

**East Islip School District  
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue  
Islip Terrace, New York 11752  
October 12, 2010 - APPROVED  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Ken Cronin, President  
Glenn Reed, Vice President

Kim G. Phillips, Trustee  
Louis F. Raffone, 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

Marie Rogers, District Clerk

Approximate Attendance 80. 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 6:00 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. Cronin 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 8:05 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](mailto: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 this evening we are recognizing our Board of Education in honor of National Board Recognition Week, which is October 25 through 29. Mr. Chu was happy to have on display the variety of artwork and messages of appreciation from all the schools in the district expressing their gratitude for the work the Board of Education does for our schools and their service to the children.
- Mr. Chu announced the following students: Frances Flancbaum, Marissa Caligui and Leah Stevens who played a Flute Ensemble, Debussy's "Sarabande" under the direction of Christopher Neske. Mr. Chu also thanked Mr. Stephen Guarino, Director of Art and Music and Mr. William Brennen, Principal of the East Islip High School.
- Mr. Ken Cronin, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked everyone for their display of gratitude and stated that it is an honor and privilege to represent the students and community.

- Mr. Fraser introduced the Independent Auditor, Mr. Alan Yu, who gave an update on the completed audit that was conducted. He stated that they met with the audit committee last week to go over the details. Mr. Yu stated that in accordance with professional and government standards, they have issued an unqualified opinion, free of material misstatements. He explained that overall, in 2009/2010, the district was in stable, financial condition. He stated that the District has faced a number of challenges, including rising pension costs, higher TRS and ERS rates and increased health insurance costs. These rising costs will contribute to future challenges as well. He was happy to report that many recommendations they made to the district have been met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2010; pp.21-25; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

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 August 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 August 2010; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL EDUCATION 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 contracts with Daytop Preparatory School for three of our students who will be attending their school for the 2010-11 school year; approve the contract with Smithtown Central School District for the 2009-10 school year for services provided to one of our parentally placed students who attend Smithtown Christian School located in that district for the 2009-10 school year; and, approve the contract with Developmental Disabilities Institute for services provided to our special education students for the 2010-11 school year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

AUDIT REPORT: 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 Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2010 as presented by Cullen & Danowski, LLP; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

DONATIONS: e) 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 donation of:

A used large Sony television from Carol Wilson, a teacher at JFK Elementary to be used in the JFK Elementary and will be available for all building personnel use.

Two (2) patented Safe Path Intrusion Systems valued at \$4000 including installation from Mr. Charles Muller of Gym Door Repairs to be installed at the High School.

Xenith Helmets and Under Armour uniforms from The Empire Challenge Foundation to the High School Athletic Department.

\$1,450 from the East Islip Athletic Booster Club to be used specifically to subsidize the transportation cost for the Cross Country Track Team's trip to Brown University this month. It is also recommended that the Board of Education increase code 5540-416-00-1006 for this donation.

File cabinets, furniture and printers from the North American Enclosures Company to the Career Academy Program at the High School;

Mrs. Phillips expressed her desire that more vendors would consider making donations.

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES: 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 following appropriation change:

District Office	1480-449-00-0000 BOCES Services	1480-449-00-0000 Prof & Tech Services	\$61,800	To provide funding for Syntax expense. Funds were originally budgeted under the BOCES code.
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Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: g) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1 through 14 in the Certified Personnel Report; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1-178 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed. Mrs. Phillips abstained.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EAST ISLIP ADMINISTRATORS AND THE EAST ISLIP UFSD: h) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the Agreement between the East Islip Administrators Unit and the East Islip UFSD in regard to the Before & After School Program Coordinator; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TITLE IX COMPLIANCE OFFICERS: i) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the appointments of Mr. Stephen Restivo and Dr. Lisa Belz as Title IX Compliance Officers for the District; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Committee on Special Education: j) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):

Case # 1-20070360S through Case # 7-20070026P in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 8-20070897S in the Initial Eligibility Determinations Student Category;

Case # 9-20070094P through Case # 10-20070909S in the New Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

Committee on PreSchool Special Education: k) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):

Case # 20070315P-1 through 20070337P-2 in the Continuing Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Reed;

BOARD POLICIES: I) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following revised Board of Education Policies: #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; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS: X. Mr. Steven Behan, resident of the district stated that if he requests a copy of contracts that he must pay a fee. He asked the Board of Education if they would contemplate posting the contracts on the district website. Mr. Cronin stated that hopefully we will be able to do that and will look into it. Mr. Reed stated that certain contracts are currently available at the East Islip Public Library.

Mrs. Maria Gugliotta asked what can be done about bringing back a second team for sports at the East Islip Middle School. As a taxpayer, she stated that children feel let down that they are not able to join a team. She also stated that it is important at this age level to play a sport because they form a sense of camaraderie and school spirit. She asked the Board to reconsider this. Mr. Cronin stated that if there is a possibility of bringing the teams back, we will do our best to do so. Mr. Reed asked if she completed a District Wide committee application. Mr. Reed stated that there are several committees that need volunteers, and that the Board of Education relies heavily on input from the community. Mr. Reed suggested that she could register online at [www.eischools.org](http://www.eischools.org) and pass the word to other community members.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XI. Mr. Cronin announced that the next business meeting would take place on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XII. Motion by Mrs. Phillips to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Joanne Mann