

**East Islip School District  
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue  
Islip Terrace, New York 11752  
February 10, 2011 - 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, Supt. of Schools  
Alise Becker-Santa, Asst. Supt. for Instruction/Personnel  
Carl Fraser, Asst. Supt. for Business  
Susan Kosser, Asst. to the Supt. 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 6:00 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 8:20 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 he would first like to recognize third grader Bridget Welch who was also recently recognized by Islip Town for raising money for a cause she felt drawn to, helping endangered sea turtles. Bridget made and sold friendship bracelets where she raised \$68, which she sent to SeaWorld Orlando's Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center. Her donation was rewarded with a visit to see the rehabilitation facility in Orlando and an opportunity to meet some of the rescued turtles.

Mr. Chu congratulated eighth grader Krista Cook from Ms. Franzese's Family & Consumer Sciences class at the Middle School, who was one of four winners in an essay contest sponsored by TD Bank's *Take a Duck to Class Essay Contest*. Hosted by the Long Island Ducks, students were asked to submit an essay on "Why My Community Is Important to Me." As part of her reward, Ray Navarrete and Quakers visited the middle school.

Mr. Chu gave double congratulations to our boys' and girls' bowling teams who were Suffolk County winners and will be going up to Syracuse March 5 & 6 to compete in the New York State championship. The boys' team won by 200 pins and the girls' team won by 723 pins, a Suffolk County record. Also, our East Islip hockey ranked 8<sup>th</sup> place in the playoffs this season.

Mr. Chu announced that Jennifer Impastato, Interim Assistant Principal at the Middle School, recently coordinated the Lee National Denim Day 2010 fundraiser for the fight against breast cancer. Through her efforts, the district raised \$1,055.

Lastly, Mr. Chu thanked everyone for their patience as we went through one of the most horrific winter seasons this year. He thanked Mr. Tartaglia and the entire buildings and grounds crew for their diligence in clearing roads and sidewalks. He thanked parents for their patience and additional help in getting their children to school safely. Many roads surrounding the district are not the responsibility of the district to clean; however, we work very closely with the Town and State in trying to thoroughly clear all of our property. The pedestrian overpass over Sunrise Highway is not within the jurisdiction of our district and Mr. Tartaglia said that the Town Parks Department agreed to clear it during the last snowstorm. However, there were no guarantees that they will regularly provide service to that area. Mr. Tartaglia will contact the State regarding this walkover bridge. And, although we do not own the overpass and property over the Southern State Parkway, since it is in such close proximity to our schools, the Town has allowed us to clear that and most of Redman Street.

Mrs. Phillips said that the community might be interested to know what was spent on snow removal this year to which Mr. Tartaglia responded that it was approximately \$100,000 between outside and inside personnel and products.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2011; pp. 41-44; 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 Mr. Raffone 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 December 2010; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: b) 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 Extra Classroom Activity Funds Report for the month of December 2010; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: c) 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 contract with South Huntington Union Free 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; and, with Bifolco Consultants, Inc. to provide Integrated Co-Teaching Program training workshops with the Special Education Staff for the 2010-11 school

year; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

**HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS:** d) 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 Health Services Contract with West Islip School District for the 2010-11 school year. This contract is for health services provided to our students who attend St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Lourdes located in the West Islip School District for a cost of \$58,791.60; and with Sayville Public Schools for the 2010-11 school year. This contract is for health services provided to our students who attend Prince of Peace School and West Sayville Christian School located in their district. The cost is \$3,015.88; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if we verify that the students attend to which Mr. Fraser responded yes. Mr. Reed also asked that if after one year if a student came back to the district do we get reimbursed, to which Mr. Fraser responded that we did not as the service is provided within the year.

**ACTUARIAL & TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, INC.:** e) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip Union Free School District approve the proposal for actuarial services being provided by Actuarial & Technical Solutions, Inc. The company will update its review of the East Islip School District's self-insured workers compensation program and provide a report of its findings for a cost of \$8,000; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

**EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES CARL PERKINS VATEA GRANT:** f) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip Union Free School District approve the use of Carl Perkins VATEA Grant funds for a field trip as specified by the Grant. The International Business Globalization Career Academy will be attending the Trade Fair Expo at the Armory in Manhattan on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and will be using this grant to fund the transportation expense. BOCES policy requires that the Board of Education approve this field trip prior to its funding through this grant; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

**DISPOSAL OF FREEZER AT ECC & OBSOLETE TEXTBOOKS:** g) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip Union Free School District approve the disposal of a 6 door Traulsen freezer located at the ECC and approve the disposal of obsolete books that are no longer being utilized by the Math Department; there are 910 books to be discarded and 217 that may be purchased by Follett Educational Services and K & J Curriculum Solutions; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip Union Free School District approve the donation in the amount of \$3,875 from the Middle School Yearbook Club to the Middle School, which are from the sale of the Middle School's yearbook and will be used for the installation of five ceiling mounted multimedia projectors and screens; the code to be increased is 2110-449-08-0000 Prof & Tech Services; and approve the donation of office supplies from Marilyn Vokoun, a resident of East Islip, to be used in the district office; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

**APPROPRIATION CHANGES:** i) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip Union Free School District approve the appropriation changes as listed below:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
High School	2020-510-09-0000 Admin. Supplies	2810-449-00-0000 Prof & Tech Serv.	\$1,356.54	Funds needed to cover cost of diplomas and covers for June 2011 commencement
District Office	9760-720-00-0000 Tax Anticipation Notes	2110-449-00-1007 Pro/Tec Home Tutor	\$30,000.00	To cover additional cost for Home Tutoring Services
District Office	2020-461-00-2000 Copiers	2110-490-00-0000 BOCES Services	\$10,706.00	To fund expense of copiers leased through BOCES services
District Office	2020-461-02-2000 Copiers - RCK	2110-490-00-0000 BOCES Services	\$1,476.00	To fund expense of copiers leased through BOCES services
District Office	2020-461-03-2000 Copiers - CON	2110-490-00-0000 BOCES Services	\$968.00	To fund expense of copiers leased through BOCES services
District Office	2020-461-04-2000 Copiers - JFK	2110-490-00-0000 BOCES Services	\$1,445.00	To fund expense of copiers leased through BOCES services
District Office	2020-461-05-2000 Copiers - ECC	2110-490-00-0000 BOCES Services	\$6,706.00	To fund expense of copiers leased through BOCES services
District Office	2020-461-06-2000 Copiers - TPES	2110-490-00-0000 BOCES Services	\$3,650.00	To fund expense of copiers leased through BOCES services
District Office	2020-461-08-2000 Copiers - MS	2110-490-00-0000 BOCES Services	\$8,276.00	To fund expense of copiers leased through BOCES services
District Office	2020-461-09-2000 Copiers - HS	2110-490-00-0000 BOCES Services	\$13,772.45	To fund expense of copiers leased through BOCES services
Buildings & Grounds	1620-420-00-0000 Fuel Oil	1621-469-00-0000 Upkeep Grnds & Grnd Equip.	\$6,000.00	Funds needed for the use of outside contractor Heavy Equip. Snow Removal Services as per BOCES contract
Buildings & Grounds	1621-449-00-0000 Prof & Tech Services	1621-469-00-0000 Upkeep Grnds & Grnd Equip.	\$5,000.00	Funds needed for the use of outside contractor Heavy Equip. Snow Removal Services as per BOCES contract
Building & Grounds	1621-510-00-1503 Bldg Repair Supplies	1621-469-00-0000 Upkeep Grnds & Grnd Equip.	\$15,000.00	Funds needed for the use of outside contractor Heavy Equip. Snow Removal Services as per BOCES contract
Building & Grounds	1621-466-00-0000 Repairs Construction	1621-469-00-0000 Upkeep Grnds & Grnd Equip.	\$6,000.00	Funds needed for the use of outside contractor Heavy Equip. Snow Removal Services as per BOCES contract

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: j) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1 through 8 in the Certified Personnel Report; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items 1-25 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

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

Case # 1-20070509S through Case # 31-20070667S in the Continuing Student Category;  
Case # 32-20070931S through Case # 39-20070940S in the Initial Eligibility Determination Student Category;

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips 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 # 20070419P-4 through Case # 20070422P-14 in the New Student Category;  
Case #20070397P - 1 through Case # 20070414P - 15 in the Continuing Student Category;

Case #20070417P - 10 in the Ineligible Student Category;  
Seconded by Mrs. Phillips. Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried.

FIELD TRIP: m) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the high school foreign language teacher, Mrs. Pinka, to take interested students to travel to Paris and Nice during spring break 2011;  
Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

BOARD POLICY: n) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the revision to Board Policy 5152 Admission of Non Resident Students; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

2011-2012 School Calendar: o) Motion by Mr. Raffone to adopt the 2011/2012 East Islip School District calendar; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously attached.

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

NEW BUSINESS: X. Mr. Stephan Behan questioned the posting of employee contracts on line. He also asked if anyone, the board or superintendent, submitted any proposal that might be added into the teacher contract to increase teacher productivity. Mr. Reed responded that productivity is not just limited to a contract nor does the district want to limit productivity to a three year event. Mrs. Phillips also responded that this negotiating term was during extraordinary circumstances. She said we do a lot of work with our staff to enhance professional development; it is not about the contract. Mr. Behan asked about the parent portal to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that we will, in the next few weeks, hear more about opening the parent portal for grades and progress reports. It should be up and running by the beginning of next school year.

Mrs. Bonnie Buckley reminded everyone about the SEPTA fund raiser, which is being held this Friday, February 11 and encouraged all to come out and support our students with special needs.

Mrs. Prignano-D'acunto asked the Board about the establishment of child safety zones in the district. She said she is trying to work on this and get a petition going but cannot proceed on getting signatures on a petition unless the Board has adopted this before. She questioned if there were any reason why there should not be child safety zones. Mr. Fraser responded that the district investigated this 10-12 years ago and a study was done. The areas the district targeted were determined not to be safety zones. Mrs. Phillips asked what it would cost to do another study to which Mr. Fraser said we can get the cost through BOCES.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XI. Mr. Cronin announced that a special Board meeting would take place on Monday, February 14, 2011, at 8:15 am for the Eastern Suffolk BOCES special election and that the next business meeting would take place on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XII. Motion by Mr. Reed to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.