

Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 8, 2025

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CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President J. Lippert.
MEMBERS PRESENT	L. Kaufman, J. Lippert, L. Nowachek, J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood,
MEMBERS ABSENT	M. Wyckoff
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent B. Emigholz, School Attorney J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations T. Murphy, District Clerk R. Swierkowski, Treasurer
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025• Budget Review Meeting /Work Session of March 25, 2025 (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
FINANCIAL REPORTS	The Board accepts the following Financial Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Treasurer’s Report for the month ending March 2025 was accepted as hereby attached.• Trial Balance Report• Appropriation Status Report• Revenue Status Report• Cash Disbursement Reports (General, Payroll)• Voided Check Report• Cash Balance Report for the month of March 2025, as presented. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
BUDGET TRANSFER	The Board approves a budget transfer in the amount of \$23,624.61 for school nursing supplies, staff CPR class, bus maintenance, a bus transmission, and school instrument repairs, as presented. (A. Wood, K. Skelly-Kurka; 6-0)
CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT	The Board accepts the Claims Audit Report for the claims audit performed on April 2, 2025. (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
WARRANT	The Board hereby approves the General Fund Warrant in the amount of \$145,770.83, as presented. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the warrant and payroll, as hereby attached. (L. Kaufman, K. Skelly-Kurka; 6-0)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Davey reported on the following:

- Proposed Budget for the 2025-2026 School Year
- RFP for Public Relations Services – 2 bids were received and are still in the process of being rated
- Teacher position has been listed on OLAS
- Fire & Evacuation Drill was held: No issues
- NYS Assessments are scheduled as follows:
 - ELA – April 29 & 30, 2025
 - Math – May 6 & 7, 2025
- Thank you to the PTA for a fantastic PARP month and finale as well as their time and participation with the Lunch Box Parents program
- A big thank you to Blair Burke for her time and knowledge as the outdoor learning garden is getting started
- After school clubs continue through the spring months and include Sewing Club, Kiddie Club and Sports Club
- Spring Recess is scheduled for April 14 – 21, 2025
- Bay Shore Middle School has shared some foreign language information for those 6th grade students that wish to attend 7th grade in Bay Shore
- Reminder that the next BOE meeting will be Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – the BOCES Budget Vote & Election will be held at 4:30 p.m. and the Work Session to immediately follow
- Graduation & Concert is scheduled for June 18, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF 2025-2026
ANNUAL BUDGET

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2025-2026 annual budget in the amount of \$6,728,125.00 as presented.
(L. Kaufman, A. Wood; 6-0)

2025-2026 PROPERTY TAX
REPORT CARD

The Board hereby approves the 2025-2026 Property Tax Report Card as presented.
(L. Kaufman, A. Wood; 6-0)

2025 APPOINTMENT –
CHAIRPERSON OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING

The Board hereby appoints T. Murphy as Chairperson of the May 20, 2025, Annual Meeting.
(K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

2024-2025 APPOINTMENT –
LEAVE REPLACEMENT
TEACHER

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the appointment of H. Margolin as Leave Replacement Teacher for K. McNulty (grades 1 & 2), BA Step 3, at a daily rate of \$363.18, retroactively effective March 17, 2025.
(A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)

2024-2025 APPOINTMENT –
SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the appointment of M. Lopiccolo as Substitute Custodian at an hourly rate of \$25.56, retroactively effective April 1, 2025.
(K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 6-0)

2025-2026 HOLIDAY
MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE
CALENDAR

The Board hereby approves the 2025-2026 Maintenance Holiday Schedule calendar.
(L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 5-0, with K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining from the vote)

2025-2026 REQUESTS FOR
OUT-OF-DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION

The Board hereby approves requests for out of district transportation for school year 2025-2026 for two students attending Bridges Academy, located in West Islip.
(L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 6-0)

2025-2026 NON-RESIDENT
INSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves three 2025-2026 Non-Resident Instruction contracts @ \$3,748.60 each.
(K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood; 6-0)

ESTABLISHMENT OF
ADDITIONAL BUS STOP

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the establishment of an additional school bus stop at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church parking lot located behind the church, off the west side of St. Mark's Lane in Islip.
(J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka; 6-0)

2025 FIRE ISLAND
WATER TAXI AGREEMENT

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves an agreement with Fire Island Water Taxi for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$167.50 per day.
(L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made for the Board to enter Executive Session at 4:49 p.m. to discuss the employment of a particular person/s.
(L. Nowachek, K. Skelly-Kurka; 6-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting resumed at 5:49 p.m. and immediately adjourned.
(L. Nowachek, A. Wood; 6-0)

Traci Murphy
District Clerk