

**East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
August 18, 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
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: 60 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 7:18 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG IV): Boy Scout Troop 508 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: eiboard@eischools.org, which can be accessed through the district's website.

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

Mr. Finello spoke about the recent test data scores published in *Newsday*, which were results of the 2010/2011 state exams. He stated that Mrs. Becker-Santa is planning to report on these results at the September 8 Board meeting, along with Mr. Dan Friedman, Director of Student Data Services. He further stated that the entire school community should be proud of the performance by our students on these tests and the faculty who did a wonderful job in preparing our students for them. Mr. Finello spoke briefly about the significant change in cut points (points that determine scale score/performance levels of students) and the new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) State requirements for teachers and principals.

Mr. Finello reported that Mr. Tartaglia has been working diligently with his staff in preparing our buildings and grounds for the start of the new school year and commended them for their fine work.

Mr. Finello reported that September 1 and 2 are conference days for teaching staff and that new teacher orientation will take place on August 29-31. He also reported that the district calendar is at the printer and should be in homes the last week in August. He thanked Mrs. Rogers for her work in helping gathering information for the calendar.

Mr. Finello referred back to his conversation on APPR and reported that the district's APPR plan must be submitted to New York State on September 1. He stated that our plan would be a draft as it contains items that must be negotiated with the teachers' and administrators' unions. He asked the Board to meet on Wednesday, August 31 to adopt the draft plan. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 31, with executive session beginning at 6:15 p.m. and public session at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Finello also asked the Board members to let him know a date and time to conduct building walkthroughs prior to the start of school. Mr. Reed asked members of the Board if one member could be present at each of the elementary schools on opening day, September 6th.

Mr. Finello announced that there has been a lot of work by parents to help us reinstate the middle school sports program. The East Islip Athletic Booster Club and For the Kids Foundation are also working toward this goal and would like to donate money to help. Mr. Finello asked the Board if they would allow them to come up and give those donations this evening. Mrs. Perini, President of the Athletic Booster Club spoke on behalf of the club and asked the Board to accept \$31,000. Mrs. Nancy Goldfader and Mrs. Pat Blair President and Trustee of the FTK respectively, asked the Board to accept a total of \$10,000 for the four seasons of sports, starting with \$2,500 for the fall sports program.

Mr. Reed asked Mr. Cronin, who has been very involved with the Booster Club in helping to get the middle school sports program reinstated, to read the motion for the Board.

MOTION MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS: Motion by Mrs. Phillips to reinstate the Middle School sports program for the 2011/2012 school year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed thanked parents, the Athletic Booster Club and FTK for their support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VII.) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Annual Reorganization Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2011; pp. 1-7; Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2011; pp. 8-12; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2011; pg. 13; Seconded by Mr. Sargent. Mrs. Phillips abstained; Motion carried.

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 Mrs. Phillips 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 June 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: b) 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 Extra Classroom Activity Funds Report for the month of June 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: c) 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 contract with Ideal Consulting Services, Inc. for professional development services to facilitate the Response to Intervention (RTI) project. Consultant will provide 11 days of workshops and consultation to administration, specialists and grades K-1 teaching staff. The total cost of this service is \$30,940; the contract with Sachem Central School District for one of our students who is attending their Special Education Summer School program for the period of July 1, 2011 to August 11, 2011; and, the contracts with the below listed agencies which will be providing services to our special education students in the 2011-12 school year: Institute for Children with Autism and Caryl Oris, MD; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

TUTORING SERVICES: 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 contract with the following agencies which will be providing tutoring services to our students in the 2011-12 school year.: Creative Tutoring, Inc. , Education Inc. , Education at Mather, St. James Tutoring, Inc.; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed stated that he noticed on attachment 10 that the compensation certificate expired and asked Mr. Fraser to get an updated certificate.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE: e) 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 student accident insurance renewal coverage offered through Security Mutual Commercial Travelers Life Insurance Company of New York at a premium of \$32,623, and catastrophic accident insurance through National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. at a cost of \$2,179 effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

BOCES LEASEHOLD SPACE AGREEMENT: f) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the revised BOCES Leasehold Space Agreement that was originally approved at their March 16, 2010 meeting for the school years 2010-11 and 2011-12. The revision is due to the closing of the ECC. BOCES will be leasing two classrooms spaces at Timber Point Elementary School; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

CLEARY SCHOOL CONTRACT: g) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the contract with Cleary School for the Deaf for the 2011-12 school year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

JDL SOCRATIC SOLUTIONS CONTRACT: h) Motion Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the contract with Joan Daly Lewis, JDL Socratic Solutions for professional development services that will be provided to the East Islip School District to meet the requirements of the New York State Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) regulations for the 2011-12 school year. The cost for each session will be \$1,600 totaling \$16,000 for the year; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Mr. Raffone asked if that is the basic cost to which Mr. Fraser responded that the cost varies, depending on the course and hours involved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY PRESENTERS 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 recommended presenters presenting to our staff on Superintendent's Conference Day being held in September 2011; Seconded by Mr. Cronin. Mr. Sargent opposed. Motion carried.

ODYSSEYWARE: j) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School approve the proposal

with Odysseyware who will provide credit recovery software to the district for the 2011-12 school year. This credit recovery software was selected as a result of a committee review of several similar products. Odysseyware was selected due to its pre-assessment component and the frequent assessment built into the programs. This will be used at the high school this fall with targeted students. The cost is \$11,750; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked that an explanation of what Odysseyware was given. Mr. Brennen, High School Principal, explained that it is a program that helps keeps students at risk of not fulfilling their requirements for graduation to keep on track. Students may retake a course through the Odysseyware software program and still move on to their next course of study.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - RESIDENCY INVESTIGATIONS : k) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the proposal for continued professional services with Covert Investigations & Security Inc. to conduct residency investigations for the 2011-12 school year. The rate for these services is \$35 per hour which reflects no increase from last year; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT: 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 Shared Services Contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2011-12 school year. Total cost of these services is within budget; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

DEERE CREDIT, INC: m) 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 Master Lease-Purchase Agreement with Deere Credit, Inc. for the lease of a John Deere 1600 Turbo Series II Commercial Wide Area Mower for 36 months. The monthly lease amount is \$1,396.66. The District will own tractor at the end of the lease; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

SCOPE EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENT 2011/12: n) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the agreement with SCOPE Education Services and the East Islip School District for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program and the regular Pre-Kindergarten Program in the 2011-12 school year which will be held in the Timber Point Elementary School; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked that the contract be annotated and initialed to reflect the change in the program from the Early Childhood Center to Timber Point Elementary School.

THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT: o) 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 Third Party Administration Contract for East Islip Union Free School District's Self-Funded Long Term Disability Program with the Fitzharris Agency. The cost is \$4,080 per year and reflects no increase from prior years; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

SYNTAX : p) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District hereby rescinds the approval of services by Syntax which was made at the July 14, 2011 Board meeting and approve the revised contract of August 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked Mr. Finello for the reason for the change from last month's approval of Syntax's services. Mr. Finello explained the change, which includes a full-time public relations employee, Greg Fasalino, who will work solely for our district. He will be responsible for all media communications for the district and the goal is to increase communication among the entire school community.

J. HUNTER ADVERTISING : q) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve Hunter Advertising Inc. as Broker of Record to place employment advertisements for the District through the New York Times and Newsday; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

DONATIONS : r) 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 donation of \$1,036.23 provided by the Middle School from the following school activities: \$536.23 from the Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program and \$500 from the Middle School's participation in the 2011 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey. These donations will be used to purchase one complete set-up of a ceiling mounted multimedia projector which will enhance the learning experience of our Middle School students. The appropriation code to be increased is 2110-200-08-0000; accept the donation of a complete batting cage and pitching machine from LeeAnn and Steven Cinquemani, residents of our district, to the Athletic Department. This equipment will be added to our athletic department inventory for use by our students; accept the donation of \$2,500 from FTK - Dr. Krishnan Endowment Fund Scholarship to the Science Department. This donation will be used to purchase Vernier LabQuests which will engage our students with hands-on science. The code to be increased is 2110-200-09-6000; the donation of a washer/ dryer to the high school skills program and six I-Pads to the Connetquot Elementary School and Middle School for special education students by the E.J. Autism Foundation; \$2,500 from the For the Kids Foundation of East Islip, Inc., to the East Islip Middle School sports' program, and the donation of \$31,000 from the East Islip Athletic Booster Club for the East Islip Middle School sports' program; appropriation codes for salary, transportation and contractual services will be increased accordingly for the donations to middle school sports; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

DISPOSAL OF OLD COMPUTER EQUIPMENT : s) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to table this item to consult with the Director of Technology to see if this equipment can be offered to community members in need; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES : t) Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip School District approve the below listed appropriation changes for the 2011/12 school year:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
District Office	2110-533-05-0000	2110-533-02-0000	\$6,322.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	Instr. Supplies ECC	Instr. Supplies RCK		RCK for Kindergarten Expense
District Office	2110-480-05-0000	2110-480-02-0000	\$4,500.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	ECC Textbooks	RCK Textbooks		RCK for Kindergarten Expense
District Office	2110-485-05-0000	2110-480-02-0000	\$500.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	ECC Workbooks	RCK Textbooks		RCK for Kindergarten Expense
District Office	2110-533-05-0000	2110-480-03-0000	\$3,100.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	Instr. Supplies ECC	CES Textbooks		CES for Kindergarten Expense
District Office	2110-485-05-0000	2110-485-03-0000	\$1,000.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	ECC Textbooks	CES Workbooks		CES for Kindergarten Expense
District Office	2110-533-05-0000	2110-533-03-0000	\$3,178.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	Instr. Supplies ECC	Instr. Supplies CES		CES for Kindergarten Expense

District Office	2110-480-05-0000	2110-480-04-0000	\$5,000.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	ECC Textbooks	JFK Textbooks		JFK for Kindergarten Expense
District Office	2110-533-05-0000	2110-485-04-0000	\$4,000.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	Instr. Supplies ECC	JFK Workbooks		JFK for Kindergarten Expense
District Office	2110-533-05-0000	2110-533-04-0000	\$704.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	Instr. Supplies ECC	Instr. Supplies JFK		JFK for Kindergarten Expense
District Office	2110-533-05-0000	2110-533-06-0000	\$3,096.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	Instr. Supplies ECC	Instr. Supplies TPES		TPES for Kindergarten Expense
District Office	2110-533-05-0000	2110-480-06-0000	\$5,800.00	The transfer of funds from ECC to
	Instr. Supplies ECC	TPES Textbooks		TPES for Kindergarten Expense

;Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: u) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1-17 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the central office administration; Seconded by Mr. Raffone 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. Sargent and unanimously approved.

Mr. Finello recognized Mrs. Margaret Ann Harper, who is retiring from the district after forty years of service as teacher, English Chair and principal. Mr. Finello welcomed new teachers to the district and asked them to stand and be recognized.

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 reassigns Lisa Belz to Principal of the Timber Point Elementary School effective September 1, 2011; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips 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 # 1-20070099S through Case #11-20070946S in the Continuing Student Category;
Case #12-20110009S through Case #18-20110037S in the Initial Eligibility Determination Student Category;

Case #19-20110009S in the New Student Category;
Seconded by Mr. Cronin 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 #1-20110439P through Case #5-20110447P in the New Student Category;
Case #6-20110441P through Case #10-20070397P in the Continuing Student Category;
Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

BOARD POLICY ADOPTIONS: q) Motion by Mr. Raffone to adopt Board Policy 6145, Fund Balance; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: IX.

NEW BUSINESS: X.

1. Mrs. Phillips reported that Mr. Finello and the Board composed a letter to our legislators regarding the proposed taxcap and the need for additional state aid. This letter will be posted on the district's website next week. She encouraged everyone interested to let our legislators know that we are in dire need of additional funding.
2. Mrs. Nancy Hoffman gave an update on the status of services for her son and questioned the costs incurred to the district by the school district attorney.
3. Mrs. Deborah Sullivan stressed her concern with a Freedom of Information request she filed with the district, her rights under FERPA , teacher certification, and placement for her son. Mr. Reed asked Mrs. Sullivan to put her concerns in writing to the Board so they may be properly addressed.
4. Ms. Jessica Carney thanked the Board for reinstating middle school sports and reported that there are still many events coming up to support the entire program for the year. She was hopeful that middle school coaches would be able to attend some of these events. She also expressed her concern that coaches have not attended any of the prior events and was hopeful they could attend some of the upcoming ones.
5. Mr. Frank Guarino asked the Board about the school year 2012/13 and what can be done to ensure the district is not in the same situation as this year. Mr. Reed replied that any group that is interested in having their non-required activities in the budget should come forward. Next year will not be easier; however, he stated that we hope there will be some cost savings with items such as credit recovery helping to reduce summer school costs, retirements, etc. He encouraged everyone to be an active part of the budget. Mr. Guarino also questioned the hire of retired personnel, to which Mr. Finello briefly explained. He told Mr. Guarino that he would be happy to meet with him if he called the office.
6. Mr. Gil Rulon asked that the Unfunded Mandates referred to at last Board meeting be posted on the district's webpage, along with the legislator letter. He announced that there was a car wash fundraiser this Saturday at Applebee's in East Islip.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XI. Mr. Reed announced that a special Board of Education meeting would take place on August 31, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of adopting the APPR plan for the district, and that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would take place on Thursday, September 8, 2011 beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XII. Motion by Mr. Sargent to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Carol Feudi