

East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
January 13, 2009 – APPROVED
BUSINESS MEETING

Board Members in Attendance:

Gary J. Lamm, President
Kim G. Phillips, Vice President
Ken Cronin, Trustee
Terri Lyons, Trustee
Glenn Reed, Trustee

Staff Members in Attendance:

Wendell Chu, Superintendent of Schools
Carl Fraser, Asst. Superintendent for Business
Alise Becker-Santa, Asst. Supt. For Instruction/Personnel
Kathleen Borzello, Asst. Supt. For Pupil Personnel & Special
Education
Robert M. Tartaglia, Plant & Facilities Administrator
Marie Rogers - District Clerk

Approximate Attendance: 80 Meeting held in the Early Childhood Center Boardroom
(Meeting chaired by Gary Lamm, Board President)

MTG. CALLED TO ORDER: I.) Public session of meeting called to order by Mr. Lamm, Board President, 8:07 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mr. Lamm asked those in attendance to join him in a Salute to the Flag.

PUBLIC ADVISED: II.) 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 newly created email address: eiboard@eischools.org, which can be accessed through the district's website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD: III)
(Wendell Chu)

Connetquot Elementary School Principal, Dr. Belz, introduced music teacher, Mrs. Egbert, who in turn introduced *Rap of the States* student winners: Yasmin Cruz-Rivera, Santino Dunham, Giulia Laraia, Magenta Minogue, Owen Niedzwiecki, Patrick Olsen, Danielle Pafundi, Zachary Piscitelli, Ryan Thompson, Megan Tohill, Noelia Vazquez, and Eric Wissemann – Mr. Chiarelli's class and Robert Belloise, Geselle Canessa, John Carney, Liam Doyle-Kane, Melissa Haines, and Brianna O'Neill – Mrs. Sternberg's class, who performed their winning rap song of the States. Mr. Chu thanked Connetquot Elementary School staff and students stating that this type of event was the fun part of his job, sharing in the wonderful things that our teachers and administrators are doing. He announced that Mrs. Egbert and her choral group, as part of Music in Our Schools Month, would be performing at the New York State capital building in Albany next month. He also announced that they would be performing at a Long Island Ducks game this June.

Mr. Chu congratulated 8th grade student, Allison Casey, who will be representing the district at the regional spelling bee next month and depending on how well she does will be eligible to compete in the nationals in Washington DC.

Mr. Chu stated that a few parental concerns have been brought to his attention and he would like to address them. There has been concern that Connetquot Elementary School stopped morning announcements, including the Salute to the Flag. He reported that it was recently recommended by the School Improvement Team to do announcements at the end of the day, rather in the a.m. in order to alleviate interruption of classroom instruction. As part of that plan, teachers were to conduct the Pledge in their individual classrooms. Unfortunately, since it was a new procedure, it was not immediately grasped by all and it has been decided to resume Pledge over the PA system for all students each morning, with announcements in the p.m.

Another concern brought to Mr. Chu's attention was the holiday celebrations at Connetquot Elementary School. Mr. Chu gave the history of the holiday activities at Connetquot and clarified the confusion regarding the prohibition of Santa. A discussion regarding holiday activities will be taking place with all principals in the district in order to maintain consistency among all schools. Mr. Chu did stress that if anyone ever has any questions or concerns that they feel are not being addressed at the building level, they should feel free to contact any of the central office administrators and either they, or he, would be happy to address their concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2008, pp. 32-36; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

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

ACTION ITEMS: V.) Action Items Recommended by the Supt. of Schools
(Wendell Chu)

TREASURER'S REPORT: a) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2008 as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.
(Copy of Treasurer's Report Appended to Minutes)

SPECIAL EDUCATION: b) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the agreements with JNC Services Inc. dba Top Grade for educational services provided to an East Islip student at The Sagamore Children's Center for the 2008-09 school year; School & Community Support, Inc. for educational services provided to our special education students for the 2008-09 school year; and, Half Hollow Hills Central School District for special education services provided to our students parentally placed in non-public schools within Half Hollow Hills School District for the 2008-09 school year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

STIPULATION OF AGREEMENT: c) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that non-precedential settlement agreement regarding arbitration brought on behalf of a member of the custodial staff who retired effective June 30, 2008, which provides for a payment to said employee of \$1,908.60 be and the same hereby approved;

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES: d) Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the following appropriation changes:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
Middle School	2110-542-08-0000	2610-533-08-0000	\$3,768.00	Additional books needed
	Periodical-Newspapers MS	Library Supplies MS		For Library

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: e) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve Items #1-6 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve Items 1-25 in the in the Non-Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL ED. (CSE): f) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):

Case # 1 – 20070517S through Case # 43 – 20070411S the Continuing Student Category;
 Case # 44 -200700365 through Case # 54 – 20070707S in the New Student Category;
 Case # 55 – 20070709S through Case # 58 – 20070711S in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

COMMITTEE ON PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL ED. (CPSE): g) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CPSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE):

Case # 20070253P – 2 through Case # 20070260P - 22 in the New Student Category;
 Case # 20070230P - 1 through Case # 20070185P - 23 in the Continuing Student Category;
 Case # 20070151P-8 in the Declassified Student Category;
 Case # 20070205P - 3 in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CPSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

APPROVAL OF SYLVANA GRESH AS CSE/CPSE PARENT VOLUNTEER: h) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the addition of parent volunteer, Sylvana Gresh, as parent member for CSE/CPSE; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

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

NEW BUSINESS: VII. Kevin Boyle, President of the United Public Service Employees Union, which represents the custodial staff in the district, read a statement to the Board, asking the Board to reach an agreement with the custodial unit. He stated that the custodial union has been in negotiations with the district for nineteen months and he was questioning this length of time as well as asking the Board to authorize a fair contract. Mr. Lamm thanked Mr. Boyle for attending the Board meeting on behalf of the custodial unit.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mr. Lamm announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting would take place on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Carol Feudi, Board Secretary

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