

Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 14, 2025

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, K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood, M. Wyckoff
MEMBERS ABSENT	L. Kaufman
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations T. Murphy, District Clerk R. Swierkowski, Treasurer D. Spencer, School Attorney (via Zoom for Executive Session)
EXECUTIVE SESSION	A motion was made for the Board to enter Executive Session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss matters related to the employment of a particular person/s and to receive legal advice from counsel. (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 6-0) The regular meeting resumed at 5:47 p.m.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meeting were accepted as read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Meeting of December 10, 2024 (M. Wyckoff, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
TREASURER'S REPORT	Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 2024 was accepted as presented. (K. Skelly- Kurka, A. Wood; 6-0)
TRIAL BALANCE REPORTS	The Board accepts the Trial Balance Report for the month ending December 2024 as presented. (K. Skelly- Kurka, A. Wood; 6-0)
APPROPRIATION & REVENUE STATUS REPORTS	The Board accepts the Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for December 2024 as presented. (K. Skelly- Kurka, A. Wood; 6-0)
CASH DISBURSEMENT REPORT	The Board accepts the Cash Disbursement reports (General, Payroll) for December 2024 as presented. (K. Skelly- Kurka, A. Wood; 6-0)
VOIDED CHECK REPORT	The Board accepts the Voided Check report for December 2024 as presented. (K. Skelly- Kurka, A. Wood; 6-0)
CASH BALANCE REPORT	The Board accepts the Cash Balance report as presented. (K. Skelly- Kurka, A. Wood; 6-0)
BUDGET TRANSFER	The Board approves the Budget Transfer totaling \$1,988.69 as presented. (J. Phelan, A. Wood; 6-0)
CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT	The Board accepts the Claims Audit Report for the time period of December 7, 2024, through January 9, 2025, as presented. (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 6-0))

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WARRANT/S	The Board hereby approves two General Fund Warrants; #1 in the amount of \$188,639.08 and #2 in the amount of \$7,501.90. (L. Nowachek, K. Skelly-Kurka; 6-0)
CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a Cash Transfer in the amount of \$420,000.00. (A. Wood, K. Skelly-Kurka; 6-0)
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT	<p>Mr. Davey and the Board discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYSED Regionalization Initiative planning process and the options of electing to stay in or to adopt a resolution to opt out. It was agreed the Board and District would participate in the Regionalization process. • Volunteer Firefighter/Ambulance Worker Exemption – Real Property Tax Law Exemption Section 466-a - Discussion with options for reduction in taxes for those qualified district full-time residents. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 28, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the school lunchroom. • Discussion and options on a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy. Policy #5840 will be put forth at the next Board meeting as a 1st Reading on January 28, 2025. • Guidance counselor visits teaching Erin’s Law curriculum. Parents were notified of the visit in the SWAY newsletter. • The next session of after-school clubs has started and include: Lego/Game Club, Swim Club, World Music Drumming Club, Cooking Club and Sports Club. • Increase in interest rate from 3.24% to 4%. • Suburban has been repaired and is back in use. • The work in the drivers room/office has been completed. • An RFP for an External Auditor has been sent out to our list of previous bidders. Bid opening is scheduled for February 13, 2025.
2024-2025 SCHOOL BUS DRIVER EVENT PAY – FOR APPROVAL	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2024-2025 School Bus Driver Event Rate at \$170.00 per event. (A. Wood, M. Wyckoff; 6-0)
PUBLIC HEARING/1 st READING OF POLICY	A Public Hearing, 1 st Reading and Adoption was held of policy #1640 – Absentee, Military and Early Mail Ballots
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

Traci Murphy
District Clerk

Approved: February 11, 2025