in the St. Patrick's Day parade and enduring the weather. He also congratulated the Connetquot Elementary School chorus for their performance at Carnegie Hall. They were the only elementary school on the program and brought the audience to their feet. Mr. Chu reminded everyone that the high school's production of Kiss Me Kate is being held this weekend and tickets are available through the high school main office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2010, pp. 47-51; Seconded by Mr. Sargent. Mr. Raffone abstained. Motion carried.

Mrs. Phillips asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda items before putting them before the Board. Mrs. Ferrara questioned Agenda items a., c., g., j., k., m., n., o., p., s., u., v., and w., 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 January 2010; Seconded by Mr. Raffone 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 January 2010; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

HOME TUTORING SERVICE: 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 service agreement with Top Grade for the 2009-10 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent questioned the cost of the service to which Mrs. Phillips responded, \$40.00 per hour.

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS: 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 Health Services Contract with Hicksville Public Schools for the 2009-10 school year; this contract is for health services provided to one of our students who attends Holy

Trinity School located in the Hicksville Public Schools with a cost of \$524.64; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

BROOME TIOGA BOCES SERVICE AGREEMENT: e) Motion by Mr. Raffone 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 the 2010-11 school year for the MicroCheck Point of Sale System in the school cafeterias; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

ACTUARIAL & TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, INC.: f) 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 updated actuarial services being provided by Actuarial & Technical Solutions, Inc. to update its 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.

BOCES LEASE AGREEMENT: 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 proposed lease agreement covering BOCES use of classrooms in the Early Childhood Center for a two year period at the cost of \$8,503 per classroom beginning in 2010-11; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 2010-11: h) 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 Field and Athletic Transportation Contract Extension with ACME Bus Corporation for the 2010-11 school year at the CPI increase as of May 2010; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Raffone asked if Mr. Fraser did a check with transportation, to which Mr. Fraser replied yes. Mr. Raffone also asked is this used primarily for sports, field trips and extra curricular events, to which Mrs. Phillips responded yes. Mr. Reed questioned if Bauman and ACME are the same company.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS: i) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the Engagement Letter with Cullen & Danowski LLP for external auditing services for the year ended June 30, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed questioned the fee, to which Mr. Fraser responded that Cullen & Danowski cannot lower the fee citing additional work required to complete the audit in June 2010.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve three new scholarship applications the District has received from the following:

1. Gregory R. Huether Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Huether Family
2. East Islip SEPTA Scholarship
3. Students Committed to Outstanding community Service Scholarship sponsored by Jakubowski, Robertson, Maffei, Goldsmith & Tartaglia, LLP; Seconded by Mr.

Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips thanked these three groups and welcomed

them to the East Islip family. Mr. Raffone questioned if these scholarships would be posted, to which Mrs. Phillips responded yes.

DONATION: k) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District accept a donation of \$300 from the High School Tri-M Music Honor Society to the High School Music Scholarship Fund and the donation of a 65 inch Mitsubishi 1080i HD Rear Projection TV from Theresa Spera, an East Islip resident, for the After School Program at Timber Point Elementary School; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

DISPOSAL OF BROKEN AV EQUIPMENT: l) 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 broken AV equipment from the Middle School as they are no longer operable and cannot be repaired; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. (list of equipment appended to minutes). Mr. Reed and Mr. Raffone questioned if they are broken and cannot be salvaged, to which Mr. Fraser responded that they are not useful at all.

INCREASE TO THE BUDGET: m) 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 increase to the budget in the amount of \$5,927.04 from fund balance. These funds were donated from the Class of 2008 and accepted by the Board at their August 12, 2008 meeting. At the end of the 2008-09 school year these funds were unspent and thus recorded with the year end fund balance. It is requested that these funds be re-appropriated from the general fund for the purchase of the gazebo at the High School. The code to be increased is 2110-200-09-0000-Equip/Hardware-HS; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked if this was specifically for the gazebo to which Mr. Fraser replied, yes funds were not enough to complete project. Part of the FTK donation will be used in conjunction with the Gazebo funds to complete the courtyard renovation project.

CHANGE ORDERS FOR CAPITAL PROJECT: n) 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 below listed change orders received from Building and Grounds:

PROJECT	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
58-05-03-03-0-010-017 High School	\$6,503.92	The layout of the Guidance Office was changed to be more efficient. This change required the installation of four power poles with branch circuits, computer data cables, telephone cables and a quad outlet for printer. Discovered condition.
58-05-03-03-0-002-013 Middle School	(\$7,000.00)	Balance of construction allowance not used. Credit back to the owner.

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGE: o) 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 appropriation changes:

LOCATION	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	RATIONALE
District Office	1240-510-00-0000 Adm. Supplies	1010-500-00-0000 General Supplies	\$385	for additional supplies
Buildings & Grounds	1620-420-00-0000 Fuel Oil	1621-469-00-0000 Upkeep Grnds & Grnd Equip.	\$11,040	to cover expense of the emergency snow removal services from snow storm of 2/10 & 2/11

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

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

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items 1-12 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): q) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):

Case # 1 – 20070081P through Case # 7 – 20070096P in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 8 – 20070832S through Case # 9 – 20070820S in the New Student Category;

Case # 10 – 20070089S through Case # 12 – 200700345 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: r) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):

Case # 20070362P – 9 in the New Student Category;

Case # 20070277P – 1 through Case # 20070327P – 18 in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 20070363P – 15 in the Ineligible Student Category;

Case # 20070362P – 10 through Case # 20070312P – 19 in the Exiting (as of 6/25/10) Student Category;

Case # 20070206P – 16 through 20070161P – 20 in the Declassified (as of 6/25/10) Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

BOARD POLICY: s) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve Board Policy, 7321 Alcohol Breathalyzer Policy; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

ESBOCES Board Nominations: t) Motion by Mr. Cronin to nominate the following candidates to the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board: William Hsiang of Riverhead; Lisa Israel of Greenport; Fred Langstaff of Sayville; Sandra Townsend of Central Islip; and, John Wyche of Bridgehampton;

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

RESCIND TEACHING ASSISTANT AGREEMENT: u) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District rescind the Agreement Between the East Islip School District & Teachers Association for the Teaching Assistant Unit, which was approved at the February 25, 2010 Board of Education meeting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

TEACHING ASSISTANT AGREEMENT: v) 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 revised Agreement Between the East Islip School District & Teachers Association for the Teaching Assistant Unit; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

2010/2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR: w) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the 2010/2011 school calendar; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips questioned the revision and Mr. Chu responded that the calendar has been revised to include (4) snow emergency days, rather than (2) based on the weather of this winter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VI. Mr. Chu responded to a question posed last month regarding the Social Skills Club. The club was originally budgeted in a grant; however, the State has disallowed this expenditure. In order to cover these disallowed expenses we have included a .8 FTE (School Psychologist's) salary in a revised amendment. This will provide relief to the general fund for the expenses incurred for the club.

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Mrs. Kathleen Molloy quoted an article which appeared in Newsday, regarding school budgets/cuts. After reading the article, Mrs. Molloy asked is this what we want for East Islip? She feels it is devastating to lose jobs and asked for a temporary wage freeze.

b. Mrs. Lois Dopmingos, in the same vein, stated she has lived in the district since 1966 and has seen taxes continually rising. Houses are up for sale; people are losing homes and can't afford them. Small businesses are closing up and large businesses are taking freezes to keep people. There is a loss of jobs in East Islip as well. Seniors are on a fixed income. There are no jobs for older or young people. She asks that the teachers freeze their contract and keep it the same as last year.

c. Michele Pandolfo questioned AP exams and the district mandate that students sit for the examination. Kim Phillips replied that there may be a resolution and Alise Becker-Santa will be getting back to her with an answer. The Board of Education would be exploring it further. She invited Mrs. Pandolfo to call or email and discuss this issue and or any other issues she may have.

d. Parents Bionde & Collogioa requested to appeal the disciplinary action against their daughters. Mrs. Phillips explained that student issues are confidential and they may contact the Board of Education through letter or email. Mr. Chu stated that the Board of Education, as part of district policy, does hear appeals through conference meetings and or written correspondence and stated the importance of maintaining confidentiality to the highest level involving students.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mrs. Phillips announced that the next regularly scheduled business meeting and budget adoption would be held on April 22, 2010, at 8:00 p.m., a change from the calendar date of April 8, 2010. Mrs. Phillips announced the budget will be set at this meeting and encouraged all to come. There will be two presentations; March 18th at 7:00 pm and March 25 at 7:00 pm.

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 9:28 p.m.

Marie Rogers