

**East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
March 13, 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: 140 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 8:24 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2012; pp. 49-55; 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)

Mr. Finello presented the school calendar for 2012/2013 to the Board for approval. He reviewed each month's schedule of days in session, holidays and contingent snow emergency days.

APPROVAL OF 2012/2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approves the 2012/2013 School Calendar; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Mr. Finello reported that a letter was recently sent home to parents indicating that between March 19 and March 30, we will be conducting several evacuation drills at each school as mandated by the State Education Department's SAVE legislation. He reported that we will also be holding the 15-minute go home early drill on April 27.

Mr. Finello reported that our Environment Green Career Academy did exceptionally well in its first Long Island Youth Summit competition held at Dowling College on March 9. Nineteen students were selected as finalists. Each received \$500 scholarships to Dowling, and eight received an additional \$2,000 for first place in their category, as well as paid internships this summer to a North Shore-LIJ Health Hospital.

Mr. Finello reported that the high school's mock trial team won their case in the opening round of the NYS High School Mock Trial Tournament on March 7, which was held at the court in Central Islip. East Islip is now one of the top eight teams in Suffolk County and will continue on to the next round of the playoffs on Thursday, March 14.

The high school's academic team continued to win in "The Challenge" defeating Patchogue-Medford High School on February 14.

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 #1-6 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

1. Regents Review Teaching Appointments:

Twenty-Six (26) Teaching Appointments	EIHS	English/Social Studies Math Science	4/15/12-6/20/12 8 sessions each teacher/2 hours each session	\$62.26/hr
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2. English Language Arts/Math Test Prep (Grades 6-8) Teaching Appointment:

One position	EIMS	ELA/Math Grades 6-8	3/14/12	8 sessions/1.5 hr each session \$62.26/hr
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Teacher Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence:

3. Shawnette Costarelli	CES	Special Education	3/6/12-4/25/12	
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Per Diem Substitute Teaching Appointments:

4. Jennifer Norton	DW	Students with Disabilities 1-6	03/14/2012	\$123 per day
5. Denise Busch	DW	Elementary /Reading K-12	03/14/2012	\$123 per day
6. Dorothy Heintze	DW	Math	03/14/2012	\$123 per day

Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve Items 1-32 in the non-certified personnel report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Both Mrs. Elaine Condon, clerical employee at the high school, and Mr. Michael Doscher, member of the district custodial staff, were congratulated for their retirement effective April and June of this year, respectively, and recognized for their service to the district.

Middle School Spring 2012 Coaching Appointments:

1.	Chris Padgur	MS	Baseball	Spring 2012	6	4	\$7,060
2.	Mark Starr	MS	Boys' Lacrosse	Spring 2012	6	4	\$7,060
3.	Melissa Love	MS	Girls' Lacrosse	Spring 2012	6	4	\$7,060
4.	Gary Martin	MS	Softball	Spring 2012	7	4	\$5,844
5.	Ronald Croteau	MS	Boys' Tennis	Spring 2012	7	4	\$5,844
6.	Patricia Bush	MS	Boys' Track	Spring 2012	7	2	\$5,119
7.	Bonnie Rabin	MS	Girls' Track	Spring 2012	7	1	\$4,765

Anticipated High School Fall 2012 Coaching Appointments:

8.	Nancy Fragala	HS	Varsity Cheerleading	Fall 2012	4	4	\$8,156
9.	Kerri McCourt	HS	JV Cheerleading	Fall 2012	7	4	\$5,902
10.	Jim Marino	HS	Varsity-Boys' Cross	Fall 2012	6	4	\$7,131
11.	Steve Brown	HS	Varsity Girls' Cross	Fall 2012	6	4	\$7,131
12.	Chris Veit	HS	Varsity Field Hockey	Fall 2012	3	4	\$8,618
13.	Chad Spruyt	HS	JV Field Hockey	Fall 2012	5	4	\$7,388
14.	Sal Ciampi	HS	Varsity Football	Fall 2012	1	4	\$10,877
15.	John Caraccia	HS	Asst. Varsity Football	Fall 2012	3	4	\$8,618
16.	Joe Esposito	HS	Asst. Varsity Football	Fall 2012	3	4	\$8,618
17.	Ryan Pearsall	HS	Asst. Varsity Football	Fall 2012	3	1	\$7,183
18.	Chris	HS	Varsity Boys' Golf	Fall 2012	6	2	\$6,125
19.	Dennis Jones	HS	Girls' Gymnastics	Fall 2012	5	4	\$7,388
20.	Ray Lang	HS	Varsity Boys' Soccer	Fall 2012	3	4	\$8,618
21.	Greg Johnson	HS	JV Boys' Soccer	Fall 2012	5	4	\$7,388
22.	Julie Susskind	HS	Varsity Girls' Soccer	Fall 2012	3	4	\$8,618
23.	David Lake	HS	JV Girls' Soccer	Fall 2012	5	4	\$7,388
24.	Michael Drozd	HS	Varsity Girls' Tennis	Fall 2012	4	4	\$8,156
25.	Emil Stewart	HS	JV Girls' Tennis	Fall 2012	6	4	\$7,131
26.	Stacie Wixted	HS	Varsity Volleyball	Fall 2012	3	2	\$7,644
27.	Gary Martin	HS	JV Volleyball	Fall 2012	5	3	\$6,875

Clerical Permanent Appointment (Successful Completion of Probationary Period):

28.	Susan Romito	DO	Office Applications Specialist	3/1/12
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Clerical Retirement:

29.	Elaine Condon	HS	Clerk Typist	4/23/12
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Custodial Retirement:

30.	Michael Doscher	DW	Driver/Messenger	3/4/12
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Paraprofessional Appointment:

31.	Roseann Volano	RCK	School Teach Aide/ Social Skills Club 1 hr p/day	3/14/12-6/30/12	2	\$18.06 p/hr
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Per Diem Registered Nurse Appointment:

32.	Elizabeth Ruggiero	DW	Registered Nurse	3/14/12	\$118 p/day
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BUSINESS - Mr. Fraser

TREASURER'S REPORT: a) 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 January 2012; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: b) 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 January 2012; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

HEALTH SERVICES 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 Health Services Contract with Hicksville Public Schools for the 2011-12 school year. This contract is for health services provided to one of our students who attends Holy Trinity School located in the Hicksville School District. The cost is \$573.27; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

BOCES LEASE AGREEMENT : 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 proposed lease agreement with BOCES for the use of two classrooms at Timber Point Elementary School. The proposed lease is for one year at the fee of \$8,503 per classroom for the 2012-13 school year. This is the same rate as the current school year ; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

SCHOOL WORLD: e) Motion by Mr. Raffone to table this item; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

SCHOLARSHIP: f) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to accept the donation of the \$500 scholarship from Kiddie Academy of Islip for one of our graduating seniors in 2012; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES CARL PERKINS VATEA GRANT: g) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the use of Carl Perkins VATEA Grant funds for a field trip as specified by the Grant. The International Business Globalization Career Academy will be attending the Trade Fair Expo at the Armory in Manhattan on March 29th and will be using this grant to fund the transportation expense. BOCES policy requires that the Board of Education approve this field trip prior to its funding through this grant; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

BOCES RESOLUTION A: h) 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 Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution (A), Exhibit 1 from BOCES for the 2012-2013 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked if there was a fee for participating in the cooperative program. Mr. Fraser responded that the fee is approximately \$8,000 and is BOCES aidable.

EAST ISLIP BIDS: i) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District award the bid for CES Play Structure Including Installation - Bid#021512-1 to Louis Barbato Landscaping (Option C); Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

GROSH SCENIC RENTALS : j) 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 Grosh Scenic Rentals for the rental of the circus banners for the High School musical scheduled for March 29, 2012; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGE: k) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following appropriation change:

LOCATION	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	RATIONALE
Timber Point	2610-533-06-0000 Library Supplies	2110-533-06-0000 Instructional Supplies	\$0.59	To purchase paper and supplies for building
Timber Point	2630-533-06-4630 Comp/Software	2110-533-06-0000 Instructional Supplies	\$503.98	To purchase paper and supplies for building
Timber Point	2815-533-06-0000 Health Supplies & Forms	2110-533-06-0000 Instructional Supplies	\$13.43	To purchase paper and supplies for building
Timber Point	2850-596-06-0000 Awards	2110-533-06-0000 Instructional Supplies	\$337.00	To purchase paper and supplies for building
District Office	2811-510-00-0000 Admin Supplies	2010-153-00-0000 Prof Salaries E/P	\$9,712.56	To cover the cost of Test Preparation Courses for MS students
Middle School	2610-533-08-0000 Library Supplies	2110-542-08-0000 Periodicals/Newspapers	13.88	To purchase necessary reading material in MS Library

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

DONATIONS: l) Motion by Mr. Cronin to accept the donation of a 5K Solar System by Direct Grid Technologies to be installed in the courtyard of the East Islip High School by Solar Dad and Sons at no cost to the school district; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Sue Pierini announced that the Athletic Booster Club has raised another \$23,000 through their fund raising efforts for middle school sports. She said the club has already fund raised and donated \$76,000. She asked the Board if the district could fund the remaining amount needed to run the spring sports and the club would be happy to donate this \$23,000. Mrs. Pierini said that any monies left over from the current fund raising would be donated toward next year's sports. Mr. Reed responded that the Board wished to thank all of those school community members for their efforts in this fund raising endeavor. He said that, along with the low heating costs and lack of snow this school year that the Board believes it would be able to fund the remaining amount needed.

MOTION: 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 \$23,000 from

the East Islip Athletic Booster Club to be used toward funding the middle school spring sports program and approve the use of district funds to fund the remaining balance needed to run the spring sports program; Seconded by Mr. Raffone 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 #1-101775 through Case #4-20070876S in the Initial Eligibility Determination Category;

Case #5-20070548S through Case #27-20070811S in the Continuing Student Category;

Case #28-109973 through Case #29-109972 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 Mr. Cronin to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):

Case #1-109929 through Case #3-109916 In the New Student Category;

Case #4-20070407P through Case #10-20110438P in the Continuing Student Category;

Case #11-107104 through Case #14-108766 in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips. 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. Finello reported that the Board had asked him to look into an outside firm for an extended kindergarten program. He contacted SCOPE, and spoke with Mr. George Duffy of Student Services. SCOPE does not run a certified program as we do, but runs an extended program that hires certified teachers to teach in the program. The program is run either at the children's current building or they can be bused to a central location. Parents fund the program and classes are limited to approximately twenty students per class. The cost is based on the number of students who participate in the program. This program will be discussed further by administration and the Board of Education.

2. Mr. Reed spoke about the upcoming budget and said he believes we need four things for a successful budget: Community - support of the 3.05% cap; District - find ways to save money; State - take time to attend legislative action meetings; Staff - bringing reasonable items for negotiations to the table.

Mr. Fraser stated that Suffolk Transportation Inc. has agreed to reduce its increase from 6% to 3%, saving the district \$200,000 and proposed that we change elementary school hours to 9:35-3:35, which would save three buses and another \$211,200. In addition, the internal auditor has reduced its cost by \$5,500, the claims auditor has reduced next year's rate by \$1,200, and the external auditor has reduced its rate by \$5,900, for a total savings of \$423,800 for next year.

Mr. Reed stated that the Board takes this all very seriously. He thanked everyone who sent emails and reported that each one is read. Mr. Reed announced that the March 15 budget presentation is being cancelled. The next presentation is scheduled for March 27 at which time the Budget Advisory Committee will also make its recommendations to the Board.

3. Samantha Undari-Schwartz spoke in support of full day kindergarten and quoted statistics she researched that show that half day kindergarten students fall behind academically.
4. Ms. Joy Klein spoke on behalf of full day kindergarten and how statistics show students will fail, which will be reflected on first grade teachers APPR scores. She also spoke about a neighboring school district that cut the teacher's day so they taught periods one through eight or two through nine. Mrs. Phillips asked for the name of the school district and requested to discuss this at the next meeting.
5. Amanda Baranek, student, spoke about the importance of music and read a letter she wrote to herself on the subject.
6. Mrs. Stephanie Baranek asked if there was any possibility that parents could contribute to help fund the music program. Mr. Finello responded that NY State Law states children are entitled to a free and appropriate education; therefore you cannot pay to participate. He said fund raising can be done to contribute to a particular group and Mr. Reed mentioned the possibility of a music booster club. Mrs. Phillips stated that a group, MAPS (Music and Arts Program Support group), has already begun.
7. Shannon Ball spoke on behalf of kindergarten and feels we are setting our children up for failure by reducing to a half day kindergarten program.
8. Neil Roman, 2005 East Islip graduate, spoke on behalf of music and gave statistics on how participation in the arts boosters math and science scores.
9. Katlyn Raitz, 2007 graduate, spoke on behalf of music and her success in music in college due to participation in high school.
10. Ms. GiGi Guiliano, parent of three boys in the district, spoke in support of the music program and countless studies that show music improves academic scores.
11. Ms. Barbara Kelly, music teacher in another district, spoke in support of the music program.
12. Mrs. Sally Gabriel spoke in support of librarians and social workers in the district.
13. Sarah Quinn, student, spoke in support of music and how participation in the program has helped her.
14. Christine Hoerning, 2005 graduate, shared how music has impacted her life.
15. Rob Gallagher spoke in support of the music program and read an email he wrote to the Board of Education in support of the music program.
16. Mrs. Carol Coffin, read a letter on behalf of another set of parents of a student with autism and how music is helping their child.
17. Mrs. Bonnie Buckley spoke about the Legislative Action Committee and the rally scheduled for March 18, at 12:00 noon, in Hauppauge, as well as the SAVE LI Schools campaign.
18. Tanner Schaper, high school junior, spoke on behalf of the music program.
19. Mrs. Tracey Schaper, mother of three boys who participated in music read a letter from her son who attends Ithaca, in support of the music program.
20. Sean Kaiser spoke about the wrong choices he made during his 7th and 8th grade school years and how participation in music has helped him.
21. Courtney Kenyon, high school student, spoke in support of the music program and reported she will be attending college for music education.
22. Ms. Meghan O'Hara, member of MAPS, spoke in support of the music program and read letters from her three sons in support of music.
23. Amanda Carey, 7th grade student at the middle school, spoke in support of the music program and how it boosted her self-esteem.
24. Mrs. Jessica Carney thanked the Board for approving the funds for middle school sports this evening. She asked the Board to consider asking each department in the district to look for grants that may be available. Mr. Reed responded that this is

- something that the district would also like to pursue. Mrs. Carney also asked about the substitute teacher contract and the possibility of closing Connetquot Elementary School. Mr. Cronin responded that the district looked into closing the school. As was reported at the last budget meeting, it is not feasible at this time; however, the Board will look into building utilization each year.
25. Mr. Lex Konnerth thanked the Board members for their patience and asked if there was a list of grants for which the district already applied. Mr. Reed responded that there are federal grants; however reported that East Islip's wealth ratio makes success of many grants minimal right now. Mr. Konnerth offered the assistance of members of MAPS to help pursue grants for the arts.
 26. Ms. Jamie Steves submitted several letters from students and girls in girl scouts that were obtained by her fourth grade daughter who wants to support the music program.
 27. Mrs. Sue Pierini thanked Board members for all of the time they put in and asked that the Board not cut one program; rather if any cuts need to be made to make them across all areas and to ask teachers for any little give back. Mr. Reed replied that in the last round of negotiations, several millions of dollars in concessions and deferrals were obtained through the unions. He said because the State changed its formula, we are receiving a lot less aid.
 28. Mr. Mark Hannigan thanked Board members for their efforts and for the additional funding of middle school sports. He asked the Board to not take any more away from the children; but rather make this budget historic and get everything in at the cap

RESOLUTION: Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith continues the appointment of John J. Finello, effective July 1, 2012, as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the period ending June 30, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to the negotiation and execution of an employment agreement between John J. Finello and the Board of Education of the East Islip Union Free School District and the issuance of a waiver by the Commissioner of Education permitting the continued service of John J. Finello as Interim Superintendent; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

Mr. Reed asked that everyone attending this Sunday's rally wear school colors.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XII. Mr. Reed announced that the budget presentation scheduled for Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m., is being cancelled. The next budget presentation will take place on Tuesday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m.; a budget workshop will be held on April 3, at 7:00 p.m.; and, the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would take place on Thursday, April 19, 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 9:50 p.m.