

East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
October 22, 2009 – APPROVED
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Staff Members in Attendance:

Wendell Chu, Superintendent of Schools
Alise Becker-Santa, Asst. Supt for Instruction/Personnel
Carl Fraser, Asst. Superintendent for Business
Robert M. Tartaglia, Plant & Facilities Administrator

Carol Feudi – Contingent District Clerk

Approximate Attendance: 10 Meeting held in the Early Childhood Center Boardroom
(Meeting chaired by Mrs. Phillips, Board President)

MTG. CALLED TO ORDER: I.) Meeting called to order by Mrs. Phillips at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: II.) Motion by Mr. Raffone to adjourn public session in order to convene to executive session; seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SESSION: III.) Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn executive session in order to reconvene in open public session; seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

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. Questions may be sent by email to the Board at its email address: eiboard@eischools.org, which can be accessed through the district's website.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Mrs. Phillips led those in attendance to a salute to the flag.

Mrs. Phillips reported that the Board would be adding Agenda Item e. this evening – Special Education Attorneys. She 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)

AUDIT REPORT: 1) Mrs. Phillips introduced Mr. Alan Yu, from the firm of Coughlin, Foundotos & Cullen & Danowski, external auditors for the district. Mr. Yu reported that he was engaged by the board to review the financial statements, as required by state law, for the district. He met with the Audit Committee, which includes two members of the Board of Education, last week to go over the draft report. Mr. Yu reported that the district report shows that the numbers, as well as disclosures, are free of material misstatements and overall there is a positive fund balance and a positive audit report. He further stated that it was found that the district had implemented many of the external auditors' prior year's recommendations. Mr. Reed asked if the audit report would be posted on the district's webpage, to which Mr. Yu replied yes. He said he must file an electronic copy to the State, which can also be included on the district's webpage.

MOTION by Mr. Cronin to accept the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District accept the Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2009 as presented by Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski for the 2008/2009 School District Audit; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT: 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 with PBS Consulting/Darlene Magito-McLaughlin for the 2009-10 school year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: c) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve Items #1-10 in the Non-Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

PRESENTERS/WORKSHOPS FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY: d) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve training by SchoolWorld for the clerical staff and workshops for our teaching assistant staff for Superintendent's Conference Day on November 3, 2009; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ATTORNEYS: e) 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 with Frazer & Feldman for special education legal counsel services for the East Islip School District effective immediately; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed noted that the proposal states that the firm is an independent contractor and will not be treated like employees and Mr. Raffone added that it is also an open-ended contract; either party (district or firm) can opt out without obligation.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mrs. Phillips announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Carol Feudi, Contingent District Clerk