

**East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
December 9, 2010 - APPROVED
BUSINESS MEETING**

| Board Members in Attendance: | Staff Members in Attendance: |
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| Ken Cronin, President | Wendell Chu, Supt. of Schools |
| Glenn Reed, Vice President | Alise Becker-Santa, Asst. Supt. for Instruction/Personnel |
| Kim G. Phillips, Trustee | Carl Fraser, Asst. Supt. for Business |
| Louis F. Raffone, Trustee | Susan Kosser, Asst. to the Supt. for Student Services |
| Joseph G. Sargent, Trustee | Robert M. Tartaglia, Plant & Facilities Administrator |
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| | Marie Rogers, District Clerk |
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Approximate Attendance: 125 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. 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 8:10 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)

- a. Mr. Chu announced that it is the start of the concert season, which have been terrific, and encouraged everyone to try to attend them.
- b. Mr. Chu reported on the recent ribbon cutting of Timber Point's skills' room which was made possible through the For the Kids Foundation.
- c. Mr. Chu reported on last evening's fall sports awards in which he was especially touched to hear that all fall sports teams were named scholar athlete teams. He congratulated all those students for balancing school work and sports.
- d. Mr. Chu announced and congratulated Cari Roccaro who was named All American athlete for soccer for the 2010 school year.
- e. District Calendar Art Winners (presented by Mr. Stephen Guarino):
CES: Tim Carberry, Gianna Gerace, Larry Panico III, Kenneth Ahlers III
Middle School: Polina Arteev, Roisin Ashe, Ashley Brett, Erica Budovsky, Hope

Campbell, Courtney Canavan, Nicole Cardone, Nick Carney, Michael Carolan, Gabriella Commisso Sarah Commisso, Yasmin Cruz Rivera, Jodie Derry, Andrew DeSerio, Michael Dondero, Michaela Fehn, Erin Fitzgerald, Danielle Fitzmaurice, Andrew Hopkins, Tiffany Huss, Sarah Kavanagh Faith Kern, Jasmine Mario, Alexa Martone, Therese Mittleman, Kaitlyn Napolitano, Allison Pinz, Karli Pipitone, Michael Riolo, Issac Trigoso

RCK: Angelina Cahill, Johanna Christiansen, Amber Herpfer, Victoria Mendoza, Brandon Palomba

b. Career Academies (presented by Israel Malinowitzer, Director of Guidance & Student Careers; Environment Green Career Academy teachers: John Reilly, Paul McHugh, Jim Marino, Terri Drossos, Shannon Behrhof, Jim Connell, Dan Falkman, Dirk Reineking; International Business Globalization Career Academy teachers: Maude Walsh, Ray Babinsky, Nancy Kiernan, Jim Connell, Dirk Reineking, Frank Labella.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2010; pp. 30-34; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Mr. Cronin asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda items before putting them before the Board. Mr. Buksa asked the Board to approve the Career Academy field trip, which is being presented to the Board this evening under Agenda Item I. He said the program has been wonderful for his son.

ACTION ITEMS: VIII.) 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 October 2010; Seconded by Mr. Raffone 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 October 2010; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if the Broadcaster had expended its funds because the club was dissolved, to which Mr. Becker-Santa responded it is not.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: c) 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 contract with Half Hollow Hills Central School District for special education services provided to our students parentally placed in non-public schools within their district for the 2010-11 school year; the contract with Smithtown Central School District for special education services provided to our students parentally placed in non-public schools within their district for the 2010-11 school year; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

DONATIONS: d) 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 donation of a 32" Sony TV from Ms. Paula Sargent and a unicycle from Amanda Sargent, which will both be used at Connetquot Elementary School; and, \$10,158.00 from the EJ Autism Foundation for IPADS for the Life Skills classes at the middle school and the self contained classes at Connetquot Elementary School; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously

approved. Mrs. Bonnie Buckley presented the Board with the check from the EJ Autism foundation. Mr. Cronin thanked all.

DISPOSAL OF OLD OVENS AND 1982 CHEVY MALIBU WAGON: e) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following resolution: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the disposal of six old ovens at the High School that have been replaced and the disposal of a 1982 Chevy Malibu Wagon which has been deemed un-repairable due to faulty power steering pump, excessive wear in engine, transmission slipping, broken windows and a loose front end; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

RENEWAL OF EXCESS MAJOR MEDICAL POLICY COVERAGE: 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 renewal of the Excess Major Medical Policy Coverage with First Rehabilitation Life Insurance Company effective January 1, 2011. The renewal rates reflect a reduction of approximately 32% from the current rates due to a rate decrease on the psychological benefit rider; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed suggested that Mr. Fraser explain the decrease in the psychological benefit rider. Mr. Fraser responded that this out of network coverage apparently sees very few claims and the premium paid verses claims prompted the State to recommend that the rate be lowered. Mrs. Phillips added that coverage has also been extended to children up to 26 years old.

APPROPRIATION CHANGE: g) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution:

BE IR RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the following appropriate change:

| <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>RATIONALE</u> |
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| District Office | 2110-449-00-0000 | 2110-490-00-0000 | \$176,700 | To fund cost of Core BTS |
| | Prof & Tech Services | BOCES Services | | Contractual IT Support |
| | | | | Services through BOCES |

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if this is anticipated to be the full year cost to which Mr. Fraser responded it was.

PERSONNEL: h) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1 through 13 in the Certified Personnel Report; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items 1-51 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Chu announced the tenure appointment of Crystal White, special education teacher; probationary status of Bonnie Rabin, physical education teacher; and the permanent status of Joanne Sharrott, purchasing agent for the district, and congratulated all.

Agreement Between a Certain Employee and the East Islip Union Free School District: i) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School district, having read the Agreement between the East Islip School District and an employee regarding a confidential personnel matter, hereby approves the Agreement between the parties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said agreement; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

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

Case # 1-20070539S through Case # 36-20070288S in the Continuing Student Category;
Case # 37-20070905S through Case # 43-20070901S in the New Student Category;
Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

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

Case # 20070409P-1 through Case # 20070398P-10 in the New Student Category;
Case #20070407P - 4 through Case # 20070408P - 8 in the Continuing Student Category;
Case #20070411P - 2 through Case # 20070410P - 3 in the Ineligible Student Category;
Case #20070398P - 9 in the Declassified/Exited Student Category;
Seconded by Mrs. Phillips; Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried.

Field Trips: l) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following field trips:

- S. Rydzeski and the high school music groups to competition in Lakewood and Jackson New Jersey on Friday, May 13, 2011;
- J. Reilly and the high school environmental career and International Business Globalization Career academies to Key West, Florida and Nassau Bahamas April 11, 2011 to Friday, April 15, 2011;

Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed stated that the Board had discussed requesting a report back from the students about their trip and what they learned, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded she would see to.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: IX. Mr. Raffone asked about the status of the knox boxes, to which Mr. Tartaglia responded are still being looked into for the 2011/2012 budget.

NEW BUSINESS: X. Mr. Cronin announced that Board Policy 6410 Authorized Signatures, which requires the Board President's signature on checks of \$50,000 or more, would be considered for approval at the Board meeting of January 13, 2011.

Mr. Cronin announced that the Freedom of Information request form is now available on the district's webpage.

Mrs. Bonnie Buckley stated that the EJ Autism Foundation is an awesome organization and encouraged everyone to support it. Mrs. Buckley thanked the district office staff, Board of Education and administrative staff for the significant improvement in the traffic flow in front of the high school and middle school.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XI. Mr. Cronin announced that the next business meeting would take place on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom and, he wished all a happy holiday season.

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 9:10 p.m.