

**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

Staff Members in Attendance:
John J. Finello, Supt. of Schools

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

- e. SCOPE CONTRACT : Motion by Mrs. Phillips to

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

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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

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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

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. ty 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