

Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President, J. Lippert
MEMBERS PRESENT	J. Lippert, L. Nowachek, J. Phelan, A. Wood, M. Wyckoff.
MEMBERS ABSENT	L. Kaufman, K. Skelly-Kurka
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations D. Spencer, School Attorney T. Murphy, District Clerk Ralph Cassetta – Campbell Cassetta Architects
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 13, 2024 (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 5-0)
TREASURER’S REPORT	Treasurer’s Report for the month ended August 2024 was accepted as read. (M. Wyckoff, A. Wood; 5-0)
APPROPRIATION & REVENUE STATUS REPORTS	The Board accepts the Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for August 2024 as presented. (M. Wyckoff, A. Wood; 5-0)
CASH DISBURSEMENT REPORT	The Board accepts the Cash Disbursement reports (capital, general & payroll) for August 2024 as presented. (M. Wyckoff, A. Wood; 5-0)
CASH BALANCE REPORT	The Board accepts the Cash Balance Report for August 2024 as presented. (M. Wyckoff, A. Wood; 5-0)
CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT	The Board accepts the Claims Audit Report for the time period of June 28, 2024, through September 4, 2024, as presented. (M. Wyckoff, A. Wood; 5-0)
WARRANT	The Board hereby approves the General Check Warrant in the amount of \$278,572.64 as presented. (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 5-0)
CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of \$500,000.00 for payroll and the warrant as presented. (M. Wyckoff, A. Wood; 5-0)
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT	Mr. Davey’s report started with an Architect Presentation, presented by Ralph Cassetta, of Cambell Cassetta Architects, PC. Mr. Cassetta proceeded to discuss/explain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soundproof acoustical fencing options to reduce the noise of the playground/court area to our neighbors

- Masonry repairs
- Manufacturers selected for exterior windows, interior doors, styles to be determined
- Doors will be aluminum, impact resistant and insulated, window size to be determined
- Lock sets – electric, with card access, attached to ID badge
- Roof damage – under warranty
- Plans to be submitted to NY State Department of Education by mid-October

At the conclusion of the presentation by Mr. Cassetta, Mr. Davey reported on the following:

- Great start to the first week of school with a welcome to both new and familiar faces.
- Superintendent’s Conference Days went well with a casual breakfast, a welcome by Jay Lippert, teamwork activities, follow up on our Strategic Plan with work and suggestions on how to improve it, and classroom set up. There was also a new teacher meet and greet.
- Patriot Day Citizenship Ceremony field trip with our students leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the Fire Island Lighthouse on September 11, 2024.
- The auditors from R.S.Abrams & Co. LLP, will have the financial reports ready for the Audit meeting scheduled for October 8, 2024.
- Bus #20 to be excessed, as it will not pass DOT inspection. Village of Ocean Beach has expressed interest in purchasing.
- Need for a new PR firm for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Expansion and widening of walkway on Midway in Summer Club. Discussion followed: can the District contribute funds to assist with the project, what is permissible, what are the parameters. Buses will need to enter and depart through the Ocean Bay Park Cut until the work is finished. Plans to do the work over a school break was discussed to reduce bus travel during the project. The district’s attorney advised that given that school districts are bound by strict legal guidelines on how funds can be spent and once the budget passes by resident vote, it becomes a legally binding financial plan. Given this, the district cannot divert funds to purposes that were not explicitly included in the budget. If the school district wanted to contribute to a project like road widening, it would need to present this as a separate proposition to voters, seeking their approval before any financial commitment could be made. Without this voter-approved proposition, the district is legally restricted from reallocating funds for the project.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from G. Donovan was accepted as read.

APPROVAL
2024-2025 TAX LEVY

RESOLVED, that the total tax levy for the Fire Island Union Free School District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year is \$5,258,255.00. The tax is apportioned as follows:

<i>Town of Brookhaven</i>	<i>\$1,693,255.00</i>
<i>Town of Islip</i>	<i>\$3,565,000.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$5,258,255.00</i>

(J. Phelan, A. Wood; 5-0)

APPROVAL
2024-2024 BOARD
CALENDAR REVISION

The Board hereby accepts the revision to the 2024-2025 Board Calendar to reflect the following date change:

- September 17, 2024, to September 10, 2024.

(J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 5-0)

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of M. DiDio, Head Bus Driver.

(J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 5-0)

APPOINTMENT
INTERIM HEAD BUS DRIVER

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of M. DiDio, as Interim Head Bus Driver at a daily rate of \$364.72.

(M. Wyckoff, A. Wood; 5-0)

APPOINTMENT
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/
SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the following appointments for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Substitute Teacher – A. Bainbridge @ \$180.39 /daily rate, effective September 11, 2024.
- Substitute Bus Driver – A. Bainbridge @ \$20.45 per hour (based on a \$163.60 daily rate), effective September 11, 2024.

(J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 5-0)

APPROVAL
2024-2025 CPR/AED
PROPOSAL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the CPR/AED Refresher Training Proposal from A. Becher @ \$50.00 per staff member for the 2024-2025 school year.

(J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 5-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made for the Board to enter Executive Session at 5:14 p.m. to discuss and receive counsel on the employment/disciplinary action of a particular person/s and to discuss negotiations with the Fire Island Teacher's Association.

(J. Phelan, M. Wyckoff; 5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting resumed and was immediately adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

(M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan; 5-0)

Traci Murphy
District Clerk