

East Islip School District
Craig B. Gariepy Avenue
Islip Terrace, New York 11752
November 10, 2008 – 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
Robert M. Tartaglia, Plant & Facilities Administrator
Marie Rogers - District Clerk

Approximate Attendance: 120 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, 8:00 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)

Mr. Chu congratulated the varsity girls soccer team who recently won the semi-finals class A soccer championship against Massapequa and are now on their way to the State Championship. He congratulated the varsity boys football team who made it into the playoffs after defeating Bellport; boys soccer who made it into the playoffs, boys golf, girls tennis who played in the county tournament, field hockey and girls volley ball and boys & girls cross country who also had an excellent season.

Mr. Chu introduced Mr. John Spiezio, Director of Art & Music who was present this evening to recognize secondary school students whose artwork was selected for the 2008/2009 school calendar. He recognized the following students and their teachers:

- September – East Islip High School, Mrs. Taylor's class: Daniel Blibaum, Diana Wieland, Nicholas Arma, Michael Lepore and Anna Finger
- October – East Islip Middle School, Mrs. Myer's class: Ethan Schaber, Iain Mawhinney, Eavan O'Connor, Kate Moskowitz, Taylor Norton
- Cover – East Islip High School, Mrs. Feiner's class: Alyx McCabe
- December - East Islip High School, Mrs. Feiner's class: Dan Hickson, Gina Giordano, Lauren Frisina, Michelle McKinnon, Rachel Scarola and Erin Kollar

- April – East Islip High School, Ms. Nelson's class: Kristin Vogel, Megan Lemon, Gabrielle Lemon, Devin Rubin-De-Cervens, Kamil Roszkowski, Erik Braun and Shannon Vogel
- July – East Islip High School, Mr. Melendez' class: Chris Burns, Lauren Accardi, Kristina Smith, Ashley Curry
- August – East Islip Middle School, Mr. Star's class: Elizabeth DeVeau, Emily Wilvert, Joseph Quagliara, Alexa Collins and Elizabeth Sallie

Mr. Chu introduced Bridgett Lopiccolo, high school special education teacher and advisor for SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions. Mrs. Lopiccolo introduced Valerie Isles, Student Teacher/Assistant Advisor; and, winners of the *Red Ribbon Contest*: Christie Jean Hoffmeister (Timber Point Elementary School - Mrs. Behar); Erica Budovsky (Connetquot Elementary School - Mrs. Love); Harrison Gieraltowski (Ruth C. Kinney Elementary School - Mrs. Umpleby); Heather Zenk (John F. Kennedy Elementary School - Mrs. Haller). Although not all were able to attend this evening's meeting due to an event conflict at the high school, Mrs. Lopiccolo referred those in attendance to the meeting agenda, which listed all members of SADD for the 2008-2009 school year: Lucian Velazquez (President), Bridget Christie (Vice President), Caitlyn Ludwig (Treasurer); Stephanie Iasi (Historian), Juana Garcia (Secretary), Anna Hofstadter, Kathryn Schwender, Courtney Quinn, Karin Defiance, Jaclyn Defiance, Molly McLean, Jaime Garcia, Tom Frisina, Samantha Drywall, Maggie Stanton, Jackie Fagin, Rebecca Echevarria, Kristen McDermott, Stephanie Iasi, Samantha Mooney, Beth Cash, Nicole Olsen, Rebecca Rainis, Steven Parker, Stephanie Ognibene, Jaclyn Newman, Lauren Accardi, Amy Guessline, Samantha Perkins, Amanda Pomevany, Lauren Masiar, Jenna Pearsall, Cassandra Yoder, Nicole Aguilla, Suzanne DiGioia, Jennifer Smalls, Virginia Dantis, Ryan Kelly, Brooke Dennis, Alicia Elliott, Tess Parker, Stephanie Vargas, Mike Passalacqua, Deanna Pandolfo, Alexa Purdy, Meagan Hamanjian, Kimberly Gratzer, Katie Bishop, John Henry Flynn, Sharif Zayer, Christian Reed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the Board of Education Business Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2008, pp. 21-25; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips 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 Mrs. Lyons to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2008 as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

(Copy of Treasurer's Report Appended to Minutes)

SPECIAL EDUCATION: b) 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 agreement with Metro Therapy Inc. for services provided to our special education students for the 2008-09 school year; the agreement with A Plus-All Subject Tutoring, Inc. for services provided to our special and regular education students for the 2008-09 school year; and, the contract with Bay Shore Union Free School District for special education services provided to our students attending St. Patrick's and St. Peter's By the Sea in their district for the 2007-08 school year; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

SCOPE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR THE ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**PROGRAM: c) 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 agreement with SCOPE Education Services for an Adult and Continuing Education Program at East Islip; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

CHANGE ORDERS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS: 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 change orders received from Buildings and Grounds as outlined:**

| PROJECT NUMBER | AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| High School 58-05-03-03-0-010-017 | \$18,000.00 | Areas of sidewalk replacement were determined to be such that tripping hazards needed to be replaced. Discovered Condition. |
| High School 58-05-03-03-0-010-017 | \$16,000.00 | To improve the safety of the parking area, 16 trees along with associated curbs and ballards were removed = \$10,00.00 |
| | | Existing piping to the existing pool was discovered to be damaged, two areas were replaced. Also, when the asphalt top was removed the drainage pool top needed to be raised and the pool was not functioning. New drainage material was required = \$6,000.00 Discovered Condition |
| High School 58-05-03-03-0-010-017 | \$12,500.00 | The original doors to the Library and office area were showing cracking and delaminating of the veneer. The locks and panic devices were not working properly. Decision was made to replace both doors and hardware |
| High School 58-05-03-03-0-010-017 | \$23,000.00 | During reconstruction of the parking area at the High School, it was discovered that the wiring of the existing light poles were below grade and damaged. Also, the structural integrity of the bases were in question. The four poles were replaced with more energy efficient fixtures, replaced the wiring and installed new bases Discovered Condition |
| High School 58-05-03-03-0-010-017 | \$11,560.61 | As per request, six additional light fixtures and Cat 6 cables were installed in the Library area, 6 Cat 6 drops were installed to accommodate size of classes, 8 type light fixtures were installed at the end of the line of bookshelves, 6 additional high hats Type 14 over the reading areas |

Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

DONATIONS: 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 following donations from:**

Mr. Howard Stevens - the donation of equipment from his dark room which includes several cameras, lenses, a photo enlarger and other dark room accessories. This equipment was inspected by our HS photo teacher who determined that it will be a valuable addition to the HS Photo Lab Equipment inventory; Mr. Frank Macri and the Eagle Scouts of Troop 327 - the donation of two benches and three flower beds for the Ruth C. Kinney Elementary School; Michael and Celia Leona, East Islip residents - a donation of two professional development resource books published by the National Art Education Association. This donation will become part of a professional development teacher resource collection; EJ Autism Foundation - \$4,000 to

fund a social skills after school group at Connetquot Elementary School; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

DISPOSAL OF ART TABLES AND COPY MACHINES: f) 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 disposal of six (6) art tables at JFK which have come to the end of their useful life and are no longer usable and the disposal of copier machines from the High School. There are four copiers located in the High School that are obsolete, not covered by a contract and cannot be returned to service; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

APPROPRIATION CHANGES: g) 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 appropriation changes as outlined:

| <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>RATIONALE</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| High School | 2855-460-09-0000 Repair/Gym Equip. | 2110-460-09-0000 Furn & Equip Repair H.S. | \$6,413.00 | To reallocate funds for repairs of gym equipment to the correct budget code. |

Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: h) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items #1-18 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Mr. Chu introduced Shauna Furey, probationary special education teacher appointed this evening and recognized Megan Caron, elementary leave replacement teacher whose appointment was extended from half year to full year leave replacement teacher.

Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve Items #1-38 in the Non-Certified Personnel Report, with a correction to heading on the per diem substitute category, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION REGARDING PERSONNEL: i) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Matthew Johnston as Varsity Girls Basketball Coach for Winter, 2008-09 is hereby rescinded effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to provide written notification to the afore-stated individual of the rescission of the appointment; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION REGARDING PERSONNEL: j) Motion by Mr. Cronin to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the appointment of Elena Blyskal as advisor for the Musical at the East Islip Middle School for the 2008-09 school year is hereby rescinded effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to provide written notification to the afore-stated individual of the rescission of the appointment; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

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

Case # 1-20070082S through Case # 23-20070224P in the Continuing Student Category;
Case # 24-200700565 through Case #29-20070679S in the New Student Category;

Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.
(Copies of all CSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

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

Case # 20070234P-2 through Case # 20070242P-9 in the New Student Category;
Case # 20070092P-1 through Case # 20070158P-7 in the Continuing Student Category;
Case # 20070240P-10 in the Ineligible Student Category;

Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.
(Copies of all CPSE Cases Appended to Minutes)

FIELD TRIP: m) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the fundraising and preparation for the following proposed field trips: SHS – Lauren Pinka (French Teacher) to Quebec; SHS – Guy Leggio/M. Longobardi & wrestling team to competition @ Oneonta, NY Jan. 2-3, 2009; SHS - Joe Ancona/Jason Lavey/Chad Spruyt to competition @ University of Delaware April 8, 2009; CES - Chorus – Mrs. Egbert/John Baldo to competition @ Rye Playland; Seconded by Mrs. Lyons and unanimously approved.

Motion by Mrs. Lyons to approve the varsity girls soccer team trip to Cortland, New York, 11/13 & 11/14/08 to compete in the State Championship games; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

BOARD POLICY: n) Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the second of two public readings and approval of Board Policy 6645 Capital Assets Accounting; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: o) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Islip Union Free School district hereby ratifies and approves a certain Memorandum of Agreement dated November 5, 2008 between the School District and the East Islip Teachers Association for the Paraprofessional Chapter and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the new collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VI. Mrs. Lyons stated that at last month's meeting a community member expressed concern with the handicapped parking spaces available at the East Islip Middle School and she was pleased to announce that two more spaces have been added to accommodate those in need.

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Mr. Patrick Flamio requested a break down of AP exam results from May 2008 for either a Board meeting or to be included in the next issue of the Beacon. Mr. Chu responded that Assistant Superintendent for Instruction/Personnel, Mrs. Becker-Santa, is scheduled to present East Islip School District's data report at the December meeting.

Mr. Flamio also questioned what the district has heard as far as the State's budget, the problems on Wall Street and how it will affect state aid for our schools. Mr. Chu responded that in reality, no one knows. However, he did report that legislation is being called together on November 18th to discuss mid-year cuts in all of the State. School Superintendents on Long Island are working collaboratively to bring all legislators together, statewide, to fight for no cuts

to education. He said we are anxiously awaiting the governor's budget and when we get the actual numbers and see what the senate is going to do, we will let the community know. In addition, he reported that the district has already begun looking at the budget, assessing enrollment, personnel needs, etc. Mr. Fraser added that the first meeting of the district's budget advisory committee is taking place on November 19, 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mr. Lamm announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting would take place on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. and a Board work session would take place on December 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., both in the district office boardroom.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mrs. Phillips to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Cronin and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Carol Feudi, Contingent District Clerk

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