

East Islip School District  
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue  
Islip Terrace, New York 11752  
December 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: 45 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 8:00 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:**

1. Mr. Finello introduced Mrs. Bridget Lopiccolo, high school advisor for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) who was present this evening with student members of SADD and the winners of SADD's Red Ribbon Week slogan contest. Mrs. Lopiccolo explained what SADD is and select student members spoke about the program and what it means to them. The four elementary students who won the slogan contest read their slogans aloud and were presented with a Friendly's gift card. The winners were: Ryan Hinck (JFK); Samantha Winegrad (RCK); Caroline Meehan (TP); and Gianna Armstrong (CES).

2. Mr. Finello introduced the Board of Education established District-wide Transportation Committee. Committee members are: Carl Fraser (facilitator), Andrea Alexander, Jessica Carney, Doreen Garguilo, Cathy Sidorski, Michael Steves, and Jason Worst.

Jason Worst presented the committee's report by using a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included the current guidelines vs. the New York State walker/rider limits and the cost comparison, as well as seven scenarios generated by the committee as possibilities. One scenario (Scenario D) was identified as an alternative to the NYS mileage limits among all the scenarios reviewed as it provided standardization of walker-rider mileage in each building. The committee, however, did not reach a consensus on this scenario. Taking the cost of the referendum vote, the savings on a reduction of 3 buses and the decrease in NY State Transportation aid, the net savings was \$111,100. The committee felt the savings vs. the loss of ridership for students and the increase in traffic did not warrant a change. Mr. Worst concluded that the committee does not recommend NY State mileage limits and did not come to a consensus on any given scenario; rather stated the district is better off staying as it currently is. Mr. Worst thanked Suffolk Transportation for their assistance and Mr. Fraser and the committee volunteers for their efforts on this committee. The committee did recognize that the district has improved transportation efficiencies over the past five years. The committee also requested a transportation section on the district's website. Mr. Cronin thanked the committee for their work. Mrs. Phillips asked what type of items the committee would like to see on the website, to which Mr. Worst responded the committee did discuss and he will put them together and submit to the Board. Mr. Reed asked if there were any potential future efficiencies, such as a change in bus routes. Mr. Fraser said that each year the district does plan its routes with the knowledge of students enrolled in any given year. It has decreased and if this continues we will see more efficiency. The Board is to provide its response to the Committee at the next Board of Education meeting in January.

3. Mr. Cronin stated that the Board will be acting on two resolutions this evening as a result of Hurricane Sandy and school make up days.

a. RESOLUTION: Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2012/2013 school calendar is hereby amended to include February 19 through February 22, 2013 as instructional days when school will be in session; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

b. RESOLUTION: Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PRESIDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE East Islip Teachers' Association, dated December 13, 2012, regarding make-up instructional days as a result of school closings due to Super Storm Sandy; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mr. Montuori to approve the Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2012; pp. 39-45; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2012; pg. 46; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Mr. Cronin asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda items before putting them before the Board. Mrs. Rosa Ferrara asked for clarification on agenda item g. (stove for Family & Consumer Science) ; certified personnel items 1-5 (are these additional positions) and non-certified personnel items 1 (student teacher), 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 24 & 25 (what type of appointments are these). Mr. Fraser, Mrs. Becker-Santa, and Mrs. Kossler responded. Mrs. Ferrara said it would be helpful if there was an explanation with each appointment, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that she would try to make it clearer which positions were new, replacements, etc.

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

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

Board Policy Adoption - Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the adoption of the following Board Policy: 6450 - Accounting of Funds; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Board Policy Revision - Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the revision of Board 5151 - New Entrant Elementary Student Placement; Seconded by Mr. Montuori and unanimously approved.

**PERSONNEL** - Mrs. Becker-Santa

Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items 1-8 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Montuori and unanimously approved

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1-16; 18-21; and, 23-25 in the non-certified personnel report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mr. Montuori asked for clarification on Items #12-13.

**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 October 2012; Seconded by Mr. Montuori and unanimously approved.

**EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT:** b) 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 October 2012; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS UNDER COUNTY CONTRACTS::** c) 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 resolution for the East Islip Union Free School District to participate in the cooperative purchase of the natural gas commodity under County contract pursuant to New York State and County Law; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

**BOCES LEASE AGREEMENT:** d) 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 lease agreement with BOCES for the use of two classrooms at Timber Point Elementary School for the 2013-14 school year; the lease is for one year at a fee of \$8,672 per classroom, which is a 2% increase from the current year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Montuori asked why the ECC isn't rented to BOCES, to which Mr. Fraser responded that utilizing the elementary schools allows BOCES student to participate with other students; there are no students in the ECC.

**DONATION.:** e) 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 donation of a microwave for JFK Elementary from Sue Kavanagh for use in the kitchen for students who use NuLife foods, and the donation of an iPad for the CES 8-1-2 program and \$2500 to purchase adaptive physical education equipment for RCK Elementary and Connetquot Elementary from

the EJ Autism Foundation in conjunction with NSASA ; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

**DISPOSAL OF SHREDDER/VEHICLES:** f) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the disposal of a shredder at the Middle School that is not working and would cost more to repair than the worth of the shredder, and the disposal of the listed vehicles that have long since reached end-of-life use and are no longer worth the cost of repairs 1991 Ford Crown Victoria - Vin#2FACP72F7MX176009; 1982 Chevy Malibu Wagon - in#1G1AW35K4CB175612; 1992 Ford Crown Victoria – Vin#2FACP72WONX233202; 1991 Ford Van – Vin#1FDJE34MCMHA21168; Seconded by Mr. Montuori and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if our insurance rates are reduced when vehicles are scrapped, to which Mr. Fraser responded yes.

**APPROPRIATION CHANGES:** g) 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 2012-13 appropriation changes:

<u>Location</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
District Office	2020-200-00-0000 Equipment D/W	2110-200-08-0000 Equip/Hardware MS	\$700.00	To fund the cost of one stove for the MS FACS

Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

**CSE/CPSE - Mrs. Kosser**

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE) Student recommendations and accept the appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer: **CSE:** Case #1-103614 through Case #2-110295 in the Ineligibility Determinations Student Category;

Case #3-20070937S through Case # 19-20070787S in the Continuing Student Category;

**CPSE:** Case #1-109463 through Case #6-108878 in the New Student Category; Case #7 - 109581 in the Ineligible Student Category; Case #8-109746 through Case #23 - 109916 in the Continuing Student Category;

**Impartial Hearing Officer:** - Jerome Schad.

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.  
(Copies of all CSE & CPSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: X.**

Mr. Fraser reported on the \$1,500 cost by Whitson’s Culinary Group to complete the USDA Menu Certification of Compliance as discussed at the October Board meeting. The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act has changed nutrition requirements, which resulted in increased costs. The USDA has provided for an additional six cent reimbursement to districts that comply with the guidelines to offset these costs. To qualify for these funds the district is required to complete the USDA Menu Certification of Compliance. Mr. Fraser checked with the State Education Department on the appropriateness of Whitson’s charging districts for this service. The State referred the question to the Federal government, who has yet to respond. Mr. Fraser stated that this work is not included in Whitson’s contract; however, the district is able to absorb

the \$1,500 cost from the six cent reimbursement money from the federal government. We will go ahead with a P.O. to Whitson's to complete the report.

**NEW BUSINESS: XI.**

1. Mrs. Becker-Santa addressed items that were questioned at the November 13 Board meeting:

Confidential employees contribute 12% toward health insurance as per their contract agreement and they are all civil service employees;

A lengthy report on Regents review courses, including enrollment, costs and student eligibility was provided to the Board in this month's Board report. This information changes by year according to need; eligibility is determined by student data and teacher recommendation. In addition, in an effort to increase our graduation rate, these courses assist our students to stay on track.

Mrs. Becker-Santa reported that she also provided the Board with a report on the in-service courses offered in the district as well as those that were approved and denied.

Mrs. Becker-Santa stated that in response to the cost of residency checks, it is very difficult to determine what the cost would be. She provided the cost for the last two years which was \$3,915 for the 10/11 school year and \$2,418.25 for the 11/12 school year. She stated that we do use our security staff for residency checks; however, at times the need arises where we need to use private investigators.

Mrs. Becker-Santa said that all of these reports are available if anyone wishes to view them.


2. Mr. Fraser reported that outside groups who utilize our facilities must have a Whitson's employee present when utilizing the kitchen. Members of certain outside groups would like to be certified through Suffolk County, which would eliminate the need for a Whitson's employee's presence. Mr. Fraser stated that Whitson's has informed us that since they hold permit for the premises, they would have to be present unless outside groups have a hold harmless agreement with Whitson's. Mr. Cronin announced that the training is available on line and consists of three ½ day sessions.

3. Mr. Reed requested that the compliance reports from our claims auditor be posted on our website, to which Mr. Fraser responded he would arrange.

4. Mr. Sargent suggested to the Board that, in light of problems in the entire area experienced with Hurricane Sandy that the Board look into the issue of getting a cell tower on the property. He stated that if we were able to allay the fears of cell towers we would be able to improve communication in the area and earn money for the district. He suggested that our communications staff give an informational presentation on cell towers. Mr. Cronin said that he and parent Mrs. Sidorski were recently in contact with our councilman regarding a cell tower placed near their homes. He also stated that studies on the effects of cell towers were done fifteen years ago, and would need to be done again.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XII.** Mr. Cronin announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education business meeting would take place on Thursday, January 10, 2013 beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XIII.** Motion by Mr. Reed to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

  
Carol Feudi

East Islip Union Free School District

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Non-Certified Personnel Report

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Name	Bldg.	Position	Effective	Schedule	Justification
<b>Student Teacher Appointment:</b>					
1. Amanda Stավdal	HS/MS	English	1/23/13		Recommended
<b>Club &amp; Advisor Appointments:</b>					
2. Malgorzata Strzelecka	RCK	Drama	12/14/12	\$499.66*	FTK
3. Dana Belfiore	RCK	Drama	12/14/12	\$499.66*	FTK
4. Vivian Van Koolwijk	CES	Social Skills/Kids Club	12/14/12	\$749.50*	Special Ed Grant
5. Crystal Chiari	CES	Social Skills/Kids Club	12/14/12	\$749.50*	Special Ed Grant
6. Laura Fox	RCK	Social Skills/Kids Club	12/14/12	\$749.50*	Special Ed Grant
7. Shannon Cordova	RCK	Social Skills/Kids Club	12/14/12	\$749.50*	Special Ed Grant
*stipend increase 2/1/13 per contract					
<b>Coaching Resignation:</b>					
8. James Connell	HS	Spring Track (Boys)	12/5/12		Resignation
<b>CLASSIFIED NON-COMPETITIVE PERSONNEL:</b>					
<b>Rescind Paraprofessional Appointment:</b>					
9. *Denise Piazza	JFK	School Monitor	See information Item 2		Recommended
<b>Paraprofessional Appointments/Transfers:</b>					
10. Diane Schultz	JFK	School Monitor 2 hrs p/day	12/14/12	\$16.54 p/hr Step 1	Repl. Transfer/ DiPrima
11. Linda Belz	CES	School Monitor 1 hr p/day	12/14/12	\$18.53 p/hr Step 3	Repl. Transfer/Clyne
12. Caroline Margarita will relinquish 3 hrs school monitor	TPE	School Teacher Aide 5 hrs p/day	12/14/12	\$17.13 p/hr Step 1	Repl. Retiree/Kelly
13. Marie Chidichimo	TPE	School Teacher Aide 6 hrs p/day	12/14/12	\$18.42 p/hr Step 2	Recommended/SpecEd
14. Lori Mario	JFK	School Monitor 1 hr p/day	12/14/12	\$18.84 p/hr Step 4	Recommended
15. Philomena Gaffney	TPE	School Teacher Aide 6 hrs p/day	through 6/30/13	\$17.13 p/hr Step 1	Recommended
<b>Paraprofessional Appointments-Social Skills/Kids Club</b>					
16. Linda Karika	CES	Social Skills Club 1 hr p/day	12/14/12-6//30/13	\$19.26 p/hr Step 4	Recommended/Spec Ed
17. Phyllis Henry	CES	Social Skills Club 1 hr p/day	12/14/12-6//30/13	\$20.16 p/hr Step 4	Recommended/Spec Ed
18. Roseanne Volano	RCK	Social Skills Club 1 hr p/day	12/14/12-6//30/13	\$18.89 p/hr Step 3	Recommended/Spec Ed
19. John Baldo	RCK	Social Skills Club 1 hr p/day	12/14/12-6//30/13	\$20.16 p/hr Step 4	Recommended/Spec Ed
<b>Paraprofessional Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence:</b>					
20. Barbara Keeley	MS	School Teacher Aide	11/13/12-1/2/13		Recommended
<b>Hourly Paraprofessional Substitute Appointment:</b>					
21. Joanne Mueller	DW	Hourly Para Sub	12/14/12	\$7.25 p/hr	Recommended
<b>Per Diem Consultant Services:</b>					
22. Linda Dacey	DW	Consultant	12/14/12	\$320 p.day \$45.86 p/hr	Recommended/Grant

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	Name	Bldg.	Position	Effective	Schedule	Justification
<b>Custodial Worker I (Night Man in Charge) Transfer/Appointment:</b>						
23.	Georgiann McRedmond	DO	Custodial Worker I NMIC	12/14/12	\$48,713 Step 5	Repl. M. Cavanaugh
<b>Clerical Reinstatement:</b>						
24.	Christine Sciallo	DW	Clerk Typist 10 months	12/14/12	\$28,363 Step 3	Recommended
<b>Accompanist Appointment:</b>						
25.	Christopher McKee	DW	Accompanist	2012-2013	101.61 p/hr*	Recommended

*\*1.5% contractual increase effective 2/1/12*

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<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Bldg.</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Area</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>	<b><u>Schedule</u></b>	<b><u>Cert. Status</u></b>	<b><u>Justification</u></b>
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<b><u>In-District Suspension Program Appointments*:</u></b>						
1.	Jessica Fleming	SHS	Special Education	12/14/12	\$62.88/hr	Recommended
2.	Tara Trifaro	MS	Special Education	12/14/12	\$62.88/hr	Recommended
3.	Lauren Volpe	DW	Special Education	12/14/12	\$62.88/hr	Recommended
4.	Vivian VanKoolwijk	CES	School Social Worker	12/14/12	\$62.88/hr	Recommended
5.	Patricia Childs	HS	Foreign Language	12/14/12	\$62.88/hr	Recommended
<b><u>Teacher Request for an Unpaid Leave of Absence:</u></b>						
6.	Genesis Dawson	SHS	Science	1/22/13-2/25/13		FMLA
<b><u>Per Diem Substitute Teaching Appointment:</u></b>						
7.	Carrie Lennon	D/W	Elementary/Special Education	12/14/12	\$123/day	Recommended



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**Per Diem Substitute Teaching Appointment:**

8.	Nicholas Castellano	D/W	Special Education	12/14/12	\$123/day	Recommended
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