

**East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
April 14, 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: 180 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, which can be accessed through the district's website.

Mr. Cronin announced to those in attendance that this evening's budget, which is being adopted by the Board, includes the following:

- Full Day Kindergarten
- The 9-period day at both the middle school and high school
- BOCES Summer school
- BOCES Career & Technical Programs
- Art and music groups at the elementary level

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

Mr. Chu introduced Mrs. Sarajeon Anderson, Humanities Director; Mrs. Joan Dlouhy, English teacher and advisor for the *Broadcaster* school newspaper; and Mr. James Connell, technology teacher and co-advisor for the newspaper. The *Broadcaster* team was once again honored at this year's annual Quill Awards competition hosted by Adelphi University in Garden City.

Students attended the day-long event where they were able to attend workshops presented by professionals working in the field of print and online media outlets as well as professors from the Adelphi faculty. Students then attended an awards ceremony that recognized previously submitted work from their school's newspapers. East Islip competed against schools from both Nassau and Suffolk counties and won in five of the six categories for which it was nominated. The following students were honored: Ryan Casey and Brandon Missig (Best Editorial, 2nd Place); Gab Lemon (Best Feature Article, 3rd place); Ryan Casey and Mike Holley (Best Layout 3rd Place); and Soeren Moelleken (Best Photograph)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2011; pp. 52-56; 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.

Mrs. Alice Sutton questioned the elimination of middle school sports. She also questioned summer school and asked why parents cannot pay to send their children to summer school. Mr. Cronin responded that the district is not permitted to charge our students, but is permitted to charge students from other districts. He did add, however, that this may be the last year of summer school as the district is working on alternative means to assist students who are struggling. In response to Mrs. Sutton's question on the increase in the budget for next year, Mr. Fraser stated that there is a 3.1% budget to budget increase with a 6.98% proposed tax increase to residents. Mr. Reed added that there still will be intramurals held at the middle school.

A resident asked about the ECC UPK, to which Mr. Cronin responded that the program will run at the elementary schools.

Mrs. Susan Kavangh asked what the contingency plan was if this budget does not pass by the residents. Mr. Fraser responded that on a contingency budget, the district is only permitted to increase the budget by 1.72%. All previous cuts that were discussed would be implemented as approximately \$1.4 million would have to be removed from the budget in order to get down to a contingency budget. That would also result in a projected tax increase of 10.63%. Mrs. Kavangh also asked with the closing of the ECC how many staff members would be excessed. Mr. Chu responded that the closing of the ECC involves the elimination of two teachers, two custodians, one clerical, and one teaching assistant.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: a) 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 Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: b) 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 Extra Classroom Activity Funds Report for the month of February 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT: 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 the contract with Sayville Public Schools for special education services provided to one of our students parentally placed in non-public schools within their district for the 2010-11 school year at a cost is \$888.01; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips requested that the Board receive contracts with all names removed in the future.

TUTORING SERVICES CONTRACTS: d) 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 Islip Tutoring Service, Inc. for academic tutoring services that will be provided to our students during the 2011-12 school year for \$45 per hour; the contract with Top Grade for academic tutoring services that will be provided to our students for the 2011-12 school year at the rate of \$45 per hour; the contract with Hope for Youth, Inc. for tutoring services that were provided to one of our students who attended their program during the months of October and November 2010 at a cost of \$960; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips requested printed names of teachers rather than just signatures be included on the Hope for Youth tutoring service forms.

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS: e) 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 Sachem Central School District at Holbrook for the 2010-11 school year for health services provided to five of our students who attend L.I. Baptist Academy and St. Joseph's located in the Sachem School District at a cost is \$4,592.75; with Smithtown Central School District for the 2010-11 school year for health services provided to four of our students who attend Smithtown Christian School located in the Smithtown Central School District at a cost of \$2,976.92; and the Health Services Contract with South Huntington Union Free School District for the 2010-11 school year for health services provided to 56 of our students who attend St. Anthony's High School and the Long Island School for the Gifted located in the South Huntington School District for a cost of \$45,436.04; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

BOCES RESOLUTION A: f) 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 Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Resolution (A) Exhibit 1 from BOCES for the 2011-12 school year ; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

SOUNDTREE: g) 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 one day (6 hour) Professional Development with Soundtree for our Music Department staff at a cost of \$1,995; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked for clarification on the professional development to which Mr. Guarino, Director of Art & Music explained.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 2011-12: h)) 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 Field and Athletic Transportation Contract Extension with ACME Bus Corporation for the 2011-12 school year at the CPI increase as of May 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked if there has been an effort with ACME as to holding rate for next year. Mr. Fraser said there has. However, because of their own costs they cannot keep rates lower, but the rate is at the current CPI rate.

NYSIR REIMBURSEMENT – APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT: i) 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 below listed appropriation adjustments which are from the reimbursement check received from NYSIR for the damaged supplies at JFK due to a frozen coil:

2110-533-04-0000	\$ 436.46
2110-480-04-0000	\$ 491.33
2630-220-04-0000	\$ 623.00
1620-164-00-0000	\$ 81.60
Total	\$1,632.39

and approve the appropriation adjustment to code 1621-460-00-1001 in the amount of \$33,164.20 which was the reimbursement check received from NYSIR for the compressor replacement at the High School due to the March 2010 storm; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked about the \$500 deductible and what the premium savings would be if we raised the deductible.

BUDGET ADOPTION: 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 budget for the 2011-12 school year with proposed expenses of \$103,929,639.

The proposed budget for 2011-12 is \$103,929,639. This figure reflects an increase over the 2010-11 budget of \$3,128,092 or 3.1%. The estimated tax levy increase for 2011-12 is 6.98%; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips. Opposed by Mr. Raffone. Motion carried.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD: k) 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 Property Tax Report Card for the 2011-12 school year as required by State Education Law Sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3); Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION FOR NATURAL GAS BID: l) 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 attached Resolution for the District to participate in a Natural Gas Bid with

Suffolk County; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Raffone asked what the cost would be if we put liners in instead of having chimney's repaired. Mr. Tartaglia responded that he would have the architect research and then get the information back to the Board.

EAST ISLIP BIDS: m) 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 following East Islip bid:

Printing Services Bid – to A to Z Printing, Ltd., All Color Business, Good Mojo, Graphic Image, Precision Envelope Co., Sav-On and Southern Dutchess for the 2011-12 school year; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the bid extensions for one year on the following bids:

BID #	BID	COMPANY
042110-5	Electrical Repairs and Services	Madison Avenue Construction
041410-1	Elevator/Stage Lift Chair Repair Services	Island Elevator
050510-3	Cesspools/Grease Traps & Stoppages Maintenance Repair	Andriola's Cesspool Service Inc.
051210-1	Floor Finishes and Cleaning Products	I. Janvey & Sons, Inc.
051210-2	Glass Replacement & Maintenance	VIP 99, Inc.
051210-3	Gymnasium/Bleachers/Stage Rigging/Outdoor Playground Inspection & Maintenance Contract	Gym Door Repair Inc.
051210-4	Irrigation Repair Services	Watercraft Irrigation Inc.
060309-3	Refuse Removal Services	Jet Sanitation Service Corp.
060910-3	Oil Burner Services	HTP Mechanical Corp.
060910-4	Security System Monitoring, Maintenance and Repair	Laser Central Alarms, Inc.
060910-6	Venetian Blinds Repairs and Services	Acme Window Treatments, Inc. & Master Carrier Window Treatments

Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

Mr. Raffone asked if we have asked these vendors if they are keeping prices the same, to which Mr. Fraser responded yes.

DISPOSAL OF OLD FURNITURE AND BROKEN TABLES: n) 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 disposal of old furniture located in the basement of the Early Childhood Center, which includes 5 old desks, 6 old Board of Education conference tables, 12 old Board chairs, 10 old conference chairs, and 4 old cabinet, and the disposal of 8 tables at Connetquot Elementary School that are in very poor condition; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

DONATIONS: o) 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 donation of \$600 from the Middle School Tri-M Music Honor Society to be used to purchase four benches for the purpose of completing the planned seating area in the courtyard. The code to be increased is 2110-200-08-0000 – Equip/Hardware MS; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES: p) 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 below listed appropriation changes:

LOCATION	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	RATIONALE
Buildings & Grounds	1620-420-00-0000	1620-510-00-1500	\$15,000.00	To purchase necessary custodial
	Fuel Oil	Custodial Cleaning		cleaning supplies for district wide
		Supplies		use
Buildings & Grounds	1620-420-00-0000	1621-469-00-0000	\$15,000.00	Funds necessary for athletic
	Fuel Oil	Upkeep Grounds &		field main/repair, grounds equip.
		Grounds Equip.		repairs etc.
Buildings & Grounds	1620-420-00-0000	1621-460-00-1000	\$25,000.00	Funds needed for AC repairs
	Fuel Oil	Repairs A/C		
Buildings & Grounds	1620-421-00-0000	1621-460-00-1001	\$25,000.00	Funds needed for HLPV repairs
	Natural Gas	Repairs HLPV		
Buildings & Grounds	1620-421-00-0000	1621-449-00-0000	\$25,000.00	Funds needed for Prof & Technical
	Natural Gas	Prof & Tech Serv.		services for various vendors:
				camera surveillance systems,
				boiler inspections, etc.
Buildings & Grounds	1620-464-00-0000	1621-460-00-1001	\$6,000.00	Funds necessary repairs in the
	Reconditioning &	Repairs HLPV		HLPV code
	Cleaning			
Buildings & Grounds	1620-464-00-0000	1621-466-00-0000	\$6,000.00	Funds necessary for roof repairs
	Reconditioning &	Repairs Constr.		district wide as well as other
	Cleaning			misc. repairs

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Mr. Raffone asked if the \$25,000 was for one unit or more, to which Mr. Tartaglia responded that the funds are for district wide repairs. Mr. Raffone asked how many units, to which Mr. Tartaglia said he would get the number and get back to Mr. Raffone.

PERSONNEL: q) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items 1 through 15 in the Certified Personnel Report; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1-19 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Included in the non-certified personnel report was the approval of the following resolution: 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, having reviewed a Settlement Agreement and General Release involving a member of the non-instructional staff in executive session, hereby approves such Settlement Agreement and authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools and Board President to execute such Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Mr. Chu also congratulated Mrs. Linda Dacey and Mrs. Marie Esposito, clerical employees, on their retirement from the district this year. He thanked them for their dedicated service to the district.

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 # 1-20070062S through Case # 18-20070181S in the Continuing Student Category;

Case # 19-20110001S through Case # 23-20070946S in the Initial Eligibility Determination Student Category; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.
(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

Committee on Preschool Special Education: p) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):
Case # 20070256P – 4 through Case # 20070378P - 28 in the Continuing Student Category;
Case #20070333P - 12 in the Declassified Student Category;
Case #20070270P – 1 through Case # 20070343P – 3 in the Exiting as of 6/11 Student Category;
Case # 20070314P – 2 through Case # 20070357P – 3 in the Declassified as of 6/11 Student Category;
Case # 20070256P – 5 through Case # 20070378P – 29 in the Exiting as of 8/11 Student Category; Seconded by Mr. Reed. Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: IX.

Mr. Tartaglia reported on the Sunrise Highway walk-over bridge. It is State owned; however, the Town of Islip is responsible for its maintenance. It is still not certain if the Town will automatically take care of the bridge. The district may still have to contact the Town when we need assistance.

In response to a previous question on the district's ELA scores, the Board of Education was presented with a two year summary of our students' scores. Despite the change in cut scores, and while we still have areas of improvement, Mr. Chu was proud to report that our students scored above the New York State average, Eastern Suffolk BOCES average and similar schools data.

NEW BUSINESS: X.

Mrs. Elizabeth Attanasio asked how the BOCES program stood in the budget; asking if it was the same number of students and same criteria as this year. Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that it is the same criteria; however, due to budget constraints the student enrollment will be decreased from 28 this year to 22 next year including eleventh and twelfth grade students currently attending the program and new students.

Mrs. Bonnie Buckley asked how much money is being saved and applied to the budget due to the closing of the ECC, to which the response was \$342,445. Mrs. Buckley stated that she was grateful to the Board for keeping full day kindergarten in the budget. She encouraged all in attendance to vote for what they can financially afford, and added that a "no" vote will not change contractual obligations by the district.

Mrs. Jodi Capabianco asked what other items, not mentioned earlier, are being cut from the budget. Mr. Fraser responded that pre-school special education has been removed from the budget. Mrs. Phillips stated that it is really not a cut; it is a transfer of services to the County's budget and we do believe the students will be serviced in a good way. Mrs. Becker-Santa added that the rest of the cuts are non-instructional. Other areas are line items but do not affect instruction.

Mrs. Terri Lyons commented to everyone that she believes this is a community. She said her son was a tenth grader going into eleventh when the budget failed. He was home at 11:00

a.m. and lost all of his electives. She encouraged everyone to not just think about what their child will do today but think of their future. Hopefully, some day we can get those electives back.

Ms. Jill Rumfolo asked for clarification on the number of personnel cuts with the ECC and if there was a number of teachers who are being affected by this budget. Mr. Chu responded that there are 3.5 FTE, or four individuals, being affected by the ECC closing and the district is currently assessing the impact on others. Ms. Rumfolo also asked what if New York State proposes cuts in terms of funding. Mr. Chu responded that mid-year cuts are always hard to accept; however, we are not anticipating, with this governor, any mid-year cuts.

Ms. Tracy Schaper asked if electives were being cut, to which Mr. Cronin responded that they are not.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XI. Mr. Cronin announced that the annual school district budget vote would take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. with the next business meeting also taking place that evening, May 17, 2011, 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 9:30 p.m.

Carol Feudi