

**East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
September 8, 2011 - APPROVED
BUSINESS MEETING**

Board Members in Attendance:

Glenn Reed, President
Ken Cronin, Vice President
Kim G. Phillips, Trustee
Joseph G. Sargent, Trustee

Staff Members in Attendance:

John J. Finello, 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: 70 Meeting held in the Early Childhood Center Boardroom
(Meeting chaired by Mr. Reed, Board President)

MTG. CALLED TO ORDER: I.) Meeting called to order by Mr. Reed 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. Cronin 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 8:15 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG IV): Mr. Reed 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VI.) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2011; pp. 14-18; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Mr. Reed asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda items before putting them before the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD: VII.) (John J. Finello)

Mr. Finello reported that we had a great opening day on Tuesday, September 6, and although it did rain, it did not damper the spirits of the students or staff. He stated that there would be articles posted on the website within the next few days for everyone to view. Mr. Finello reported that we have 4,575 students returning to our schools this year, and gave the

enrollment figures for each school. He stated that he is very pleased with the opening and looks forward to a very successful school year. He recognized the efforts of Mr. Tartaglia, Mr. Fraser, Mrs. Becker-Santa, Mr. Rotzman, the entire buildings and grounds crew, Mr. Friedman, Mr. DePalo and Mr. Lyons during our power outage last week due to Hurricane Irene. He also thanked the clerical staff, central office staff, and teachers, most of who came into school on their own time to prepare their classrooms for their students. Mr. Finello reported that Mrs. Becker-Santa would be giving a brief presentation this evening on the new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan, which is a new requirement by the State Education Department; notified those in attendance about the 9/11 ceremonies being held tomorrow, Friday, September 9; reported that the parent portals are open to middle and high school parents and that elementary parents may now begin to register for access to the portals, which will be available to them this year; gave the dates for the upcoming Meet the Teacher nights; and, reported on the meeting he, Mr. Reed, Mr. Cronin, and several administrators had yesterday with Senator Zeldin regarding the Southern State Parkway walkover bridge.

Mr. Reed also commended Mr. Tartaglia and his staff for their efforts in getting the district up and ready despite the after effects of Hurricane Irene. He reported that Board members were present at the elementary school openings on Tuesday and that all went very smoothly. He also reported on the meeting that members of the Board and administration had with Senator Zeldin.

ACTION ITEMS: VIII.) Action Items Recommended by the Supt. of Schools
(John J. Finello)

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION - Mrs. Becker-Santa

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW (APPR) PLAN Mrs. Becker Santa gave a PowerPoint presentation, which explained the APPR plan created by an APPR committee established during the 2008/2009 school year; the new education law requirements; the components already in place in East Islip; and the required changes outlined in the regulations. Mrs. Becker-Santa thanked the committee, which is comprised of administrators Dr. Belz, Mrs. O'Rourke, Mr. Bernard, Mrs. Anderson; teachers Mr. Barry, Mrs. Candela, Mrs. Stapleton and Mrs. Moloney. She also thanked Mr. Friedman and Mrs. Burns for their help in preparing this evening's presentation.

Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Islip School District, herewith adopts the Annual Professional performance Review Plan for the East Islip School District in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-c, 8 NYCRR 30-2 and 8 NYCRR 100.2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to file the foregoing documents in the Office of the District Clerk and post the attached documents on the district website, on or after September 1, 2011 but before September 10, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that this resolution was to be adopted by September 1, 2011, but an extended power outage in school facilities arising from Hurricane Irene precluded the Board from scheduling a special meeting for the adoption within the requisite time frame;

Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

FIELD TRIP - Mrs. Becker-Santa asked the Board to approve the high school field trip by Jim Marino, Steve Brown and boys & girls cross country to Rhode Island Friday, October 14-Saturday, October 15 for competition. Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the field trip; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL - Mrs. Becker-Santa

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Item #1 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve Items 1-36 in the per diem substitute and non-certified personnel report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS - Mr. Fraser

a) TREASURER'S REPORT: 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 July 2011; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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

c. SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: 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 Hope for Youth for services that will be provided to our students in the 2011-12 school year at a cost of \$40 per hour; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

d. BOCES 2011 SUMMER TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT: 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 transportation contract with BOCES for the Summer 2011 Program for an estimated total cost of \$126,624; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

e. AUSSIE CONTRACT: 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 AUSSIE for professional development training that will be provided to the staff at the Middle School for the 2011-12 school year. The cost for this training is \$20,300; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed stated that half of this cost is funded through a grant.

f. APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY FOR 2011/12: Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District to set the 2011-12 Tax Levy for the East Islip UFSD at \$64,611,811. This tax levy is lower than the levy budgeted by \$69,200. The 2011/12 total assessed value (Homestead and Non-homestead) is \$353,736,700 or \$528,995 higher than the 2010/11 assessments. The resulting combined tax rate increase is therefore 6.71% versus the budget projection of 6.98%. For residential property owners (homestead), the taxable assessed value decreased by \$292,951 from the prior year. To offset this decrease, the tax levy was lowered by \$69,200. The tax rate therefore, will remain at 6.98%, the same as budgeted; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

g. DISPOSAL OF OLD COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: 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 disposal of old computer equipment from each elementary school and computers that were previously donated to the district from TeleSession Corp. These computers are old and obsolete; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent asked if anyone was interested in taking the computers, to which Mr. Reed responded that it would be too costly to donate the computers as the hard drives need to be erased in each machine.

h. APPROPRIATION CHANGES: Motion by Mr. Cronin 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:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
District Office	5540-416-00-0000 D/W Transportation	5540-490-00-0000 BOCES Services	\$15,000.00	To cover the cost of transporting one of our special education students to West Hampton Beach

; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

CSE/CPSE - Mrs. Kosser

a. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION: Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):
Case #1-20070809S through Case #6-20070238S in the Continuing Student Category;
Case #7-20110038S through Case #9-20110024S in the Initial Eligibility Determination Student Category;
Case #10-109743 in the New Student Category;
Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.
(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

b. COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION: Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):
Case #1-20220457P through Case #5-20110464P in the New Student Category;
Case #6-109381 through Case #8-20110427P in the Continuing Student Category;
Case # 9-20110456P in the Ineligible Student Category;
Seconded by Mr. Cronin. Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: IX.

NEW BUSINESS: X.

Mrs. Deborah Sullivan expressed her concerns with not receiving any response on the issues she brought to the Board at its last meeting, which were teachers working in the district who are not certified and her belief that her FERPA rights were violated.

Mrs. Aileen D'Addorio asked the Board where the funds from the recent principal's salary were being allocated now that she has retired, and requested that some of the funds be allocated to the middle school sports program. She asked if funds were allocated for the APPR trainer, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that those funds come from a Title 2 grant. Mr. Reed responded that although there are funds as a result of the principal's retirement, there are increases in other areas, such as the effects of Hurricane Irene and the recent notices regarding the upcoming increases in insurance and pension costs. He stated that the Board has allocated \$50,000 toward the program, and unfortunately, would not be allocating any additional funding.

Mrs. Jessica Carney also asked about the allocation of the funds as a result of the principal's retirement and asked for a copy of the line-line budget for 2011/2012. Mr. Fraser responded that the budget should be on the website and would ensure that it is posted and will also post the 2010 audited financial reports, which she reported were no longer on the web. Mrs. Carney also asked if there was any cost savings for buses as a result of the closing of the Early Childhood Center, to which Mr. Fraser responded there was not. Mr. Reed reported that a portion of the funds have been used to keep taxes down, as well as, for costs related to the principal's retirement.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XI. Mr. Reed announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would take place on Thursday, October 13, 2011 beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XII. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Carol Feudi