

Work Session Meeting - Minutes
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by President, Jay 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 J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations R. Swierkowski, Treasurer D. Flaumenhaft, Staff Member C. Ferry, Staff Member K. Stertz, Staff Member M. Dionisio, Staff Member M. Dionisio's Family Members (4)
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. (A. Wood, L. Kaufman; 6-0) The Board re-entered the regular work session at 5:08 p.m.
CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF THE MAY 20, 2025, BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION	<i>WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Vote and Election of the Fire Island Union Free School District of the Towns of Islip and Brookhaven, New York, was duly called to be held on May 20, 2025, and was held on said date within said School District for the purpose of voting on the Propositions and Elections set forth in the notice calling said Annual Budget Vote and Election; now therefore,</i> <i>BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Fire Island Union Free School District hereby determines that said election was held in all respects in the manner prescribed by Education Law of the State of New York and accepts the results as declared by Chairperson Traci Murphy:</i> <i>Proposition #1 – School Budget \$6,728,125.00</i> <i><u>YES – 35</u> <u>NO – 1</u></i> <i>The vote for Board Members was as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 23 – Byron Chenault for a 3-year term commencing July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028◦ 33 – Linda Nowachek for a 3-year term commencing July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028 (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

DISCUSSION	Mr. Davey and the Board discussed a Proposed Actions Schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. The calendar/schedule will start in July.
EMPLOYEE RESIGNATIONS	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the following resignations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A. Niland – Adult Education Coordinator, effective June 30, 2025 (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
RESOLUTION – EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION	A letter of resignation letter from Nicholas Fortugno, Custodial Worker II, was received after the agenda was posted, therefore, <p><i>BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Nicholas Fortugno, effective at the close of business on June 4, 2025.</i></p> (L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
APPOINTMENT – 2024-2025 PART-TIME BUILDING MONITOR	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Michael Lopiccolo, for 2024-2025 Part-time Building Monitor, at the hourly rate of \$22.88, effective May 28, 2025. (J. Phelan, L. Nowchek; 6-0)
APPOINTMENT – PROBATIONARY ELEMENTARY TEACHERS	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following 4-year Probationary Appointment as Elementary Teacher: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ M. Dionisio – Step 1, BA15 @ \$66,628.20 effective 8/27/2025. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
2025-2026 NON-RESIDENT INSTRUCTION CONTRACT	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2025-2026 Non-Resident Instruction contract for one student at \$3,748.60. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
DISPOSITION OF BALLOTS – MAY 21, 2024, BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION	The Board hereby approves the disposition of ballots for the May 21, 2024, Budget Vote & Election pursuant to the records retention schedule, LGS-1, Schedule Items 363(b) and 363(f). (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
DONATION – MAURICE GELINA & BARBARA McCLEES FOUNDATION	The Board accepts the donation from the Maurice Gelina & Barbara McClees Foundation to the Wirostek Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$7,422.90 for the 2024-2025 school year. (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
DONATION – “AN ARTIST IS BORN” BOOK FROM YPD, INC.	The Board accepts the donation of 36, “An Artist is Born”, student books for Career Day, in the amount of \$539.64. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING/2nd
READING/ADOPTION OF
POLICY

A Public Hearing, 2nd Reading and Adoption was held of
policy:

- #3311 – Notification of Disclosure of Employee
Disciplinary Records
(A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.
(L. Kaufman, A. Wood; 6-0)

Traci Murphy
District Clerk

Approved: June 10, 2025