

**East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
September 16, 2010 - APPROVED
BUSINESS MEETING**

Board Members in Attendance:

Ken Cronin, President
Glenn Reed, Vice President

Kim G. Phillips, Trustee
Louis F. Raffone, Trustee

Joseph G. Sargent, Trustee

Staff Members in Attendance:

Wendell Chu, Superintendent
Alise Becker-Santa, Assistant Superintendent for
Instruction/Personnel
Carl Fraser, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Susan Kosser, Assistant to the Superintendent for
Student Services
Robert M. Tartaglia, Plant & Facilities Administrator

Marie Rogers, District Clerk

Approximate Attendance: 60 Meeting held in the Early Childhood Center Boardroom
(Meeting chaired by Mr. Cronin, Board President)

MTG. CALLED TO ORDER: I.) Meeting called to order by Mr. Cronin at 6:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: II.) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to adjourn public session in order to convene
to executive session; seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SESSION: III.) Motion by Mr. Sargent to adjourn executive session in order to
reconvene in open public session; seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.
Public session called to order at 8:35 p.m.

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

PUBLIC ADVISED: V.) 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.

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

Mr. Chu announced that one of our students, Karen Serina, was chosen as one out of
seven students in New York State, to train with John McEnroe. Karen was chosen from an open
tryout among 7-18 year olds for scholarships to the John McEnroe Tennis Academy. Karen is a
member of our varsity tennis team and is an outstanding player.

Mr. Chu announced the following students who were chosen for the All County Music
Festival: Band - Matthew Morre, Carly Schnitzer, Marisa Caliguri, Kayleight Cook and Frances
Flanbaum; Women's Choir: Cynthia Converso, Amanda DaSilva, Jordan Guadagno, Jessica
Visconte, and Rebecca Walter; Mixed Chorus - Kerri Becvar, Nicholas Converso, Thomas
Gianni, Cassandra Holliday, Michael Janover, Monica Lobo, Kaitlyn Malewicz, Eric McMahan,
Raymond O'Connor and Angela Pizzuto; Orchestra - Leah Arden, Karyn DeFranco, Joseph
Fischer, Christopher Lau, Megan Monaghan, Ethan Schaber and Annette Tekverk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the Board of Education

Business Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2010; pp.18-20; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips requested that the minutes reflect the donation of \$2,000 was given by the EJ Autism Foundation, rather than Bea Peterson.

Mr. Cronin asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda items before putting them before the Board.

ACTION ITEMS: VIII.) Action Items Recommended by the Supt. of Schools
(Wendell Chu)

TREASURER'S REPORT: a) Motion by Mrs. Phillips 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 July 2010; Seconded by Mr. Reed 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 July 2010; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

LANGUAGE TRANSLATORS: 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 Bilingual, Inc. to provide verbal and written language translation services for the 2010/2011 school year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATION SERVICES: 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 Covert Investigations & Security for professional investigation services for a fee of \$35/hr; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY FOR 2010-11: e) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District set the Tax Levy for 2010-11 at \$60,460,958. The tax rate percentage increase for a home assessed at \$40,000 is 1.80%, rather than the budget projection of 2.66%, \$116 per year, rather than \$171.00 per year; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Phillips asked Mr. Fraser to explain the reason the rate went up. Mr. Fraser said that state aid was taken back from schools to set the Federal Medicaid insurance contingency fund to address its budget shortfall. Homestead assessments went up over the prior years and resulted in a lower than budgeted tax rate increase for residential properties. Mr. Raffone asked if this affects our reserves, to which Mr. Fraser responded it does not.

RFP FOR VENDING MACHINE SERVICES: f) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve Dover Gourmet for vending machine services for the 2010/2011 school year, and the option of an Annual Guaranteed Payment Plus Percentage of Sales be accepted and

implemented; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if Dover provides healthy snacks throughout all schools, to which Mr. Fraser responded they provide beverages only - coke products - water, juices, soda. Mr. Reed asked how pricing is set, to which Mr. Fraser responded by vendors who set prices to cover their costs.

DONATIONS: g) 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 20 1 ½ and 2 ½ binders, plastic desk trays and a carton of hanging file folders from Marilyn A. Vokoun, a resident of the district. These supplies will be used in the district office; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

INCREASE TO THE BUDGET: h) 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 increase to budget code 2250-200-00-0000 to fund the expenses related to the donation of \$2,000 from the EJ Autism Foundation; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

DISPOSAL OF OLD KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: i) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the request to dispose of old kitchen equipment at Timber Point Elementary; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: j) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1 through 5 in the Certified Personnel Report; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 8 through 9 in the Certified Personnel Report; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

Mr. Chu introduced and congratulated new humanities director, Sarajeon Anderson.

Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve Items 6 through 7, which resolutions were read by the Board President:

Item #6: BE IT RESOLVED THAT DR. ALLEN REICHMAN IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTOR OF THE EAST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE PHYSICAL AND/OR MENTAL CAPACITY OF EMPLOYEES TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 913 OF THE EDUCATION LAW.

Item #7: WHEREAS, A CERTAIN TEACHER HAS BEEN EXCESSIVELY ABSENT FROM HER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS TEACHER WITH THE EAST ISLIP SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR; AND,

WHEREAS, THE SAID INABILITY OF CERTAIN TEACHER TO REPORT REGULARLY TO WORK HAS RAISED AN ISSUE AS TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION AND HEALTH,

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO EDUCATION LAW SECTION 913,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT CERTAIN TEACHER IS DIRECTED TO REPORT FOR A MEDICAL EXAMINATION IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CAPACITY OF SUCH PERSON TO PERFORM HER DUTIES, THE SAID MEDICAL EXAMINATION TO BE BEFORE DR. ALLEN REICHMAN, AT HIS OFFICE LOCATED AT 190 WILLIS AVENUE, MINEOLA, ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, 11:00 A.M.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT SAID TEACHER IS DIRECTED TO PRODUCE AT SAID MEDICAL EXAMINATION ANY AND ALL MEDICAL RECORDS RELATED TO HIS/HER HEALTH.

Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1-23 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Committee on Special Education: k) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):
Case # 1-20070099S through Case # 8-20070212P in the Continuing Student Category;
Case # 9-2007091S in the Initial Eligibility Determinations Student Category;
Case # 10-20070900S in the New Student Category;
Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.
(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

Committee on PreSchool Special Education: l) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):
Case # 20070401P-3 in the New Student Category;
Case # 20070351P-1 through 20070392P in the Continuing Student Category;
Case # 20070403P - 4 in the Ineligible Student Category;
Seconded by Mr. Raffone; Mr. Sargent abstained.

Field Trip: m) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following field trips:

- SHS music students/teachers to NYSSMA All State Conference, Rochester NY, Thursday, 12/2/10 to Sunday, 12/5/10
- SHS Cross Country Team to Rhode Island, October 15, for competition.
- SHS Girls Kickline to Orlando for competition March 3 through March 7, 2011

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: IX. Mr. Raffone asked Mr. Tartaglia about the use of the new van and how it is working out.

NEW BUSINESS: X. Mr. Cronin announced three purchasing/bidding policy changes that the Board will take action on at its October 12th meeting: #6700 - Purchasing; 6731- State Contracts; and, 7360 - Construction Contracts, Bidding and Awards. Changes are based on new state laws that were recently passed increasing the minimum requirement for bidding for materials, supplies and equipment. Legislation was passed in June 2010 increasing the minimum requirement from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Mrs. Capobianco was following up with the Board and a conversation she had with Mr. Chu regarding use of the buildings after school by community groups. Mr. Chu stated that he believed that the district would be able to honor the groups' requests to use the buildings after school. He has spoken with the Board regarding additional security for the buildings. He stated that the district always tries to work with our community and told Mrs. Capobianco he would get back to her by next Monday.

Mr. Cronin announced that the Board would be adding two new district-wide committees and has extended the deadline for applying for membership on a district-wide committee to October 12, 2010. The two new committees are: ECC Usage Committee and Strategic Planning Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XI. Mr. Cronin announced that the next business meeting would take place on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XII. Motion by Mr. Raffone to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Carol Feudi