

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
March 11, 2025

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CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Vice President, Amy Wood.
MEMBERS PRESENT	L. Kaufman, J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek, A. Wood, M. Wyckoff
MEMBERS ABSENT	J. Lippert
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations B. Emigholz, School Attorney T. Murphy, District Clerk R. Swierkowski, Treasurer
EXECUTIVE SESSION	A motion was made for the Board to enter Executive Session at 4:31 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to the employment of a particular person/s.  The regular meeting resumed at 5:17 p.m. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 6-0)
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meeting were accepted as read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025 (J. Phelan, M. Wyckoff; 6-0)</li></ul>
TREASURER'S REPORT	Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 2025 was accepted as presented. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 6-0)
TRIAL BALANCE REPORTS	The Board accepts the Trial Balance Report for the month ending February 2025 as presented. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 6-0)
APPROPRIATION STATUS REPORT	The Board accepts the Appropriation Status Report for February 2025 as presented. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 6-0)
REVENUE STATUS REPORT	The Board accepts the Revenue Status Report for February 2025 as presented. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 6-0)
CASH DISBURSEMENT REPORTS	The Board accepts the Cash Disbursement Reports (General & Payroll) for February 2025 as presented. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 6-0)
CASH BALANCE REPORT	The Board accepts the Cash Balance Report as presented. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 6-0)
BUDGET TRANSFER	The Board approves a Budget Transfer in the amount of \$296.83 as presented. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

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- CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT      The Board approves the Claims Auditor Report for the time period of February 8, 2025, through March 7, 2025, as presented.  
(K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
- WARRANT                              The Board hereby approves the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$171,022.30 as presented.  
(K. Skelly-Kurka, J. Phelan; 6-0)
- CASH TRANSFER                      The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of \$375,000.00.  
(L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT      Mr. Davey reported on the following:
- An updated Preliminary Budget presentation was shared with the Board regarding the 2025-2026 Budget “Known and Unknowns”. A final presentation will be shared at the next BOE meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in preparation for adoption on April 8, 2025.
  - PTA – PARP “Pick a Reading Partner” – Thank you to the parents and staff who helped decorate the building for this year’s PARP theme: “Reading Plants the Seeds of Knowledge”. Lots of fun activities are planned for the month including the Scholastic Book Fair at Woodhull, Family Fun Night, Spirit Days and visits by Mystery Readers.
  - Woodhull was lucky to have one student participate in this year’s Suffolk County Music Educators’ Association (SCMEA) All-County Festival.
  - Woodhull also had a student who received the New York Mathematics League Certificate of Merit receiving a rating of 30 out of 35.
  - We’ve had a few prospective non-resident tuition families come in for a tour of the school. Once applications of those interested in the 2025-2026 school year are received, screenings will be scheduled.
  - The first Regionalization meeting took place with lots of east end school districts in attendance. Two more meetings are scheduled.
  - Cambell & Cassetta, Architects, reported to our business office, there was a delay in getting our application up to NYSED; the application has since been overnighted to NYSED.
- CORRESPONDENCE                      The Board received and read a letter from W. Hsiang who is a candidate seeking nomination to the ESBOCES Board of Trustees at the Annual BOCES Election and Budget Vote, taking place on April 23, 2025.
- 2024 – 2025 HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENTS – WEST ISLIP UFSD                      On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2024-2025 Health & Welfare Service Agreement with the West Islip UFSD in the amount of \$1,140.95, per student, for one student attending St. John the Baptist High School and two students attending The Bridges Academy.  
(K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 6-0)

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2024-2025 CLAIMS AUDITOR AGREEMENT On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2024-2025 Claims Auditor Agreement with Emkay Consultant at the rate of \$2,625.00, effective April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025.  
(J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

2024-2025 APPOINTMENTS – On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the following appointments:  
 SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER • Substitute Custodial Worker - A. Bainbridge for the 2024-2025 school year at an hourly rate of \$25.56, effective March 12, 2025.  
 DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK • Deputy District Clerk (in the absence of the District Clerk) - N. Henriksen, effective March 12, 2025.  
 ELECTION INSPECTORS • Election Inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote & Election at an hourly rate of \$21.90:  
     ▪ B. Burke  
     ▪ M. Hood  
     ▪ K. McBride  
     ▪ L. Thornberg  
     ▪ N. Henriksen  
 (L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

2025 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2025 Notice of Annual Meeting, Budget Vote and Election as presented.  
(J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

2025-2026 PROPERTY TAX CAP CALCULATION On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2025-2026 Property Tax Cap Calculation as presented.  
(J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

2025-2026 ANNUAL CALENDAR – BOARD OF EDUCATION The Board approves the 2025-2026 Annual Board of Education Calendar as presented.  
(K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

2025-2026 BOCES COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution with ESBOCES for school year 2025-2026.  
(L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 6-0)

BID RESULTS & AWARD – RFP FOR EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES Bid Results for External Auditing Services for fiscal years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods are as follows:

• **Cullen & Danowski, LLP**

June 30,	2026	\$	29,000
	2027		29,600
	2028		30,200
	2029		30,800
	2030		31,400

• **R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP**

June 30,	2026	\$	21,800
	2027		22,800
	2028		23,800
	2029		24,800
	2030		25,800

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BID AWARD

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby accepts a proposal from R.S. Abrams, LLP for external auditing services for fiscal years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, with an option to renew for two additional one-year periods as presented.  
(J. Phelan, M. Wyckoff; 6-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.  
(J. Phelan, M. Wyckoff; 6-0)

Traci Murphy  
District Clerk