

**East Islip School District  
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue  
Islip Terrace, New York 11752  
November 17, 2011 - APPROVED  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

John J. Finello, Supt. of Schools  
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: 150 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 8:37 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](mailto:eiboard@eischools.org), which can be accessed through the district's website.

Presentations: VI).

Mr. Finello introduced Dr. Lisa Belz, Principal of Timber Point Elementary School, who in turn introduced teacher Mrs. Jennifer Giordano, who was present with members of her class this evening to speak about their Disney Challenge Program. Students Charlie Curran, Owen Meddis and Dylan Lopez spoke on behalf of their recycling program and asked the Board to approve the cost of a Recyclable Collection agreement with the Town of Islip.

Mr. Finello introduced Mr. Stephen Guarino, Director of Art & Music, who was present this evening to recognize the 2011/2012 school calendar art winners. Mr. Guarino showed a slide show of students' artwork that was selected for inclusion in this year's 2011/2012 school calendar. Each student present stood to be recognized and received a certificate of appreciation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2011; pp. 24-29; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting minutes of October 21, 2011; pg. 30; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Raffone abstained. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent's Report to the Board: VIII)

Mr. Finello announced that the 2011/2012 school calendar was being revised to reflect Monday, January 2 as a holiday. Education Law requires that school be closed on certain days; and that we must be closed on January 2 in observance of New Year's Day, January 1, which is on a Sunday. He reviewed the calendar from September through June with the required instructional days and asked the Board to approve the revised calendar.

MOTION by Mr. Raffone to approve the Revised 2011/2012 School Calendar; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Mr. Finello reported that he, along with Mrs. Becker-Santa, had the opportunity to attend two days of leader evaluator training. The workshop covered how to evaluate principals under the new State APPR requirements and was presented by nationally known speaker Dr. Joseph Murphy. He said he received valuable insights on how it will help us work with our principals.

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

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION - Mr. Finello

- a. Mr. Finello asked for the Board's approval for the following school field trips:
  - i. Nancy Fragala and varsity cheerleaders to New Jersey for competition 11/19/11
  - ii. Chris Neske (SHS) and music students to All-State music festival Rochester, NY 12/1-12/4/11
  - iii. Izzy Malin (SHS) and career academies to Key West FL and Nassau & Bahamas 4/15-4/20/12
  - iv. Sue Rydzeski (SHS) and music groups to Lakewood, NJ for competition 4/18/12

MOTION by Mr. Cronin to approve the field trips as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL - Mr. Finello

Motion by Mr. Raffone 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 1-37 in the per diem substitute and non-certified personnel report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS - Mr. Fraser

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

b. EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: 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 September 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked who the Class of 2011 dispensed their funds to, to which Mr. Reed replied that it went to the Class of 2015.

c. SPECIAL EDUCATION 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 Access 7 Services Inc. for various special education services provided to our special education students for the 2011-12 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

d. 10 YEAR TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION: 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 "10 Year" Tax Anticipation Note Resolution which has expired. This resolution authorizes the President of the Board of Education as chief fiscal officer, from time to time, year to year, to issue and to sell tax anticipation notes in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied or to be levied for any fiscal year of the school district; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if a ten year note is the practice, to which Mr. Fraser replied yes.

e. SUPERINTENDENT CONFERENCE DAY PRESENTER: Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve Our Kids, Inc., to present two workshops entitled "CPR Training for Nurses" and First Aid for Health Aide Paraprofessionals on November 8, 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

f. RECYCLABLE COLLECTION AGREEMENT: 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 Recyclable Collection Agreement with the Town of Islip Resource Recovery Agency and East Islip School District on behalf of the Timber Point Elementary School. This agreement is to provide the collection and processing of certain recyclable materials and for a 300 gallon recycling container. Mrs. Jennifer Giordano, a teacher at Timber Point Elementary School is coordinating this project and fund raising efforts with students to pay for the cost of this container; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked if the district was responsible for any amount above the \$540 raised through fund raising, to which Mr. Fraser replied not this year. Mr. Sargent questioned payment for carters, to which Mr. Tartaglia responded all carters charge a fee.

g. ePAYABLES: 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 ePayables contract with Bank of America. This Electronic Payables program will give the District the opportunity for cost savings and improved efficiencies in the Business Office; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked if this program will alleviate cutting checks, to which Mr. Fraser responded not completely but vendors will get their payments quicker and the bank will be charging vendors and we will receive a rebate from that. Mr. Fraser also said that this is a pilot for East Islip; we are the only district in this area doing

this. The bank estimates that 3-5% of vendors will participate. Mr. Finello recognized Mr. Fraser for his efforts in having this agreement done on our behalf.

h. RESOLUTION FOR SOLAR PANELS AND CAPITAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolutions:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the East Islip Union Free School District after review of the action proposed at HS, hereby determines that the installation of solar panels is a Type II (as defined by the Bureau of Facilities Planning). Therefore, pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617.5 of the implementation regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition the Type II Action, will have no significant adverse impact on the environment;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the East Islip Union Free School District after review of the action proposed at hereby determines that the work as defined in the "Capital Needs Assessment"; draft IV dated May 9, 2011, priorities 1 and 2, is a Type II (as defined by the Bureau of Facilities Planning). Therefore, pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617.5 of the implementation regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition the Type II Action, will have no significant and adverse impact on the environment;

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked if all costs were included, to which Mr. Fraser responded that they were as the project is being done with the Career Academy at the high school.

i. DONATIONS : 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 following donations:

Scholarship donation of \$500 from the Suffolk Association of School Business Officials on behalf of Carl Fraser who is an active member. This scholarship will be presented to one or more of our 2012 graduating students;

\$25,000 from East Islip Athletic Booster Club for Middle School Sports. The check was presented at last month's Board meeting. The code to be increased is 2855-133-00-0000;

\$5,000 from For the Kids Foundation for Middle School Sports. The code to be increased is 2855-133-00-0000.

\$8,300 from the Middle School Yearbook Club. This donation will be used to purchase four ceiling mounted multi-media projectors. Access to this technology will be opened to all teachers and students. The codes to be increased are 2110-449-08-0000 in the amount of \$3,480 and 2110-200-08-0000 in the amount of \$4,820;

\$5,765.19 from the Middle School General Organization Account (G.O.) The source of these are as follows; participation in this year's fall picture program through Lifetouch - \$4,979.87, Target 2011 Take Charge of Education - \$380.83 and from the G.O. account \$404.49. This donation will be used to purchase three complete ceiling mounted multimedia projectors and screens in the Middle School. Access to this technology will be open to all teachers and students. The codes to be increased are 2110-200-08-0000 in the amount of \$3,155.19 and 2110-449-08-0000 in the amount of \$2,610;

A 35mm camera, as well as several display boards, from one of our teachers, Genesis Dawson. These items will be used by our high school art students;

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent asked does this mean we are going to get seven projectors, to which Mr. Fraser responded that we are receiving seven additional projectors with this donation.

j. DISPOSAL OF PIANOS AND OBSOLETE BOOKS: 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 two old upright pianos at the High School that

are not in working order. It has been determined that they are old and beyond repair; and disposal of obsolete and outdated text books from the JFK Book Room ; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

k. AGREEMENT WITH MSG VARSITY NETWORK LLC: 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 agreement with MSG Varsity Network LLC and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement. Through this agreement the East Islip Schools would be able to exhibit student events and activities such as concerts, performances and athletic events through the MSG Varsity Network website and Broadcast Television based on mutual agreement with both parties. There is no cost to the District; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Finello explained what the district would be receiving from MSG Varsity as a result of this agreement and also announced that this Friday's football semifinals would be the first event taped by MSG and would air on the following Tuesday on the MSG channel.

l. APPROPRIATION INCREASE: 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 appropriation increase to code 1620-449-00-0000 of \$52,840 from the reimbursement check received from NYSIR for the surveillance camera damages due to Hurricane Irene. The cameras are being repaired or replaced with these funds; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Tartaglia announced that by November 18 all new equipment received through the NYSIR claim should be installed.

m. APPROPRIATION CHANGES : 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 following appropriation changes:

After School Program	7311-510-00-0000	7310-533-00-0000	\$3,000.00	Funds will allow for programs to be presented to students, i.e. art, music, poetry and science.
	Adm Supplies	Instructional Supplies		

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

n. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE EAST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT hereby ratifies and approved a certain Memorandum of Agreement dated November 17, 2011 between the School District and United Public Service Employees Union and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the new collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

o. COLLIN SAVE PRODUCTION COMPANY - Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution: WHEREAS the School District has been approached by Collin Save Production for rental of a portion of its facilities;

WHEREAS the property is not needed for school district purposes;

WHEREAS, the use of the property will yield the school the school district a rental amount of \$2,000; and

WHEREAS the grant of permission to Collin Save Production is in the best interest of the school district;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Islip UFSD authorizes the use of the property in exchange for a fee of \$2,000 subject to the preparation of a written agreement approved by counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board of Education;

Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

CSE/CPSE - Mrs. Kosser

a. COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION: Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):  
Case #1-20070199P through Case #18-20070342P in the Continuing Student Category;  
Case #19-109804 through 21-109796 in the New Student Category;  
Case #22-109758 in the Declassified Student Category;  
Case #23-20110037S through Case #24-106915 in the Ineligible 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 Mr. Raffone to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):  
Case #1-109763 through Case # 5-108187 in the New Student Category;  
Case #6-20110453P through Case # 14-20110452P in the Continuing Student Category;  
Case #15-108934 in the Ineligible Student Category;  
Seconded by Mr. Cronin. Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried.  
(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

BOARD POLICIES:

Board Policy Revision Approval - Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve revisions to Board Policy 4435, Doubling Up On Courses at the High School Level; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Board Policy Revision Announcement - Mr. Reed announced that the Board would be considering adopting revisions to Board Policy 6645, Fixed Assets and Intangible Assets Accounting, at its meeting of December 8, 2011

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: X.

Mrs. Phillips asked if a meeting was held regarding the parent portal, to which Mr. Finello responded that it was scheduled but postponed.

NEW BUSINESS: XI.

Mrs. Deborah Sullivan asked for the Board's suggestion with her Freedom of Information request and her concern that she did not receive the documents requested. Mr. Finello responded that he has been working with Mrs. Sullivan for the past couple of weeks and to date we believe we have given everything we have in the district. Mr. Reed stated that the Board and administration can sit down and review record keeping requirements and that the Board will look into the requirements as well.

Lindsey Zenk, student, read a statement on behalf of the East Islip varsity softball team in support of the appointment of Tom Tilton as coach. Mr. Reed thanked Lindsey for coming and advised her that the Board did receive emails with signatures in support of Mr. Tilton; however, the Board did approve Mr. McGowan as softball coach this evening. He stated that the Board did speak with district personnel and the Board felt confident with this appointment.

Ms. Jessica Carney stated that she has been active and involved in fund raising for middle school sports; and stated that these programs should not be taken away in next year's budget. She asked if middle school sports are in for next year and if there is going to be any open contract discussions with our unions? Mr. Reed responded that the budget season is coming and the Budget Advisory Committee will start to take a look at the budget. He said that

the Board also has a sense with the new tax cap requirement; however there have been no decisions as of yet. He stated that the budget starts off with what did we do last year and what do we want to do next year; and, what can we leave in and what can we take out. He stressed the importance of the community's input in the budget process. Mr. Fraser stated that we are in the preliminary stages and hope to provide a preliminary budget in January to the Board. Mr. Fraser also stressed the importance of community involvement in the budget process, stating that the Board makes many of its decisions based on community input. He stated that the district cannot raise taxes above the 2% tax cap without community approval. Mr. Finello said he would be happy to discuss the budget process with Mrs. Carney if she called the office for an appointment.

Mr. Gil Rulon asked if there were any responses received from our legislators in reply to the letter writing campaign and the mandates that we write about. Mr. Reed responded that we have had some dialog with our legislators and have let them know that East Islip is here. Mrs. Phillips added that those mandates are unfunded mandates. Mrs. Kossler stated that the Regents met on Monday; they may have relieved some of the mandates on special education; however there is no answer yet. Mr. Rulon also asked if there was a temperature law for schools, to which Mr. Tartaglia replied that classrooms should be between 68-70 degrees and gymnasiums between 65-68 degrees. He added that the Board approved a resolution to abide by the regulations and that the school district is now purchasing gas through Suffolk County municipalities, which should give us some benefit. Mr. Rulon asked if there was interest by anyone to rent the Early Childhood Center, to which Mr. Fraser responded not at this time.

Mr. Joe D'Addario stated that he was present this evening primarily on behalf of middle school sports. He thanked the Carneys for the tremendous amount of work they have done toward fund raising for the program. He asked the Board to work within the structures and limitations they have with next year's budget to include middle school sports in the budget, and stated that he was aware the district can override the 2% tax cap with a 60% vote from the community.

Mrs. Pat Blair announced this year's honorees for the For the Kids Foundation's Black Tie Event on March 10, 2012. Community Advocates of the Year are Nancy Irace and Susan McGovern, and Educator of the Year is Danielle Naccarato.

A member of the audience asked if the district was considering merging with another district to which Mr. Reed responded no.

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XIII.** Motion by Mr. Sargent to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Carol Feudi