

**East Islip School District  
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue  
Islip Terrace, New York 11752  
September 13, 2012 - APPROVED  
BUSINESS MEETING**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Ken Cronin, President  
Louis F. Raffone, Vice President  
Philip Montuori, Trustee  
Kim G. Phillips, Trustee  
Glenn Reed, 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

Marie Rogers, District Clerk

Approximate Attendance: 80 Meeting held in the Early Childhood Center Boardroom  
(Meeting chaired by Mr. Cronin, Board President)

MTG. CALLED TO ORDER: I.) Meeting called to order by Mr. Cronin 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. Reed and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SESSION: III.) Motion by Mr. Reed 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 8:10 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG IV): Mr. Cronin 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](mailto:AllBoardMembers@eischools.org), which can be accessed through the district's website.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Mr. Finello introduced Mrs. Nancy Goldfader and members of the FTK Board of Directors, who were present this evening to make a donation to the students of East Islip School District. Mrs. Goldfader announced that the FTK strongly believes in the benefits of extracurricular activities for our students and were here this evening to present the district with a check for \$70,000 to pay for specific activities that were eliminated from this year's school budget. She read the list of clubs for each school for which FTK was funding. Mrs. Goldfader reminded those present about FTK's upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Carnival, which is being held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 21 through 23, 2012. She thanked the entire school community for their support.
- Mr. Finello announced that both the East Islip High School and Timber Point Elementary

Schools were recognized by New York State as Reward Schools. The high school was recognized for its High Progress; it showed more growth than among similar schools in both the English and math Regents' scores. Timber Point Elementary School was recognized as a High Achieving school; it was among the highest achieving compared to similar schools. Mr. Finello then announced that in addition to being a Reward School, Timber Point Elementary School was just awarded Blue Ribbon School status by New York State for being an Exemplary High Performing School. Timber Point was among 269 schools across the United States to receive this high honor. Mr. Finello read the letter to the Timber Point School staff from Mr. Artie Duncan, Secretary of Education.

- Mr. Finello pointed to the High School Proof of Freedom plaque displayed on the Board room wall. He announced that students from the high school dedicated a plaque to be hung in the high school lobby in honor of East Islip graduates who gave their lives in service of our Country.

- Mr. Finello announced that we received a special aid grant from Senator Zeldin in the amount of \$120,000 and a technology grant in the amount of \$70,400. Thank you to Senator Zeldin for all of his efforts.

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

Mrs. Andrea Vecchio asked for clarification on the tax levy, stating that the community feels we are approving a tax note higher than the approved rate in the budget. Mr. Fraser clarified that the tax levy is the same tax levy that was approved in the budget. It is the dollar amount of the levy, not the tax being approved.. The 2.99% was the difference between the 2011-12 levy and the 2012-13 levy. He stated that in budgeting, we used the same assessed value as the year before to project the tax rate for 2012-13. This year's assessment came in lower because of the senior exemption and Stop-n-Shop's recent settlement, which resulted in the lower tax rate..

Mrs. Vecchio asked if the Board could take a role call and explain why they are voting on each item. Mr. Cronin responded that the Board does engage in discussion when they need further explanation on an agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:

Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2012; pg. 16-21; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

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

#### CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION - Mrs. Becker-Santa

Board Policies - Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the adoption and/or revision of the following Board Policies:

- i. 4528 - Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering
- ii. 5428 - Anaphylaxis
- iii. 5025 - Response to Intervention
- iv. 5100 & 5100R - Attendance
- v. 5300 - Code of Conduct

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips thanked everyone involved for their hard work on creating the Anaphylaxis policy. Mr. Reed asked if copies are sent to the East Islip Public Library after approval, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded they were.

Field Trips: Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following field trips:

Mrs. Denise Naccarato and high school kickline to competition in Orlando, Florida March 7-11, 2013;

Mr. Joseph Tursi and the high school honors' Italian students to Italy June 24-July 2;

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Becker-Santa will update the Board with chaperone names as the trip get nearer and the names are submitted.

#### PERSONNEL - Mrs. Becker-Santa

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items #1-27 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Montuori to approve Items 1-25 in the non-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 #26 & 27 in the non-certified personnel report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Reed. Mr. Montuori recused himself. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items #28-89 in the non-certified personnel report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Montuori and unanimously approved.

#### BUSINESS - Mr. Fraser

TREASURER'S REPORT: a) Motion by Mr. Reed 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 2012; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: b) Motion by Mr. Reed 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 2012; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked that in the future if activity groups that are active for 2012 be marked with an asterisk.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: c) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School approve the contracts with Harmony Heights Inc. which will be providing services to our special education students in the 2012-13 school year; and approve the contract with Vicki Mingin who will be providing consultant services to our special education staff (social workers; psychologist; counselors) in the 2012-13 school year for a fee of \$600 per day; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

CONSULTANT SERVICE CONTRACTS: d) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School approve the contract with Thinking Maps Inc. to provide professional development for our

teaching staff in the 2012-13 school year. The rate for these services is \$1,500.00 per day for a total of 1 day; and approve the contract with Eric Freidman for professional development training to our staff on the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) which took effect July 2012. The total cost for this service is \$7,800; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked for the total budget for Professional Development. Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that professional development is listed under specific budget areas and that will gather the information to forward to the Board. Mr. Finello added that when we talk about unfunded mandates, these are some of the areas that are unfunded. Mr. Raffone asked about the hours of professional development during the day. Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that a team of teachers is trained during the school day and the remainder of the staff is trained by this team during faculty meetings. Mrs. Phillips added that parents will receive this training as well, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that is correct.

CAPITAL COMPUTER ASSOCIATES, INC.: e) Motion by Mr. Montuori to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the Automated Payables Interface Agreement with Capital Computer Associates, Inc. This agreement will allow Capital Computer Associates to complete various system vendor maintenance functions to enable the interface of Bank of America's ePayables automated accounts payable feature with WinCap. There is a onetime fee of \$5,000 which will be forwarded by Bank of America to East Islip to pay Capital Computer; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if Capital Computer was owned by WinCap. Mr. Fraser responded that Capital Computer is a part of WinCap.

MULTI-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BOCES: f) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the Multi-Year Service Agreement with BOCES for the Administrative Network Upgrade at a total estimated cost of \$508,788.90 which will be paid over a five year period with the first year cost being approximately \$130,312.91. This project will improve and enhance networked communications throughout the school district; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed stated that last year he and Mr. Sargent spent a lot of time on this project and asked Mr. Friedman, Executive Director for Technology to explain what this upgrade will do for us. Mr. Friedman explained that our current equipment is 8-10 years old and this will give us the opportunity to replace this old equipment and dramatically improve network speed. Mrs. Phillips asked for confirmation that we anticipate sending more information up to the State, to which Mr. Friedman responded yes. He also added that taking attendance in the elementary school has increased due to State requirements. Mr. Reed asked if we received a competitive rate and if we will receive reimbursement, to which Mr. Fraser responded yes to both.

APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY FOR 2012-13: g) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School set the 2012-13 Tax Levy for the East Islip UFSD at \$66,542,280. This tax levy is the same as was budgeted for 2012-2013, and is based on the tax levy cap calculation.

The 2012-13 total assessed value (Homestead and Non-Homestead) is \$350,919,479 or \$2,817,221 lower than the 2011-12 assessments. This reduction is due primarily to the higher senior citizens exemption approved in 2011-12. The resulting combined tax rate increase is therefore 3.81% versus the budget projection of 2.99% Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips stated that to reiterate on the earlier conversation this evening that assessment change every year. Mr. Fraser said yes and reasons included homeowners' settlement on claims and delays in properties getting on the tax rolls. The tax levy has not

changed from the budgeted amount. Mr. Reed added that this also includes the senior exemption that other homeowners will pick up at \$54 per household.

COPIERS: h) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the multi-year service agreement for one copier in the copy center of the high school for approximately \$10,746.51; Seconded by Mr. Montuori and unanimously approved. Mr. Cronin asked if we also receive 48% reimbursement on this cost, to which Mr. Fraser responded yes.

DONATIONS: i) Motion by Mr. Montuori to accept the donation of an air conditioner from Crystal Chiari, a teacher at Connetquot Elementary School, to Connetquot Elementary School. This equipment will be used in a classroom for a student with special needs; accept the donation of \$5,000 from the Verizon "Heroes on our Island" Sweepstakes to the East Islip Middle School. This donation will be used to purchase and install two Promethium Interactive White Boards in two science classrooms in the Middle School. The code to be increased is 2110-200-08-0000; and, accept the donation of \$70,000 from the For the Kids Foundations (FTK) of East Islip, Inc., for the funding of certain extra-curricular clubs district-wide that were not included in the 2012/2013 school budget; various codes will be increased for this donation; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked if the Verizon donation was a result of the event Mrs. Carney spearheaded, to which Mrs. Carney responded it was.

DISPOSAL OF A GYMNASTICS' HORSE.. j) Motion by Mr. Montuori to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Education of the East Islip School District approve the disposal of a gymnastics' horse at Connetquot Elementary School. This piece of equipment is in poor condition, is approximately 40 years old and has not been used in many years; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Appropriation/Budget Change: k) 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 special grant funds of \$40,700 that was secured through the efforts of Senator Zeldin's office. These funds will be used to support our technology initiative of deploying iPads and Kindle Readers for students' use at the middle school and high school. The appropriation code to be increased for these initiatives is 2630 220 00 0000; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Consultant Service Contract Extension: l) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Education of the East Islip School District approve the contract extension with Great Neck Math Enrichment Center, Inc. for approximately 20 days to assist with development of local assessments, end of year assessments, and other APPR mandated requirements. The fee for these services is \$850 per day; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Montuori asked for an explanation on SLO's, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that the State Education Department is requiring districts to create student learning objectives (SLOs) that mirror State growth measures. Mr. Reed asked if most of this cost will be

paid for through professional development grant monies to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded yes.

CSE/CPSE - Mrs. Kosser

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION: Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE) Student recommendations:

CSE: Case # 1 - 103030 through Case # 2 - 20070149P in the Initial Eligibility Student Category;

Case #3 - 109743 through Case # 15 - 20070888S in the Continuing Student Category;

Case #16 - 110115 in the New Student Category;

Case #17 - 110157 in the Transfer Student Category;

CPSE: Case #1 - 108165 in the New Student Category;

Case #2 - 109529 through Case #9 - 109929 in the Continuing Student Category;

Case #10 - 109929 in the Declassified Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE & CPSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: X. Mrs. Phillips asked the Superintendent to forward Mr. D'Addario a copy of the district's attorney opinion on Pay-to-Play.

Mrs. Phillips asked if the schedule for field and gym usage was up on the web, to which Mr. Finello responded it is now up on the website under "Calendars."

Mr. Finello spoke on the Pilots discussed at last month's meeting. Mr. Fraser reported that the current property's amount of money we have been receiving will remain. Mr. Reed asked if we can ask for over and above what we are receiving from the new owner. Mr. Fraser said we receive \$65,000 now and AG is currently in the process of transferring rights of the property. We have asked our attorney to look into this and right now there is no agreement on the transfer of rights; therefore, the terms will continue as they are. We will update the Board as more information becomes available.

Mr. Reed asked if we will be able to start the process on the Kindles and i-Pads made possible from the \$40,700 grant from Senator Zeldin, to which Mr. Finello responded yes, we are in the process of preparing the purchase orders.

Mr. Cronin announced that the application for district-wide committees is up on the district's website and that due to low response, the deadline date for submitting an application is being extended to October 5.

NEW BUSINESS: XI.

Mr. Cronin announced that the Board would be considering adopting the following Board Policy at its meeting of October 11, 2012: Board of Education Policy 4526 - Concussion Management.

Mrs. Andrea Vecchio asked the Board to, during teacher negotiations, either start a brand new contract for the teachers or leave the current one in place with no changes. She asked about coaches coaching more than one sport and asked for a list of coaches by next month's meeting. Mrs. Vecchio referred to a letter circulated by the teachers' union president speaking how exceptional our school district is. She said the ranking of schools is not mentioned and pointed out that the East Islip High School happens to be #69, which places it in the bottom half of schools nationwide.

Mrs. Susan Pierini, East Islip Athletic Booster Club President, asked the Board to accept a check for \$4,752 for the reinstatement of the intramural weight program at the high school. She also reported that the booster club approved the expense of a porta potty for use on the field by the lacrosse field, and will be making that donation once the contract is worked out. She said she would also like to add that the booster club would like to work with the board to make sure our coaches are compensated fairly; they work very hard and the club would like them to be compensated in line with Suffolk County coaches.

MOTION by Mrs. Phillips to accept the donation of \$4,752 from the East Islip Athletic Booster Club for the purpose of funding the high school intramural weight program; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XII. Mr. Cronin announced that a special Board of Education meeting would be taking place on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. and that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education business meeting would take place on Thursday, October 11, 2012 beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XIII. Motion by Mr. Raffone to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Carol Feudi