

Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President, J. Lippert.
MEMBERS PRESENT	J. Lippert, J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood, M. Wyckoff
MEMBERS ABSENT	L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations B. Emigholz, School Attorney T. Murphy, District Clerk R. Swierkowski, Treasurer R. Edelson, ZE Communications M. Ricupero, ZE Communications J. Lizza's Family Members (4)
EXECUTIVE SESSION	A motion was made for the Board to enter executive session at 4:31 p.m. to receive counsel regarding the employment of particular person/s. (J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka; 5-0) The Board re-entered the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Meeting of May 13, 2025• Public Budget Hearing of May 13, 2025• Work Session of May 27, 2025 (K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood; 5-0)
FINANCIAL REPORTS (Item #2 a. – j.)	The following reports for the month of May 2025, were accepted as read: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer's Report• Trial Balance Report• Appropriation Status Report• Revenue Status Report• Cash Disbursement Payroll and General Reports• Cash Balance Report• Voided Check Report (M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan; 5-0)
CLAIMS AUDIT REPORT	The Board accepts the Claims Audit Report dated June 3, 2025, as presented. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 5-0)
WARRANTS	The Board hereby approves the presented May #2 Warrant in the amount of \$136,226.88 and the June 2025 Warrant in the amount of \$24,880.12, as presented. (K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood; 5-0)
CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of \$475,000.00 as presented. (M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan; 5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Davey introduced and welcomed Mr. Ron Edelson and Mr. Matt Recuperero from ZE Communications, the district's new Public Relations Service Agency. Mr. Edelson gave some company background information as well as some possibilities for advertising in the new school year.

Mr. Davey reported the last couple of weeks of school will wrap up with lots of field trips, fun events and activities:

- The 6th Grade took their annual trip to NYC to see *Hamilton* on Broadway on June 4th
- Grades 5 & 6 will have their overnight camping trip in Baiting Hollow on June 12th – 13th
- Wednesday, June 18th – Graduation and Spring Concert
- Thursday, June 19th – Juneteenth: NO SCHOOL
- Friday, June 20th – Grades 1-6 Annual Fishing trip
- Monday, June 23rd – Sandcastle Building
- Tuesday, June 24th – Lunch Box Parents BBQ & Field Day with parents
- Wednesday, June 25th – Beach Cleanup & PTA Pool party at the hotel in Ocean Bay Park
- Thursday, June 26th – Distribution of yearbooks, early dismissal, staff meeting and luncheon

Mr. Davey also reported on the following:

District Operations:

- Website/communications platform search down to two finalists. An expected decision this week.
- We are awaiting one final tax payment from Brookhaven to fully reconcile the 2024–2025 levy.
- Final payroll for the year ran today.
- Purchase Orders are being opened to begin the ordering process.
- Our new bank is up and running.
- Book reconciliation is underway to close out the year.

Grants & Compliance:

- REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program) Grant application has been submitted.
- All district insurances have been renewed for the 2025–2026 school year.
- DMV 19-A Audit went well—driver files are fully compliant. Thank you to Head Bus Driver, John Lastorino for his work on that.
- DMV Affidavit of Compliance which certifies our compliance with specific regulations, i.e. mileage, accidents, and traffic convictions, for our drivers and buses has been submitted.

Facilities & Transportation:

- Positions for a new bus driver and building subs have been posted on OLAS.
- Summer repair lists are being developed.
- Bus bids will be out on June 12, 2025, for the new Suburban and full-size bus.

- Installation and onboarding for our new crisis response system through Centegix will be scheduled to start in July.
- A neighbor reached out with concerns about sound mitigation fencing related to our building project. Updates will follow up once approval from NYSED is received.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of resignation from M. Lopiccolo was accepted as read.

RESOLUTION –
GRANTING OF TENURE:
ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT OF
BUSINESS AND
OPERATIONS

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Jacqueline Lizza was appointed to the probationary position of Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations with a tenure area of Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations for a period concluding on June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEFEFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants Ms. Lizza tenure in the area of Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations effective July 1, 2025.

(A Wood, J. Phelan; 5-0)

2024-2025
EMPLOYEE
RESIGNATION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation from Michael Lopiccolo, full-time School Bus Driver, effective June 30, 2025.

(K. Skelly-Kurka, J. Phelan; 5-0)

2025-2026 EMPLOYEE
APPOINTMENT –
CUSTODIAL WORKER I

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Custodial Worker I, to Michael Lopiccolo, at \$58,293.37/yr, effective July 1, 2025.

(J. Phelan, M. Wyckoff; 5-0)

2025-2026 EMPLOYEE
APPOINTMENT –
.2 FTE SPANISH
TEACHER

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the appointment of B. Daidone to the .2 FTE Spanish Teacher position, Step 17, MA+ 60 @ \$28,587.5, effective July 1, 2025.

(M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan; 5-0)

2025-2026 EMPLOYEE
APPOINTMENTS –
PART-TIME

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Borad hereby approves the following appointments for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Adult Education Coordinator – Anne Niland @ \$10,200.00/yr.
- Custodial Worker I – Anna Bainbridge @ \$26.14/hr.
(A. Wood, J. Phelan; 5-0)
- Watchman Security – Bruce Kurka @ \$59.25/daily
(A. Wood, J. Phelan; 4-0 w/K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining)
- Watchman Security – Dale Wyckoff @ \$59.25/daily
(A. Wood, J. Phelan; 4-0 w/M. Wyckoff abstaining)
- Building Monitor – Anna Bainbridge; Michael Lopiccolo @ \$23.39/hourly.
- Library Clerks: Bonnie Metcalf @ \$24.82/hourly;
Brittany Metcalf @ \$23.39/hourly
- Summer School Bus Driver – Herb Terry; Ken Williams @ \$167.28/daily.

(A. Wood, J. Phelan; 5-0)

DISPOSITION OF END-OF-USEFUL LIFE EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES – LIBRARY BOOKS	The Board hereby approves the disposition of end-of-useful life equipment/supplies as presented and authorizes the Superintendent to dispose of said equipment/supplies in the best interest of the District, in accordance with Board Policy #5250. (K. Skelly-Kurka, M. Wyckoff; 5-0)
CSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education as presented. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 5-0)
2025-2026 HOURLY SHIFT RATES	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Hourly Shift Rates for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. (J. Phelan, A Wood; 4-0 w/ K. Skelly-Kurka & M. Wyckoff abstaining)
2025-2026 SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY AGREEMENT	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a school safety and security agreement with CENTEGIX, as presented, and authorizes the President to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board. (K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood; 5-0)
2025-2026 NON-RESIDENT INSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts and approves the 2025-2026 Non-Resident Instruction Contracts for two (2) students @ \$3,748.60 each. (K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood; 5-0)
PUBLIC HEARING/ 1 ST READING OF POLICY	A Public Hearing, 1st Reading and Adoption was held of policy #5685 – Maximum Temperature for School Buildings and Indoor Facilities.
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned 5:44 p.m. (A. Wood, M. Wyckoff; 5-0)

Approved: July 8, 2025

Traci Murphy
District Clerk