

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

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Glenn Reed, President  
Kim G. Phillips, Trustee  
Louis F. Raffone, 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: 65 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. Sargent 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 8:27 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 Mr. Brennen, high school principal, who in turn introduced Mrs. Bridget Lopiccolo, Advisor for **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)**. Mrs. Lopiccolo explained the program and introduced members of the club who participated in the Annual Red Ribbon Contest for fifth grades: Nicole DeRosa Padden, Julie Bonessi, Lea Briscoe, Rachel Lopiccolo, Jonathan Gutierrez, Kaitlyn Selzer, Micaela Alberti, Kinza Zia, and Amber Capobianco. The fifth grade winners who were present read their logo against drugs and alcohol. All four fifth grade winners received a back pack, a Friendly's gift certificate, water bottle and small exercise ball. The winners were Marykate Carroll (TPES); Jody Fragala (JFK); Nicole LaPort (RCK); and James Sullivan (CES).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2011; pp. 31-37; 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: VIII)

Mr. Finello reported on the power outage at both the high school and middle school this morning. The middle school had to be closed due to a full power outage and a malfunction to the heating and ventilation system. He thanked Mr. Brennen and his staff, Mr. Tartaglia, Mr. Bernard and his staff, and Mr. Barry for their quick responses and assistance. No injuries were sustained and the middle school will be in full operation tomorrow, Friday, December 9 on a "B" schedule.

Mr. Finello reported on the wonderful winter and holiday concerts that have been held so far at the middle school and Timber Point Elementary School and acknowledged the central office staff and Board members for attending. He encouraged those in attendance to attend the upcoming concerts and gave the dates and times of each.

Mr. Finello reported on the recent emails from the State Education Department regarding state assessments and read a portion of the email that announced the dates and duration of the elementary state assessments. The duration for the exams was approximately four hours each. He reported that shortly thereafter the deputy commissioner retracted the memo. In addition, the next day the person in charge of the assessments resigned his position. We are awaiting further information on the dates of the assessments so we can arrange for both the testing days and scoring dates.

Mr. Finello announced the sixth annual advocacy workshop presented by the Suffolk County School Superintendents' Association, which is being held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. He reported that this year's program is "Building a Community Voice for Education and encouraged attendance at this workshop.

Mr. Finello reported that he received good news from Senator Lee Zeldin that the senate was going to vote for a repeal of the MTA tax. He stated that currently the school district does receive reimbursement from our payment of the tax; however, will soon be relieved of any MTA tax. He praised Senator Zeldin for his efforts.

Mr. Finello reported that Senator Zeldin has also been very instrumental in having the walk bridge over Southern State Parkway cleared by the State Department of Parks and Department of Transportation. Approximately 10-15 feet of brush and debris has been cleared from both sides of the bridge and Trish Bergen, Islip Town Councilwoman, has also begun paperwork to have the fencing and light bulbs replaced. Mr. Finello again praised both for their efforts.

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

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION - Mrs. Becker-Santa

PERSONNEL - Mrs. Becker-Santa

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items #1 and 2 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items #3-15 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Becker-Santa recognized and congratulated Mrs. Kristen Cummings for her appointment to tenure this evening as Director of Math & Science and Ms. Christine O'Connell for her appointment to tenure as teaching assistant.

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1-11 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 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 October 2011; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips 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 October 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

c. SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT: 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 contracts with West Islip School District for special education services provided to two of our students parentally placed in non-public schools within their district for the 2011-12 school year; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

d. HEALTH SERVICES 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 Health Services Contract with West Islip School District for the 2011-12 school year for health services provided to 79 of our resident students who attend St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Lourdes located in the West Islip School District at a cost of \$53,150.41; and approve the Health Services Contract with Deer Park Union Free School District for the 2011-12 school year for health services provided to one of our resident students who attend St. Cyril & Methodius School located in the Deer Park Union Free School District for a cost of \$780.52; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

e. DONATIONS: Motion by Mr. Sargent to accept the donations from the EJ Autism Foundation of a printer, fax machine, scanner, copier, laminator, interoffice mail sorter, file cabinets, office supplies, sewing machine, and gardening tools for the purpose of creating an environment that will allow students with disabilities to practice and prepare for a career after graduation; accept the donation of three iPads from the EJ Autism Foundation to be used in the High School Career Development classes; and, accept the donation of \$5,000 from the Connetquot Elementary School's Student Activity Fund for the Connetquot Elementary School Playground; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

f. APPROPRIATION CHANGE: 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 change; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

| <u>LOCATION</u>       | <u>FROM</u>                           | <u>TO</u>                                  | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>RATIONALE</u>  |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------|---|
| Connetquot Elementary | 2630-533-03-4630<br>Computer Software | 2110-533-03-0000<br>Instructional Supplies | \$650.00      | Funds will be used to purchase paper due to the need to copy Science 21 |

worksheets at all grade levels

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 #1-106531 through Case #3-20070850S in the Initial Eligibility Determination Category;  
Case #4-20070001S through Case #21-20070029P in the Continuing Student Category;  
Case #22-109686 in the Declassified Student Category;  
Seconded by Mr. Sargent 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 #1-109091 through Case #5-109548 In the New Student Category;  
Case #6-109746 through Case #9-20070397P in the Continuing Student Category;  
Case #10-109816 in the Ineligible Student Category; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips. Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried.  
(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

BOARD POLICIES:

Board Policy Revision Approval - Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve revisions to Board Policy 6645, Fixed Assets and Intangible Assets Accounting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: X.

NEW BUSINESS: XI.

Mr. Reed asked if LIPA could be contacted to do some tree trimming since we've sustained damage from both Hurricane Irene and the storm of December 7<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid it in the future. Mr. Tartaglia will contact LIPA.

Mr. Reed reiterated Mr. Finello's encouragement for everyone, if they have the opportunity, to attend some of the district's wonderful holiday concerts.

Mr. Reed announced that on January 1, the district will be launching its new website and that we are trying to convince people to get YouTube videos up there showcasing what is happening in our schools.

Mr. Reed announced that the district is beginning the process of preparing the budget for next school year and the first budget Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for December 13. He said the board and administration would like to get the community involved in the process and would like to hear what the community would like to see included in the budget; what we would like and what we have to have. With that being said, the board will be holding a Budget forecasting meeting on Thursday, January 26 and encourages all to attend. Further information will follow.

Mrs. Jessica Carney referred to the South Country School District website is where the budget forecast is done by department and thinks it would be helpful for East Islip. She asked what the current cost per student was, to which Mr. Fraser responded that we follow the state education's cost per student and would give Mrs. Carney the website link to obtain the information. Mrs. Carney also asked if there was any plan by the district to approach the union

for concessions since their contracts were negotiated prior to the 2% tax cap legislation. Mr. Reed responded that the board has begun the process. Mrs. Carney also announced that she had tickets for the Big Raffle where proceeds from the raffle will go to help fund middle school sports.

Mrs. Elizabeth Attanasio approached the board with a petition to ensure that seats remain available for the BOCES program next year. Mr. Reed asked Mrs. Becker-Santa if she could also look into courses at Suffolk Community College. Mrs. Becker-Santa said she had looked into that possibility and will share the information with Mr. Finello and the board.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XII. Mr. Reed announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would take place on Thursday, January 12, 2012 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 Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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Carol Feudi