

**East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
February 9, 2012 - APPROVED
BUSINESS MEETING**

Board Members in Attendance:

Glenn Reed, 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 Kossler, Asst. to the Supt. for Student Services

Robert M. Tartaglia, Plant & Facilities Administrator

Marie Rogers, District Clerk

Approximate Attendance: 70 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. Sargent 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 8:17 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG IV): Mr. Reed led those in attendance to a salute to the flag.

Mr. Reed announced that Mr. Cronin would not be in attendance this evening due to the sudden death of his brother in Florida and asked everyone to keep him and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

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, which can be accessed through the district's website.

Superintendent's Report to the Board VI):

Mr. Finello reported that MSG Varsity holds an academic competition that they broadcast regularly on their television channel called the Challenge. East Islip High School students, under the direction of Mrs. Marylou Ferrieri, compete on the team and are currently ranked Number 1 in Suffolk County. The team consists of William Meehan, Eric Keller, Andrew Loizides, Alanna Nawrocki and Zach Purdy. The team defeated Shelter Island and will now move on to Round 2 against Patchogue/Medford on February 14.

Mr. Finello reported that we received a letter and telephone call today notifying us that Cari Roccaro, high school senior and soccer player, has been awarded the 2011-12 Gatorade New York Girls Soccer Player of the Year. This is the 27th year of the Gatorade Player of the Year award, which honors top high school student athletes in their athletic excellence, academic achievement and exemplary character. Cari has received a full scholarship to Notre Dame and has been selected to the Women's U-20 National Team and will be playing in the U-20 World Cup qualifier in March.

Presentations: VII).

Overview of Student Achievement Grades 9-12 - Mrs. Becker-Santa. Mrs. Becker-Santa shared the secondary level State assessment scores using a PowerPoint presentation. She showed comparisons of scores from 2007/2008 to the present in the humanities, math and science; and, showed a comparison of East Islip's scores to local school districts, Suffolk County and the State. Mrs. Phillips asked if it was possible to get an assessment of the Odysseyware program, which was instituted this year at the high school. Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that she has asked the high school principal to provide this information and should have it within the next two weeks. Mrs. Phillips asked what happened with earth science scores, which have gone down. Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that it is an area that administration and staff are reviewing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: VIII.) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2012; pp. 43-48; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

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

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

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION - Mrs. Becker-Santa

Mrs. Becker-Santa reported that the State mandated district plan for school based planning and shared decision making was created by a district/wide committee. All buildings' school improvement teams were trained in shared decision making and participated in discussions about practices and procedures. This school based plan requires Board approval. Mrs. Phillips asked if the Board could get a copy of the final SIT reports, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa replied she would make available.

MOTION by Mr. Raffone to approve East Islip School District's School Based Planning and Shared Decision-Making Plan; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL - Mrs. Becker-Santa

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items #1-12 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Mrs. Becker-Santa recognized and congratulated Mrs. Tami Schaber, teaching assistant at the middle school, who was granted tenure by the Board of Education this evening. Mrs. Becker-Santa recognized and congratulated Mr. Robert Tartaglia, Plant and Facilities Administrator, who is retiring after thirty-eight years of service. Mr. Tartaglia

began in 1974 as custodian, became Assistant Plant & Facilities administrator in 1986 and Administrator of Plant & Facilities in 1997. Mr. Reed gave his personal thanks to Mr. Tartaglia who received a standing ovation. He thanked the school community and said it was an honor and privilege for him to serve this district for the past 38 years and hoped that he has made a positive impact.

Mrs. Becker-Santa also recognized and congratulated five teacher retirees: Carol Candela, Spanish teacher at the high school for 25 years; Mary Carey, Spanish teacher at the middle school for 23 years, Phyllis Carlson, school psychologist for pre-school and the high school for 24 years, Janis Harrington, elementary teacher for the Montessori Program and Timber Point Elementary School for 20 years; and, Dorsy Palios, Spanish teacher at the high school for 25 years.

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items 1-4 in the non-certified personnel report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS - Mr. Fraser

a. TREASURER'S REPORT: 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 Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2011; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

b. EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS REPORT: Motion by Mr. Sargent 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 December 2011; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

c. SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS: 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 Woodward Mental Health Center, Inc. which will be providing special education and related services to our special education students in the 2011-12 school year; the contract with Melanie Herzfeld Au. D., who will be providing services to our special education students in the 2011-12 school year; and, the contract with Home Care Therapies/Horizon Healthcare Staffing for substitute nurses services for the 2011-12 school year; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent asked about the rate schedule as it related to services, which Mrs. Kosser clarified.

d. HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS: 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 Health Services Contract with Bay Shore Union Free School District for the 2011-12 school year. This contract is for health services provided to nine of our students who attend St. Peter's by the Sea and twelve of our students who attend St. Patrick's located in the Bay Shore Union Free School District. The cost is \$14,746.20; approve the Health Services Contract with Central Islip Union Free School District for the 2011-12 school year. This contract is for health services provided to one of our students who attends Our Lady of Providence School located in their district. The cost is \$911.80; approve the Health Services Contract with Sayville Public Schools for the 2011-12 school year. This contract is for health services provided to two of our students who attend Prince of Peace School and one of our students who attends West Sayville Christian School located in their district. The cost is \$2,310.45 Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

e. SCOPE CONTRACT: 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 renewal of the Universal Pre-K License Agreement with SCOPE for the 2012-13 school year and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked if this rate was the same as last year's to which Mr. Fraser responded it was.

f. ADDENDUM TO THE E-PAYABLES CONTRACT: 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 addendum to the e-Payables contract with Bank of America. This addendum reflects a \$5,000 advance payment on the rebate which will be used to pay Wincap for the e-Payable System set-up. This addendum was reviewed and approved by Ingerman, Smith LLP; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.

g. DONATIONS: Motion by Mr. Sargent to accept the donation of \$2,000 from the East Islip High School Technology Club. The Technology Club received a \$2,000 grant from MSG Varsity for equipment. This donation will be used to assist the High School in purchasing computers from Apple and the code to be increased is 2630-220-09-0000; accept the donation of \$600 from the Connetquot Elementary School Student Activity Account to purchase a color printer/scanner to be used by all students in the building for art and special projects. The code to be increased is 2110-200-03-0000; accept the donation of \$5,000 from The Coca-Cola Company to the Connetquot Elementary School for the new Connetquot playground. This donation stems from a Sprite Spark Parks Sweepstakes at Pathmark won by Dorothy Bauer, a grandmother of one of our Connetquot Elementary students. The code to be increased is 2110-200-03-0000; accept the donation of a 2005 Ford Expedition from the East Islip Fire District through the efforts of Fire Commissioner Michael Montuori who is also a Physical Education teacher at the Middle School; accept the donation of \$20,000 from East Islip Athletic Booster Club for Middle School Sports. Mr. Rick Pearsall presented a check of \$20,000 for this donation. The code to be increased is 2855-449-00-0000; accept the donation of \$2,500 from For the Kids Foundation for Middle School Sports. The code to be increased is 2855-133-00-0000; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips questioned the condition of the vehicle. Mr. Tartaglia responded that the vehicle will be serviced and would benefit the district; most likely the security department as it is in dire need of a vehicle.

h. INCREASE TO THE BUDGET: Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the appropriation increase to code 2855-133-00-0000 in the amount of \$536.50. These funds are from the Middle School Tri-M Music Honor Society donation for Middle School sports that was accepted by the Board on January 9, 2012; approve the appropriation increase to code 2110-200-03-0000 in the amount of \$37,091.70. These funds are from the Connetquot Elementary School Playground Committee donation accepted by the Board on January 9, 2012; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

i. APPROPRIATION CHANGE: Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following appropriation change:

LOCATION	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	RATIONALE
District Office	9760-720-00-0000	9050-850-00-0000	\$100,000.00	To cover the cost for unemployment insurance
District Office	2010-449-00-0000	2110-480-00-0000	\$4,082.00	Cost for K-5 classroom package and manipulative kits for assessments.
District Office	1910-420-00-0000	1920-419-00-0000	\$4,000.00	To cover the cost of NYSSBA dues
	TANS Interest	Unemployment Ins.		
	Prof & Tech Services	D/W Contingency Text		
	Insurance	School Assoc Dues		

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent asked if there was a reason why we don't have a fund for unemployment insurance and need to take monies from another code. Mr. Fraser responded that we do have a fund for unemployment insurance; however, we ran short in that code this year.

CSE/CPSE - Mrs. Kosser

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

Case #1-109269 through Case #4-107355 in the Initial Eligibility Determination

Category;

Case #5-20070306S through Case #43-20070204S in the Continuing Student Category;

Case #44-109266 through Case #46-109706 in the New Student Category;

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

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

Case #1-109885 through Case #8-109992 In the New Student Category;

Case #9-20070365P through Case #17-20110460P in the Continuing Student Category;

Case #18-20110450 through Case #24-108044 in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mrs. Phillips. Mr. Sargent abstained. Motion carried.

(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

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

NEW BUSINESS: XI.

1. RESOLUTION: Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute an amendment dated February 9, 2012 to a salary and benefits agreement, dated December 13, 2005, with the incumbent in the position of Plant and Facilities Administrator; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

2. RESOLUTION: Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) regarding earned vacation days; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

3. RESOLUTION: Motion by Mr. Sargent to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective with the 2012 Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 15, 2012, the hours to vote shall be extended from the present time span of 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM to a new time span of 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM in order to provide residents of the School District with greater opportunity to cast their vote; and,
BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the District Clerk is directed to take all necessary steps to implement the change in voting hours, including, but not limited to, notification in the Notice of Annual Election and Budget Vote; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.
4. RESOLUTION: Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the East Islip Union Free School District hereby sets the hourly rate for election workers for the school budget vote at \$8.00 per hour; and, sets the hourly rate for chairpersons at \$9.00 per hour effective as of the May 15, 2012 annual budget vote and election; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.
5. RESOLUTION: Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the East Islip Union Free School District has provided for the partial exemption from real property taxation for its senior citizens pursuant to Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 467; and
WHEREAS, the State Legislature customarily amends RPTL § 467(3) to increase the maximum income eligibility for senior citizen partial exemptions annually;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual income of the owners or combined income of the owners for the calendar year set by RPTL § 467(3), with any annual increases provided by amendment, shall determine the percentage exemption granted to senior citizens of the East Islip Union Free School District; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners for the calendar year prior to the date that the application is filed, shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation in accordance with the attached schedule; Seconded by Mr. Sargent and unanimously approved.
6. Mrs. Sullivan asked if any further records were found on her child in regard to her Freedom of Information request and if the district received a letter from the Commissioner stating that her child's records could be destroyed. She asked the Board President if the Board and administration reviewed record keeping in the district and if the Board follows district's policies. Mr. Finello responded that Mrs. Sullivan was given all records that were available on her child. Mr. Reed responded that the Board is not aware of any intentional disregard of district's policies.
7. Mrs. Carney questioned the living environment scores and the number of students who took the exam. She stated that the district went from 422 to 172 students taking the living environment exam and 436 to 614 students taking the earth science test. Mrs. Becker-Santa replied that she would get back to Mrs. Carney with the information. Mrs. Carney stated that she thought the Board lost the opportunity at the

- January 31st meeting to poll those people in attendance on their thoughts on the upcoming budget. She questioned the early bus at the middle school, which appears underused and the monies that remained in the budget after the closing of the ECC (monies for supplies, staffing, etc.). Mr. Fraser replied that the district will be doing surveys on the use of transportation district-wide and that monies in the ECC codes have since been transferred from the ECC to elementary school codes. Mrs. Carney asked if there would be a surplus in this year's budget as was last year. Mr. Fraser responded that we will not know if there is a surplus until we get closer to the end of the fiscal year. Mrs. Carney also asked if the Board decided to retain Mr. Finello as Superintendent. Mr. Reed responded that the process is complicated; however, the Board would like to retain Mr. Finello and is working on the matter.
8. Mr. Rick Pearsall, member of the East Islip Athletic Booster club asked the Board that if they are to make cuts next year, that cuts go across the board and make them as fair as possible.
 9. In response to Mrs. Carney's suggestion of surveying community residents, Mr. Reed asked if anyone in the audience thought that surveys were a good idea. An exchange of idea took place and the Board will discuss further.
 10. Mr. Mark Hannigan recommended to the Board that we adopt the kids first. He would like to see all program across the board reinstated and consider not to cut for the kids, but to build for the kids.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: XII. Mr. Reed announced that budget presentations would begin in early March, and that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: XIII. Motion by Mr. Sargent to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Carol Feudi