

**East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
March 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: 50 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 8:27p.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 reported that last evening the all-district elementary concert was held and he congratulated both the students and musical staff involved for a wonderful performance.
- Mr. Chu announced that all winter sports' teams have attained scholar athlete status and the JV wrestling team won the sportsmanship award in their league.
- Mr. Chu congratulated Justin Ovalle, a member of our district's first International Business Career Academy, has been selected as the first Long Island student to compete in W!se Global Business Challenge competition held on April 6, 2011.

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

Business Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2011; pp. 45-50; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2011; p. 51; 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.

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 January 2011; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips 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 January 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked why the SADD has a negative balance in disbursements, to which Mr. Fraser responded it was most likely a return, but would check for certainty.

FOSTER TUITION: 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 Foster Tuition payment from Levittown Union Free School District for one of our special education students who was placed in their district from September 8, 2009 through June 24, 2010 and received educational services for a cost of \$40,832.10; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

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 foster tuition payment from Amityville Union Free School District for one of our students who was placed in their district from April 13, 2010 to April 22, 2010 and received educational services for a cost of \$577.00; 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 2010-11 school year for health services provided to our students who attend St. Peter's by the Sea and St. Patrick's located in the Bay Shore School District at a cost of \$14,565.18 and approve the Health Services Contract with Hicksville Public Schools for the 2010-11 school year for health services provided to one of our students who attends Holy Trinity School located in the Hicksville School District at a cost of \$550.78 and is subject to change based on further review of the computation; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

BROOME TIOGA BOCES SERVICE AGREEMENT: e) 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 Broome Tioga BOCES Service Agreement for the 2011-12 school year for the MicroCheck Point of Sale System in the school cafeterias at a cost of \$25,125.00; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

STRATEGIC PROTECTION GROUP'S DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM: 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 the Strategic Protection Group's Drug Awareness Program provided by Strategic Protection Group for four Drug Awareness and Prevention meetings held at the High School and/or Middle School during the month of February for a cost of \$4,300 which will be paid from the Title IV Grant; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS: g) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to table Item g., External Auditors in order to discuss fees for services ending June 30, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

PROPOSED ADVANCE REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION: h) 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 Advance Refunding Bond Resolution for the 2003 Refunded Bonds. The current net present value savings is approximately 1.5% or \$310,000 over the remaining 10 year life of this bond; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked if we have a time period; are we doing this immediately or waiting and is there a time limit. Mr. Fraser responded that there is no specific time; however, we will wait until the market changes. We will wait until there is at least a 2% change. Mrs. Phillips also asked if there is a cost, to which Mr. Fraser responded yes, the cost is built into the net savings.

SCHOLARSHIP: 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 a new scholarship application from the East Islip Teacher Assistant Unit that two (2) scholarship awards of \$150 each; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

DISPOSAL OF REFRIGERATOR & BROKEN GUITARS AT JFK: j) 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 disposal of a refrigerator and two broken guitars at JFK; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Mr. Raffone asked how much money we receive for salvaging, to which Mr. Fraser responded that he would obtain the amount.

DONATION: k) 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 \$3,500 from the East Islip PTA Council which is intended for the Arts in Education programs district wide. The code to be increased is 2110-490-00-1010 – Cultural Arts Serv-BOCES; and accept the donation of two front desks from the Zeeman family to the RCK Elementary School; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Cronin thanked the PTA Council and the Zeeman family. Mr. Reed asked what happens if the budget is increased and the money is not spent this year, to which Mr. Fraser responded that the money is carried over into next year's budget.

GRANT DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT: l) 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 Grant Disbursement Agreement with Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) in the amount of \$100,000 for technology upgrade district-wide. This grant was made possible through Senator Foley's office in 2010 and was accepted by the Board on April 22, 2010. In order to receive reimbursement of expenses relating to this equipment purchase the agreement must be approved by the Board; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if the 72 projectors installed were from the technology plan or in addition, to which Mr. Fraser responded they were in addition.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: m) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approves the Memorandum of Agreement Between the East Islip Union Free School District and the East Islip Teachers' Association extending the deadline date from February 1, 2011 to March 9, 2011 for unit members of the East Islip Teachers' Association to submit to the district their intention to retire from the district and without penalty as defined by the New York State Retirement System. Teachers who submit their intention to retire as of June 30, 2011 by the deadline date of March 9, 2011 will receive health insurance into retirement at no cost to the employee.

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.

PERSONNEL: n) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1 through 3 in the Certified Personnel Report, with regret, and Items 4-6 in the Certified Personnel Report; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Chu announced that included in this report is the retirements of Steve Brown, science teacher at the high school with 38 years of service; Bill Duffy, technology teacher at the high school with 32 years of service; and, Doug Hodges, social studies teacher who runs our video & production classes at the high school with 39 years of service. He congratulated them and thanked them for their years of service to our district. Mr. Sargent gave special congratulations to Mr. Duffy, for all of his time and work in running our Robotics Program a few years back. Mr. Chu also welcomed Mr. Daniel Friedman, new executive director of Student Data Services, Assessment & Technological Services.

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1-32 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

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

Case # 1-20070581S through Case # 16-20070753S in the Continuing Student Category;
Case # 17-20070198P through Case # 22-20070116X in the Initial Eligibility Determination Student Category;

Case # 23-20070914S through Case # 25-20070934S 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: p) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):

Case # 20070426P-3 in the New Student Category;

Case #20070415P – 1 through Case # 20070420P – 5 in the Continuing Student Category;
Case #20070423P – 2 in the Ineligible Student Category;
Seconded by Mrs. Phillips. Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried.

FIELD TRIP: q) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the high school National Honor Society and teachers Lisa Neri and Michael Jordan to hold their annual Stay-Awake-Athon, an overnight charity event held at the high school, on April 8, 2011; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: IX. Mr. Fraser reported that he followed up on the Child Safety Zones on Bayview Avenue as requested by a community member at the February Board meeting. He met with a consultant and will be contacting the Town of Islip regarding the possibility of installing sidewalks in the area. This area is missing sidewalks and will help to make Bayview Avenue safer for our students to travel.

NEW BUSINESS: X. Mr. William Davidson presented documents he obtained through Freedom of Information from the State in regard to the walkover bridge over Sunrise Highway. The documents indicate that the State owns the walk bridge; however, the Town is responsible for its maintenance. Mr. Davidson is requesting the school district to become more involved in getting maintenance done on this bridge. Mr. Tartaglia responded that he is following up on this issue. He has had a meeting with the Town and has written to the State Department and Senator Zeldin.

Mrs. Andrea Vecchio asked for clarification on the Memorandum of Agreement for the Teachers, which was approved this evening. Mr. Cronin responded that it was for approval of an extension in the deadline for teachers to submit their intention to retire and it was an extension for this year only. Mrs. Vecchio also questioned the Freedom of Information request regarding teachers and administrators W2 salary information. Mr. Fraser responded that the district is unable to provide that report for teachers and administrators because of the accounting system's limitations and cannot provide it in the format that the FOIL requested. He said he would look at the information again to see if it can be provided in a different format.

Mr. Stephen Behan commented that he would like to hear more about what the district is doing to improve academics in the district.

Mrs. Eleanor Morris stated that since the 04/05 school year, the district's enrollment has decreased 573 students, and she asked how much the teaching staff decreased as a result. Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that she would research that information and report it back.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XI. Mr. Cronin announced the following budget presentations:

- a. March 15 Budget Presentation, to be held in the ECC cafeteria;
- b. March 28 Budget Presentation & BAC Recommendations;
- c. April 7 Board Work session;

and the next business meeting, which will take place on Thursday, April 14, 2011, 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. Sargent and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.