

Clayton Howe, Michael Janover, Ryan Kelly, Monica Lobo, Eric McMahon, Mary Vetter. The East Islip All-State Musicians are Robert Holliday, Mixed Chorus, Marisa Caliguri, Symphonic Band and Nicole Fragala, Mixed Chorus, with the following students selected as alternates: Marisa Caliguri (piccolo) and Anthony Giaquinto (Oboe). Mrs. Phillips congratulated all students on behalf of the Board.

- Mr. Chu announced that speaker Rick Lavoie, who is presenting to staff on November 3rd, will also be presenting to interested parents in the near future. He will present on a variety of different issues relating to student learning and said details will be posted on the district's webpage as soon as the arrangements are final.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: IV.) Motion by Mr. Reed to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2009, pp. 19-24, with the typographical correction on page 21; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Phillips asked if anyone had any questions regarding the agenda items before putting them before the Board. Mrs. Rosa Ferrara asked for clarification on the following agenda items: b., e., f., g., h., i., and j.

ACTION ITEMS: V.) Action Items Recommended by the Supt. of Schools
(Wendell Chu)

Motion by Mr. Raffone to table Items 154 & 155 in the Non-certified Personnel Report as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools; Seconded by Mr. Reed and unanimously approved.

PRESENTERS FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY: i) Motion by Mr. Raffone to approve

absorbed in this year's budget. Mr. Fraser said that he would provide the Board with updated information in the near future for that decision to be made.

NEW BUSINESS: VII. a. Mrs. Becker-Santa reported on the 9/11 committee that met at the request of the Board. Mrs. Becker-Santa chaired the committee meeting which was held on September 30 and consisted of our elementary teachers, psychologist, elementary principals, Director of Humanities and members of our PTA. She first thanked the members of the committee for open and rich discussion on a sensitive issue. She also thanked community members who shared their thoughts and feelings on the matter. She reported that after much discussion, the committee would like to make the following recommendations:

- Name the day Patriot Day; if the day falls on the weekend, honor the day on the Friday before.
- Hold a Moment of Silence throughout the district; although times may vary according to school start times, student schedules.
- All students and staff members will be asked to wear red, white & blue on this day.
- Focus discussion on Symbols of Citizenship, a common theme in the NYS elementary social studies curriculum. For example: flag symbol; symbol of red, white, blue; The *Pledge of Allegiance* and its meaning; patriotic songs, democracy and freedom, monuments, memorials, heroes, service and citizenship.
- Teachers from each grade level will recommend specific grade levels at which various symbols of citizenship will be discussed.
- Communication with our parents and community be made in the summer so parents can prepare students for 9/11

MOTION Made by Mr. Sargent to approve the recommendations of the 9/11 Committee; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Mr. Sargent added that he felt the song “ u t s rs nd i ttu ei erttt △

given a ¼ million dollars in donations/scholarships to East Islip and Islip Schools, the majority given to East Islip. He also took the opportunity to personally thank Mr. Pete Blieberg for his support and added that if the support he shows the club is an indication of the support he shows the students in school that they have the best athletic director in the world.

d. Mr. Carino thanked Mrs. Becker-Santa and members of the 9/11 committee. He stated that this past month has been difficult for him and his family and that he did not want any one to think he acted out of anger; rather he did it for our students. He appreciates the fact that letters will go out to parents prior to events for the day and he is happy that a Moment of Silence will be held by the entire district on 9/11. He thanked Mr. Chu for his apology and for inviting him in to meet with him during the first week after 9/11; but added that he was not ready to meet with Mr. Chu at that time.

e. Mrs. Ferrara stated that she wrote a letter to the Board regarding her FOILs and was waiting for a reply and the information. Mrs. Phillips responded that she would review the FOILS once again and if there is information that we have that Mrs. Ferrara requested, it would be provided. However, she did inform Mrs. Ferrara that if the information requested does not exist, the district is not obligated to generate reports. Mrs. Ferrara also asked for clarification on the In-District Suspension program appointments, which Mr. Chu explained.

f. Mrs. Morris asked for the cost of the buses if the transportation proposition passed, to which Mr. Fraser responded \$125,000, which is a prorated rate for the remainder of the 09/10 school year. She also asked for the cost of putting the proposition up for a vote, which he responded was approximately \$15,000.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Raffone left his seat on the Board and spoke as a member of the audience.

Mr. Raffone stated that he has lived in the community his entire life and is currently a member of the Board of Education. He stressed his concern with having to FOIL information as a Board member; information he needs to assist him in his decisions as a member of the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: VIII. Mrs. Phillips announced that there would be a special Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Board work session on transportation. She also announced that the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting would be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION: IX. Motion by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the public meeting; Seconded by Mr. Raffone and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Carol Feudi, Contingent District Clerk