

Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
May 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was held in the school gymnasium and was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President, J. Lippert.
MEMBERS PRESENT	L. Kaufman, J. Lippert, L. Nowachek, J. Phelan, A. Wood, M. Wyckoff
MEMBERS ABSENT	K. Skelly-Kurka
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations T. Murphy, District Clerk B. Emigholz, School Attorney R. Swierkowski, Treasurer B. Daidone, Staff Member G. Donovan, Staff Member J. Crawson, Staff Member Community Members & Parents
VOICE OF THE TAXPAYER/ PUBLIC COMMENT	Comments from the public and staff members regarding the following agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Item 5c. – Abolishment of ENL Position</i></li><li>• <i>Item 5d. – Establishment of Spanish Teacher Position</i></li></ul>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2025</li><li>• BOCES Election &amp; Budget Vote/Work Session of April 23, 2025</li></ul> (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
FINANCIAL REPORTS (Item #2 a. - 2 f.)	The following financial reports for the month of April 2025 were accepted as read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Treasurer’s Report</li><li>• Trial Balance Report</li><li>• Appropriation Report</li><li>• Revenue Status Report</li><li>• Cash Disbursement General Fund and Payroll Reports</li><li>• Cash Balance Report</li></ul> (A. Wood, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT	The Board accepts the Claims Audit Report dated May 5, 2025, as presented. (L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 6-0)
WARRANTS	The Board hereby approves the following General Fund Warrants as presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• #1 in the amount of \$86,024.34</li><li>• #2 in the amount of \$80,841.53</li></ul> (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of \$400,000.00 as presented. (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT	Mr. Davey reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarification of difference between ESL/ENL services and Spanish Language instruction</li><li>• Thank you to the PTA for their support and appreciation of staff during Staff Appreciation Week, which included snacks, a</li></ul>

hydration station, a bagel and coffee breakfast, empanadas and student comments to staff members.

- Point of Pride: Congratulations to the students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade who participated in the NYSSMA Festival on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. This is the first year in a long time where we've had 3<sup>rd</sup> graders participate.
- Environmental Ed: Grades 5-6, along with some visiting students from Bay Shore Middle School, tested their Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV's) in the bay in front of the Windswept building in Ocean Beach.
- NYS Testing finished for the year.
- Upcoming Event Dates:
  - Art Show – Monday, May 19, 2025
  - Budget Vote & Election – Tuesday, May 20, 2025
  - Multicultural Luncheon – Thursday, May 22, 2025
  - School Garden Ribbon Cutting – Wednesday, May 29, 2025
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science this week ends the NYS assessment season.
- Prospective Non-Resident Students: Busy with new student visits and screenings.
- Districtwide Safety Team: Met with the District-wide Safety Team regarding our safety plan; a new crisis alert system; and security measures to be in place for upcoming events.
- Public Relations RFP: Recommending ZE Creative Communications as the District's new PR firm.
- Bank Transition: First National Bank of Long Island is merging with ConnectOne Bancorp, effective June 13, 2025. It should be a smooth transition.
- Landscaping: Waiting on a new contract for the 2025-26 school year. Purchased an electric lawnmower. Thank you to our maintenance team for keeping up the grounds.
- Going Green: Payroll stubs will be distributed electronically, reducing ink, paper and envelope and postage usage.
- Year-End Audit: The year-end audit has begun with the business office compiling and sharing documentation.
- Transportation: New bus #31 up and running.
- BOE Planning: Proposed schedule of actions taken by the BOE to help support and prepare staff/community of upcoming decisions.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The Board accepts, as read, correspondence regarding Agenda Items 5c. and 5d. from the following staff and community members:

- B. Daidone
- L. Chenault
- C. Sheppard
- L. & A. Olsen
- L. Straut

Also, accepted as read, letter from Eastern Suffolk BOCES, thanking the District for their support of the 2025-26 Administrative Budget.

#### 6 DAY BUDGET NOTICE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 6-day budget notice as presented.  
(L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

#### 2024-2025 CONTRACT TERMINATION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the contract termination of J. Filipkowski, Claims Auditor Services for the 2024-2025 school year, effective May 14, 2025, as presented.  
(A. Wood, L. Kaufman; 6-0)

#### 2024 –2025 RESOLUTION – ABOLISHMENT OF ESL POSITION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Fire Island Union Free School District Board of Education approves the following resolution:

*RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby abolishes one position (.4) in the English as a Second Language tenure area.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the employment of the teacher having the least seniority in the system within the tenure area of the position abolished shall be discontinued effective June 30, 2025, to wit:*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Position</u>
B. Daidone	English as a Second Language	.4

(M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan; 6-0)

2025-2026 RESOLUTION –  
ESTABLISHMENT OF SPANISH  
TEACHER POSITION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Fire Island Union Free School District Board of Education approves the following resolution:

*RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby establishes the position of “Spanish Teacher” effective July 1, 2025, in the tenure area of World Languages.*

(L. Kaufman, M. Wyckoff; 6-0)

2025-2026 COOPERATIVE  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH ESBOCES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2025-2026 Cooperative Educational Services Agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES, in the amount of \$535,727.46.

(M. Wyckoff, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

2025-2026 NON-RESIDENT  
INSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2025-2026 Non-Resident Instruction contracts for two students at \$3,748.60 each.

(L. Kaufman, A. Wood; 6-0)

2025 SUMMER PARKING  
PERMITS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the purchase of Town of Islip parking permits for 9 summer employees at a cost of \$75 each.

(M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan; 6-0)

BID RESULTS –  
RFP FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS  
SERVICES

Bid Results for Public Relations Services for the 2025 – 2026 school year, with the option to renew are as follows:

- Syntax Communication @ \$28,600.00
- ZE Creative Communications @ \$30,000.00

BID AWARD -  
PUBLIC RELATION SERVICES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby accepts the proposal from ZE Creative Communications for Public Relations Services for the 2025-2026 school year, with the option to renew, as presented.

(L. Nowachek, L. Kaufman; 6-0)

SURPLUS BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following Fire Island UFSD surplus bus to be sold:

- Bus # 21 – 2015 Thomas Bus, Single Rear Wheel,  
16 child/8 adult seat capacity

(L. Nowachek, L. Kaufman; 6-0)

BUS AUCTION

Item #5 j. from the May 13, 2025, Regular Meeting was tabled.

RESOLUTION - ANNUAL  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATE  
CHANGE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following Resolution:

*RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 1707(2) of the Education Law, the Board of Education of the Fire Island Union Free School District has determined that the annual organizational meeting of the Board be held as follows: Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 4:30 p.m. at the Woodhull School of the Fire Island Union Free School District.*

(J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING/2<sup>nd</sup>  
READING/ADOPTION OF  
POLICY

A Public Hearing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption was held of policy:

- #3311 – Notification of Disclosure of Employee Disciplinary Records.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:42 p.m. to discuss the employment of a particular person.  
(L. Kaufman, M. Wyckoff; 6-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting resumed and immediately adjourned at 6:27 p.m.  
(A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)

Traci Murphy  
District Clerk

Approved: June 10, 2025