

**East Islip School District  
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue  
Islip Terrace, New York 11752  
July 14, 2011 - 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: 80 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. Cronin 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 8:19 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG IV): Mrs. Rogers led those in attendance to a salute to the flag at the reorganization meeting prior to the business meeting.

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: [eiboard@eischools.org](mailto:eiboard@eischools.org), which can be accessed through the district's website.

Mr. Reed introduced Mr. John J. Finello, Interim Superintendent, for the 2011/2012 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD: VI.) (John J. Finello)

Mr. Finello thanked the Board for their confidence and trust in him as Interim Superintendent of East Islip Schools. He stated that he has had the opportunity to meet all of central office staff and most administrative staff, who seem like wonderful, committed, and conscientious staff members; and added that if this is any indication of what East Islip is like, "I think I have a home."

He reported that several district staff members have been involved with the closing of the Early Childhood Center and, although it involves a lot of work in transitioning, it is going very well. He said Mr. Tartaglia is working with his staff, with the support of principals and their staff, to ensure that it is going smoothly, and gave a "Tip of the Hat" to the staff.

Mr. Finello spoke about the new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) regulations from the New York State Education Department beginning in the 2011/2012 school year. He reported that he and Mrs. Becker-Santa, along with many building principals, attended

a conference just today, which was an extensive and intense review of the new regulation. East Islip administrators will be bringing our district's APPR plan to the Board for approval in the near future; and, although the current due date for submission of the plan to the State is September 1, the date may be extended by the State. He reported that Mrs. Becker-Santa was heading the district's APPR Committee and the process involves a significant amount of work, but feels our district is "ahead of the game."

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** VII.) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2011; pp. 73-78; June 21, 2011; pg 79; June 29, 2011; pg. 80; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

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

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** a) 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 Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone 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 May 2011; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. When asked what would happen to the funds from the Class of 2011, Mr. Fraser responded that the funds are usually donated to the next incoming class. However, he has not heard from any advisors as of yet.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS:** c) 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 contract with Daytop Preparatory School for one of our students who will be attending their Summer School Program from July 6 through August 20, 2011; and, the contracts with the following agencies which will be providing services to our special education students in the 2011-12 school year: Accessible Learning Technology Alternatives; Anderson Center for Autism; Ascent: A School for Individuals with Autism; Bilinguals, Inc.; Center for Communication Care; Center for Developmental Disabilities, Inc.; Maryhaven Center of Hope; Metro Therapy, Inc.; NY Therapy Placement Services, Inc.; NYSARC, Inc.; Positive Behavior Support Consulting & Psychological Resources, PC; and United Cerebral Palsy of Suffolk; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips requested that names be redacted from the contracts before presenting the contracts to the Board.

**OMNI GROUP:** d) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the Renewal Services Agreement with OMNI Financial Group, Inc., our Third Party Administrator for the 403B Plans, for the 2011-12 school year. The fee for this renewal is \$12,544 which is a decrease of approximately 3% from last year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

**BLACK BOX CONTRACT FOR 2011-12:** e) 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 maintenance contract with Black Box, our telephone maintenance company, for the 2011-12 school year at an annual cost of \$3,900 which is the same as last year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

WHITSONS CULINARY GROUP: f) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the Extension of the Contract for School Food Service Management with Whitsons Culinary Group for 2011-12. The CPI used for this extension is 2.9 % and is based on May 2011 report; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM: 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 Memorandum of Understanding with the Federation of Organizations for the Foster Grandparent Program for the period of September 2011 through September 2014. This is a voluntary program and there is no cost to the district; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT: h) Motion Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the Commission Agreement with Genesis Real Estate Advisors; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

SYNTAX: i) 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 for Communication Services with Syntax for the 2011-12 school year; Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Reed will represent the Board in discussion on this service and will report back to the Board; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

EAST ISLIP BID: j) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School award the Musical Instrument Repairs - Bid #061311-1 to Gil Breines Music Ltd. and Advantage Music LTD for 2011-12 school year for the categories in which they were the lowest responsible bidders; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

DISPOSAL OF OLD PIANOS & BROKEN CHAIRS: k) 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 disposal of three old upright pianos at Timber Point Elementary School that are not in working order and are beyond repair; and, the disposal of eight broken chairs from the High School. These chairs were used by the students in the Computer Lab; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES: l) 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 appropriation changes as outlined:

| <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>FROM</u>                                | <u>TO</u>                                  | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>RATIONALE</u>   |
|-----------------|--|--|---------------|--|
| District Office | 1981-490-00-0000<br>BOCES Admin. Cost      | 1980-400-00-0000<br>MTA Payroll Tax        | \$10,000.00   | To fund expense for<br>MTA Payroll Tax                             |
| District Office | 1981-490-00-0000<br>BOCES Admin. Cost      | 1920-419-00-0000<br>School Assoc. dues     | \$103.00      | To fund expense for<br>School Assoc. dues                          |
| District Office | 2250-449-00-0000<br>Prof & Tech Serv.      | 2110-197-00-0000<br>Termination Pay - TRS  | \$100,000.00  | To partially fund termination<br>pay expenses for retirees in 2011 |
| District Office | 2250-165-00-0000<br>Para Prof/Aides Salary | 7310-165-00-0000<br>Para Prof/Aides Salary | \$4,500.00    | To fund para prof salaries<br>expense in After School Program      |
| District Office | 2250-165-00-0000<br>Para Prof/Aides Salary | 7311-165-00-0000<br>Para Prof/Aides Salary | \$3,000.00    | To fund para prof salaries<br>expense in Before School Program     |

District Office 9040-840-00-0000 9010-810-00-0000 \$5,600.00 To fund ERS expense  
Workers' Comp. Ins. State Retirement

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: m) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1-19 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the central office administration; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items 1-29 in the Non-Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the central office administration; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENT: n) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appoints Lisa Belz as a Principal on Special Assignment, effective July 15, 2011, to perform administrative duties as assigned by the Superintendent of Schools, without any change in salary or benefits; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION: o) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following CSE Cases as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE):

Case #1-20070806S through Case #367-20070085P in the Continuing Student Category;  
Case #368-20110017S through Case #398-20110025S in the Initial Eligibility Determination Student Category;

Case #399-20110005S through Case #401-20070922S in the New Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

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

Case #1-20070391P through Case #17-20110455P in the New Student Category;

Case #18-20070354P through Case #58-20070360P in the Continuing Student Category;

Case #59-20070363P through 62-20110450P in the Ineligible Student Category;

Case #63-20070385P through 68-20070337P in the Exiting Student Category;

Case #69-20070391P through 72-20070421P in the Declassified Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

BOARD POLICY ADOPTIONS: q) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to adopt the following Board Policy Revisions: Equal Opportunity 0100 and Equal Employment Opportunity 9110; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

FIELD TRIP: r) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the East Islip High School Boys' basketball trip to Orlando, Florida, Wednesday, December 14 to Sunday, December 18, 2011 for competition; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: IX.

NEW BUSINESS: X.

Mr. Reed announced that revision to Board Policy 6145, Fund Balance, would be considered at the Board of Education meeting of August 2011. He said that this revision provides new classification and more transparency and understanding of the terms of fund balance and reserves.

Mrs. Phillips announced that the November Board of Education Meeting would be changed from November 10, the second Thursday of the month, to November 17, due to a

conflict with a community/school fund raiser event. In addition, the April Board meeting would be held on April 19, due to spring recess.

The following community residents spoke in support of middle school sports, which were eliminated from the budget for the 2011/2012 school year:

- Mrs. Jessica Carney
- Mr. Chris Tidridge
- Ms. Christa Higgins
- Ms. Michele Pandolfo
- Mr. Joe D'Addario
- Ms. Aggie Maschetto
- Ms. Mary Sarno
- Ms. Irene Werner
- Mr. Gil Rulon
- Mrs. Aileen D'Addorio

Mr. George Deabold addressed the Board regarding FERPA regulations and the Board's role in those regulations.

Mrs. Nancy Hoffman addressed the Board regarding her son and his services. Mr. Reed asked Mrs. Hoffman to get back to him with her progress.

Mrs. Phillips reminded those in attendance how we lost state aid in the last couple of years. She stressed that our district needs some of this money restored and we need to make East Islip known up in the State.

Mr. Sargent stated that we need to get involved and advised all to spread the word to their neighbors. He stated that we spend a lot of money on mandates without funding from the State.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XI. Mr. Reed announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would take place on Thursday, August 11, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XII. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

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Carol Feudi