

**East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
January 12, 2012 - 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
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: 75 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 8:17 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: AllBoardMembers@eischools.org, which can be accessed through the district's website.

Presentations: VI). Mr. Finello reported that, as most are aware, over the past few years changes have been taking place across the state with changes in the type of requirements we have for our students. He added that at the same time, districts struggle with finances they need to meet these changes. He reported that during the past few months, administrators have been working on where we are, where we want to be and how we are going to get there. He shared a slide presentation on what administration and staff have come up with as far as the district's mission, vision, beliefs and goals.

Mr. Finello introduced Mr. Bill Brennen, principal of the high school, to briefly introduce the proposed Medical Academy at the high school. Currently there are two academies, which are focused learning groups that are in line with the State criteria of students being both college and career ready upon graduation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2011; pp. 38-42; Seconded by Mr. Raffone. Mr. Cronin 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)

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

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION - Mrs. Becker-Santa

Mrs. Becker-Santa announced that Timber Point Elementary School, under the direction of Dr. Belz and former principal Mrs. Harper has been nominated as a National Blue Ribbon School. She reported that Timber Point was one of 25 schools initially and that they are now one in nineteen schools. She explained that in order to be nominated a school must show improved exemplary status or exemplary scores, the latter being the case for Timber Point Elementary School in the 2011 ELA scores. She congratulated the Timber Point community, staff, Dr. Belz and former principal Mrs. Harper.

PERSONNEL - Mrs. Becker-Santa

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items #1-17 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mrs. Becker-Santa recognized and congratulated Ms. Linda Kunsch, who was granted tenure by the Board of Education this evening.

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1-20 in the non-certified personnel report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS - Mr. Fraser

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

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

c. SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: 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 contract 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 2010-11 school year; the contracts with South Huntington Union Free 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; the contracts with Half Hollow Hills Central School District for special education services provided to three of our students parentally placed in non-public schools within their district for the 2011-12 school year; the contracts with

Dr. Robyn Shapiro which will be providing consultant services to our special education students in the 2011-12 school year; and, the contract with Developmental Disabilities Institute which will be providing consultant services to our special education students in the 2011-12 school year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked what Dr. Shapiro's specialty was to which Mrs. Kosser responded audiologist.

d. HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS: 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 Health Services Contract with Syosset Central School District for the 2010-11 school year. This contract is for health services provided to one of our students who attends Our Lady of Mercy Academy located in the Syosset Central School District. The cost is \$833.01; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

e. EAST ISLIP BIDS: Motion by Mr. Raffone to reject the bid for: Play Structure Including Installation Bid #010312-1 – Thirty Two (32) copies of Bid #010312-1 were mailed out and there were seven (7) responses:

- P. Corsetti, Inc. (Bid #1)
- P. Corsetti, Inc. (Bid #2)
- American Recreational Products Inc. (Bid #1)
- American Recreational Products Inc. (Bid #2)
- PSL Industries Inc. (Bid #1)
- PSL Industries Inc. (Bid #2)
- L. Barbato Landscaping

The lowest bid was \$53,321.20. This amount is over the \$47,000 budget available for this project. Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Education reject this bid in its entirety; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Cronin inquired if the district now changes the specs and reposts the bid. Mrs. Phillips asked if we anticipate putting out the bids right away. Mr. Fraser responded that the district is waiting for an additional \$5,000. Mr. Reed asked if this bid included cleaning up the existing area to which Mr. Tartaglia responded it does not.

f. DONATIONS: 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 following donations:

- \$536.50 from the Middle School Tri-M Music Honor Society for Middle School Sports.
- \$37,091.70 from the Connetquot Elementary School Playground Committee to be used to purchase and install a new playground structure at Connetquot Elementary;
- \$50,000 from For the Kids Foundation to be used to expand academics and enhance student experiences for the students of our district
- supplementary materials/programs in the amount of \$5,000 from the E.J. Autism Foundation for special education students district-wide. These materials/programs were awarded as a result of a grant application to five teachers at \$1,000 each;

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

g. DISPOSAL: Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the disposal of a True Two-Door freezer located at the Middle School. This freezer can no longer be repaired and a new freezer will be purchased in the near future for the Middle School; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Raffone asked if we are scrapping the freezer to which Mr. Tartaglia responded we are. Mr. Reed asked if monies to replace the freezer will come from the cafeteria fund to which Mr. Fraser responded yes.

h. APPROPRIATION CHANGE: Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following appropriation change:

LOCATION	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	RATIONALE
Ruth C. Kinney	2630-533-02-4630 Computer Software	2020-460-02-0000 Furn/Equip Repair	\$452.00	To cover the cost to repair laminating machine.

Seconded by Mr. Cronin 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 #1-20070861S through Case #3-106876 in the Initial Eligibility Determination Category;
Case #4-20070946S through Case #51-20070257P in the Continuing Student Category;
Case #52-20070248P through Case #53-20070248P in the Declassified 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 #1-108472 through Case #5-108863 In the New Student Category;
Case #6-20110455P through Case #18-20110439P in the Continuing Student Category;
Case #19-109868 through Case #22-108011 in the Ineligible Student Category;
Case #23-20070426P in the Exiting Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Raffone. Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried.
(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: X. There was no unfinished business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: XI.

1. Mr. Reed announced a community budget meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Early Childhood Center cafeteria. There will be a brief presentation by the Board of Education and Superintendent followed by conversation with the community regarding their input on the 2012/2013 school budget.
2. RESOLUTION: Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EAST ISLIP SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY sustains the decision of the Superintendent of Schools as recommended by the hearing officer in a Superintendent's Student Disciplinary Proceeding held on November 28, 2011;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to notify the family in writing of the decision of the Board of Education; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

3. Mrs. Phillips stated that we need to come together as a community with fundraising groups and that the Board of Education would be organizing such a meeting in the near future.
4. Mrs. Aileen D'Addorio stated that a colleague of hers recently attended a budget meeting with State representatives and was questioning information about separating propositions on the school budget ballot. Mr. Reed and Mr. Finello responded that they just attended the same workshop together with Mr. Fraser today and that they were seeking clarification from the school attorneys regarding this.
5. Mrs. Jessica Carney spoke about the fund raising efforts for middle school sports and reported that the booster club is still in need of \$35,000 in order for spring sports to run. She asked the Board about transportation funds and if the Board would consider supplementing the remainder that was due. Mr. Reed responded that there are no additional funds the district can expend toward middle school sports. He said the Board can look at running some portion of the sports if full funds are not raised in time.
6. Mrs. Cindy Stauber asked the Board if they had any thoughts on closing any of our district's elementary schools as other surrounding districts are doing. Mr. Reed responded that at this point in time, there was not any savings that would support proceeding further.
7. Mr. Joseph D'Addorio stressed his disappointment in the possibility of not running the middle school spring sports program as well as his concern for the program for next school year. Mr. Reed responded that the Board certainly appreciates the efforts of the community in its fund raising efforts for the program and that the Board will be looking at all programs and all activities in next year's budget. He stated that the budget process is starting early this year so that the Board can invite the entire community to come and voice their opinions and give their input on what they would like to see in the budget. Mr. Finello added that the greatest fear that the district has are the mandated services; the district fears it is not even going to meet the required tax cap levy with including the mandated programs in the budget.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XII. Mr. Reed announced that a closed executive session would take place on January 21, 2012, a special board of education meeting for budget CONVERSATION with the community would take place on January 31, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. and that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would take place on Thursday, February 9, 2012 beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

He also announced that the Board of Education was considering changing the March 2012 Board meeting from Thursday, March 8 to Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Sargent to change the 2011/2012 school calendar to reflect a change in the March 2012 Board of Education meeting from Thursday, March 8, 2012 to Tuesday, March 13, 2012; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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

Carol Feudi