

East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
April 22 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 Tartaglia, Plant & Facilities Administrator

Marie Rogers - District Clerk

Approximate Attendance: 130 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 8:15 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 introduced Mrs. Patricia Diesu, President of the For the Kids Foundation of East Islip, and members of her executive board. Mrs. Diesu stated that FTK was happy and proud to have donated \$60,000 this year to the children of East Islip School District and this year launched the Dream Grant. She thanked the Board of Education, community and the students themselves for all of their hard work and dedication. She announced that to date, FTK has donated \$682,000. Mrs. Diesu and Mrs. Goldfader, Vice President of FTK, presented the Board and Mr. Chu with a plaque. Mrs. Phillips thanked FTK for the plaque, a representation of FTK's ongoing work!

Mrs. Phillips announced that Item #23 would be added to the Certified Personnel Items this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2010, pp. 52-57; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2010; pp. 58-59; 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 asked when the approved minutes would be in the East Islip Library, to which Mrs. Phillips responded that they would be sent tomorrow (4/23/10) Mrs. Ferrara asked for clarification on Agenda Items e., l., and m. Mr. Chu, Mrs. Becker-Santa and Mr. Fraser explained those items in question.

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 February 2010; 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 February 2010; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT: 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 consultation/training services contract with ABCD Consulting, Inc. for the 2009-10 school year; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS: d) 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 Health Services Contract with Bay Shore Union Free School District for the 2008-09 school year, Smithtown Central School District, South Huntington Union Free School District and Central Islip Union Free School District for the 2009-10 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked what East Islip charges other school districts, to which Mr. Fraser responded \$722. He also asked Mr. Fraser if the business office validates the number of students for which we are charged, to which Mr. Fraser responded yes.

CLEARY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AMENDED CONTRACT: e) 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 amended contract with Cleary School for the Deaf for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

E-RATE PROCESSING SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2010-11: f) 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 E-Rate Processing Service Agreement with Integra Services, Inc.; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

BUDGET ADOPTION: g) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District adopt the budget for the 2010-11 school year of \$100,801,547 an increase over 2009/2010 of \$1,629,650 or 1.64% increase and an estimated tax rate increase of 2.66%.; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Raffone made a statement to those in attendance and to his constituents who elected him that after looking over the budget and reviewing all options, that he feels he must support this budget.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD: 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 Property Tax Report Card for the 2010-11 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

EAST ISLIP BIDS: i) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District award the bids as follows;

Arts & Crafts Supplies – Bid #031710-2 – to Island School & Art Supply, Inc. and Dick Blick;

NIKE Athletic Uniform – Bid #041710-1 – to Metro Team Outfitters for the remainder of 2009-10 school year. These uniforms are for the girls lacrosse, girls track and boys track teams; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Sargent to table Bid #041210-1 Dodge Sprinter Cargo Van 2500 — to Brown Jeep Chrysler Bid; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

DONATIONS: j) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District accept the donation of \$400 from the Middle School Tri-M Music Honor Society; a \$100,000 grant for our technology program from Senator Foley; music equipment and art portfolio from Mike Morris; a Canon Revel camera with caser from Stephanie Hoffman; and, \$4,950 to assist in purchase of a swing set for CES from the Connetquot Elementary Student Activity Account; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent stated that the CES playground is about twenty year's old and asked if we have funds to cover the balance (for the swing set).

APPROPRIATION CHANGES: k) 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 appropriation change as outlined;

| <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>RATIONALE</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---|
| Music Dept D/W | 2850-134-00-5380 | 2110-490-00-1010 | \$4,000 | Accompanists being paid through a BOCES Service in order to maximize BOCES Aid. |
| | Accompanist E/C - Music | Cultural Arts Serv. | | |
| | | BOCES | | |
| - Special Programs | - 7311-510-00-0000 | 7310-533-00-0000 | - \$262.64 | Funds needed for additional supplies |
| | Adm Supplies | Instructional Supplies | | |
| | 7311-533-00-0000 | 7310-533-00-0000 | \$600.00 | Funds needed for additional supplies |
| | Instructional Supplies | Instructional Supplies | | |

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR ACCOUNTING CONSULTING FOR FISCAL REPORTING: l) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the services of D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP in the amount of \$10,900 for accounting consulting for fiscal reporting; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed noted that D'Archangelo & Co. does not have an office

on Long Island and asked Mr. Fraser if the district was responsible for their travel and lodging expenses, to which Mr. Fraser responded we are not.

PERSONNEL: m) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items #1-23 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1-27 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY CONSULTANTS: n) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Consultant Patricia Giancontieri, who will present a workshop to our art & music teachers, along with Islip School District's art & music teachers for a fee of \$750.00, which we will split with Islip, making our fee \$375; and Presenter Nancy Doda, a respected authority on middle level education, and her associate, Theresa Hinkle, for those teachers who will not be scoring on each day for a fee of \$2,500 for each day for two days for Ms. Doda, and \$2,500 for Theresa Hinkle's fee is \$2,500 for one day; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL ED. (CSE): o) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):
Case #1-20070306S through Case #52-20070575S in the Continuing Student Category;
Case #1-20070770S through Case #3-20070848S in the Initial Eligibility Determinations Student Category;
Case #1-20070838S through Case #2-20070813S 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: p) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):
Case #20070346P-21 through 20070364P-24 in the New Student Category;
Case #20070225P-2 through Case #20070228P-83 in the Continuing Student Category;
Case #20070295P-46 through 20070184P-73 in the Declassified Student Category;
Case # 20070366P-22 in the Ineligible Student Category;
Case #20070160P-27 through Case #20070273P-80 in the Exiting (as of 6/25/10) Student Category;
Case #20070263P-1 through 20070209P-81 in the Declassified (as of 6/25/10) Student Category;
Case #20070225P-4 through Case #20070228P-84 in the Exiting (as of 8/13/10) Student Category;
Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

FIELD TRIP: q) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the high school sports marketing class (Mr. Babinsky & Mr. Malin) to Connecticut, and Ms. Dawson and Mr. Jordan, high school teachers to take fifteen students on an overnight trip to Blydenburgh Park on April 22, 2010; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed questioned the students' accommodations at Blydenburgh Park, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded.

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

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Mr. Cronin read a statement on behalf of the entire board, pledging the Board's commitment to the seniors of this community in supporting a proposal for a school tax freeze on senior citizens in East Islip, aged 70 years and over.

b.) Mrs. Barbara Kelly asked what programs may not run next year due to budget cuts. Mr. Chu responded that middle school athletics was reduced by one team in each sport, elementary co-curricular was eliminated except for intramurals and student council, middle school co-curricular clubs that did not run this year were eliminated, special areas' time was reduced to thirty minutes at the elementary level, co-teaching models were eliminated in music at the middle and high schools, and one teaching team eliminated at the middle school due to enrollment. The remainder of reductions was done in non-instructional areas, such as conference and travel. Mr. Chu also stated that six music teachers, two art teachers, and one teacher from each core subject at the secondary level were eliminated. Mr. Chu stated that it was very difficult to eliminate these positions. He said that East Islip's budget is very lean. Initially a 6.8% tax increase budget was presented, which was not acceptable to the Board or community.

b) Mr. Patricia McQuire asked how many administrative positions were being cut from the budget, to which Mr. Chu responded that East Islip has a very low number of administrators as compared to other districts. This information will be provided at the next meeting.

c) Mrs. Maureen Meier expressed her concern over the loss of six music teachers and said that music is a core subject for some students. She asked if these cuts were final. Mr. Chu responded that if the budget fails on May 18th, we will have to produce a budget that will force the district to eliminate electives, put high school students on a split session, and close the ECC. He said it was clear to the administration that our Board and community did not want to see a tax rate increase that would be anywhere near 3 or 4% and it was very difficult to reduce the budget.

d) Mrs. Laura Caliguri said as an accountant she understands the bottom line; however, did not hear of any sports being cut and was concerned over the amount of music positions being eliminated. Mrs. Phillips said that the Board would have to review the proposed budget that was just voted on and if anything could be done, the Board would be willing to review it again.

e) Mr. Paul Daley stated he was a member of an executive team at a large company that had to also do downsizing of personnel and understands what the district is going through. However, he also expressed his concern of reducing the music department by six positions.

f) Ms. Kathy Molloy stated she was a 36 year resident of East Islip and a 35 year Suffolk County union member who is against any employee cuts. She proposed a "0" increase for this one year's budget through staff salary decreases. She expressed her concern with the reduction of music positions.

g) Mrs. Barbara Gregorio, twelve year resident of East Islip, stated that she reviewed the budget and feels that for the last three years, the district has had extra funds in the reserves, starting with \$3 million three years ago and feels the budget holds enough reserves to keep every program.

h) Ms. Angelina Burke, resident of twenty-two years, expressed her concern with the teaching cuts and asked for teacher to consider salary freezes to save jobs.

i) Mrs. Lisa Hoppe- Arden, graduate from East Islip, said she was present to support the music program. She stated that most students in the top 10 or top 25 of their class are music students and by cutting the program they are losing so much.

j) Mrs. Rosa Ferrara commented on the district's projected enrollment for 2010/2011 at 150 students less, and feels there are other places to makes cuts such as conference and travel, overtime, and coaches.

k) Mr. Bob Sindell, member of the Budget Advisory Committee, stated that he was sad to hear of the inequity in reductions, and asked if the committee would be receiving a copy of the new proposed budget. He added that in his company, employees paid for their own conference and travel.

l) Mrs. Judy Fischer stated that her son was interested in entering the music field and asked if music theory and AP music theory would be running next year, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded they would.

m) Mr. James Montague stated that he had a graduating senior this year, and expressed his concern with the music program cuts, stating eliminating the team teaching would be difficult for both teachers and students.

n) Mrs. Lil Rohan asked the Board to consider reinstating the music teachers, stating that she hopes the money can be found elsewhere.

Mrs. Phillips thanked everyone for their comments this evening on behalf of the music department, stating she knows how difficult it is. She said the Board will be looking at the proposed budget once again to see if there are other options to consider.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mrs. Phillips announced that the Annual Budget Hearing would take place on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. and the next regularly scheduled business meeting would take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom, the date of the annual school budget vote.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Carol Feudi