Schools were recognized by New York State as Reward Schools. The high school was recognized for its High Progress; it showed more growth than among similar schools in both the English and math Regents' scores. Timber Point Elementary School was recognized as a High Achieving school; it was among the highest achieving compared to similar schools. Mr. Finello then announced that in addition to being a Reward School, Timber Point Elementary School was just awarded Blue Ribbon School status by New York State for being an Exemplary High Performing School. Timber Point was among 269 schools across the United States to receive this high honor. Mr. Finello read the letter to the Timber Point School staff from Mr. Artie Duncan, Secretary of Education.

x Mr. Finello pointed to the High School Proof of Freedom plaque displayed on the Board room wall. He announced that students from the high school dedicated a plaque to be hung in the high school lobby in honor of East Islip graduates who gave their lives in service of our Country.

x Mr. Finello announced that we received a special aid grant from Senator Zeldin in the amount of $120,000 and a technology grant in the amount of $70,400. Thank you to Senator Zeldin for all of his efforts.

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

Mrs. Andrea Vecchio asked for clarification on the tax levy, stating that the community feels we are approving a tax note higher than the approved rate in the budget. Mr. Fraser clarified that the tax levy is the same tax levy that was approved in the budget. It is the dollar amount of the levy, not the tax being approved.. The 2.99% was the difference between the 2011-12 levy and the 2012-13 levy. He stated that in budgeting, we used the same assessed value as the year before to project the tax rate for 2012-13. This year's assessment came in lower because of the senior exemption and Stop-n-Shop's recent settlement, which resulted in the lower tax rate..

Mrs. Vecchio asked if the Board could take a role call and explain why they are voting on each item. Mr. Cronin responded that the Board does engage in discussion when they need further explanation on an agenda item.

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips thanked everyone involved for their hard work on creating the Anaphylaxis policy. Mr. Reed asked if copies are sent to the East Islip Public Library after approval, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded they were.

Field Trips: Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the following field trips:

Mrs. Denise Naccarato and high school kickline to competition in Orlando, Florida March 7-11, 2013;

Mr. Joseph Tursi and the high school honors' Italian students to Italy June 24-July 2;

Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mrs. Becker-Santa will update the Board with chaperone names as the trip get nearer and the names are submitted.

PERSONNEL – Mrs. Becker-Santa

Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve Items #1-27 in the Certified Personnel Report as recommended by the administration of the East Islip School District; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

teaching staff in the 2012-13 school year. The rate for these services is $1,500.00 per day for a total of 1 day; and approve the contract with Eric Freidman for professional development training to our staff on the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) which took effect July 2012. The total cost for this service is $7,800. Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Reed asked for the total budget for Professional Development. Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that professional development is listed under specific budget areas and that will gather the information to forward to the Board. Mr. Finello added that when we talk about unfunded mandates, these are some of the areas that are unfunded. Mr. Raffone asked about the hours of professional development during the day. Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that a changed from the budgeted amount. Mr. Reed added that this also includes the senior exemption that other homeowners will pick up at $54 per household.

COPIERS: h) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the multi-year service agreement for one copier in the copy center of the high school for approximately $10,746.51; Seconded by Mr. Montuori and unanimously approved. Mr. Cronin asked if we also receive 48% reimbursement on this cost, to which Mr. Fraser responded yes.

DONATIONS: i) Motion by Mr. Montuori to accept the donation of an air conditioner from Crystal Chiari, a teacher at Connetquot Elementary School, to Connetquot Elementary School. This equipment will be used in a classroom for a student with special needs; accept the donation of $5,000 from the Verizon "Heroes on our Island" Sweepstakes to the East Islip Middle School. This donation will be used to purchase and install two Promethium Interactive White Boards in two science classrooms in the Middle School. The code to be increased is 2110-200-08-0000; and, accept the donation of $70,000 from the For the Kids Foundations (FTK) of East Islip, Inc., for the funding of certain extra-curricular clubs district-wide that were not included in the 2012/2013 school budget; various codes will be increased for this donation; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved. Mrs. Phillips asked if the Verizon donation was a result of the event Mrs. Carney spearheaded, to which Mrs. Carney responded it was.

DISPOSAL OF A GYMNASTICS' HORSE: j) Motion by Mr. Montuori to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Education of the East Islip School District approve the disposal of a gymnastics' horse at Connetquot Elementary School. This piece of equipment is in poor condition, is approximately 40 years old and has not been used in many years; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Appropriation/Budget Change: k) 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 special grant funds of $40,700 that was secured through the efforts of Senator Zeldin's office. These funds will be used to support our technology initiative of deploying iPads and Kindle Readers for students' use at the middle school and high school. The appropriation code to be increased for these initiatives is 2630 220 00 0000; Seconded by Mrs. Phillips and unanimously approved.

Consultant Service Contract Extension: l) 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 contract extension with Great Neck Math Enrichment Center, Inc. for approximately 20 days to assist with development of local assessments, end of year assessments, and other APPR mandated requirements. The fee for these services is $850 per day; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Montuori asked for an explanation on SLO's, to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded that the State Education Department is requiring districts to create student learning objectives (SLOs) that mirror State growth measures. Mr. Reed asked if most of this cost will be paid for through professional development grant monies to which Mrs. Becker-Santa responded yes.

<u>CSE/CPSE</u> – Mrs. Kosser

<u>COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION</u>: Motion by Mrs. Phillips to approve the following Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE) Student recommendations:

<u>CSE</u>

Mrs. Andrea Vecchio asked the Board to, during teacher negotiations, either start a brand new contract for the teachers or leave the current one in place with no changes. She asked about coaches coaching more than one sport and asked for a list of coaches by next month's meeting. Mrs. Vecchio referred to a letter circulated by the teachers' union president speaking how exceptional our school district is. She said the ranking of schools is not mentioned and pointed out that the East Islip High School happens to be #69, which places it in the bottom half of schools nationwide.