

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 27, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by President J. Lippert.
MEMBERS PRESENT	L. Kaufman, J. Lippert, L. Nowachek, J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood, M. Wyckoff,
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations R. Roth, School Attorney T. Murphy, District Clerk
EXECUTIVE SESSION	The Board entered Executive Session at 4:32 p.m. for legal advice with respect to the Regulatory Amendments relating to the Definition of Income in connection with the Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons Age 65 & Older with Limited Income AND Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income. (L. Nowachek, A. Wood; 7-0) The meeting resumed at 4:53 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING –
REAL PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTIONS**

A Public Hearing was held to review and discuss proposed resolutions regarding the following Real Property Tax Exemptions:

- Proposed resolution relating to the exemption of school taxes for qualifying persons aged over 65 and over with limited income; AND
- Proposed resolution relating to the exemption of school taxes for qualifying persons with limited income and disabilities.

The Local Options considered and discussed were as follows:

- I. Local Option I: Excludes non-federally taxed social security benefits from income for the purposes of exemption.
- II. Local Option II: Includes taxable IRA distributions or distributions from a retirement account in income.
- III. Local Option III: Allows income to be offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid that were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.

There were no public comments or questions – there were no community member present.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as read:

- Regular Meeting of January 11, 2024
- Budget Review Meeting of January 23, 2024

(J. Phelan, A. Wood; 7-0)

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TREASURER’S REPORT	Treasurer’s Report for the month ended January 2024 was accepted as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
TRIAL BALANCE REPORTS	The Board accepts the Trial Balance Report for the month ending January 2024 as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
APPROPRIATION STATUS REPORT	The Board accepts the Appropriation Status Report for January 2024 as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
REVENUE STATUS REPORT	The Board accepts the Revenue Status Report for January 2024 as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
CASH DISBURSEMENT REPORT	The Board accepts the Cash Disbursement report for January 2024 as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
VOIDED CHECKS REPORT	The Board accepts the Voided Checks Report for January 2024 as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
CASH BALANCE REPORT	The Board accepts the Cash Balance Report report as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
BUDGET TRANSFER	The Board approves a budget transfer in the amount of \$6,212.29 as hereby attached. (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 7-0)
CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT	The Board accepts the Claims Auditor Report Claims Audit Report for the time period of January 19, 2024, through February 7, 2024, as hereby attached. (L. Kaufman, M. Wyckoff; 7-0)
WARRANT	The Board hereby approves the Warrant in the amount of \$229,114.70 as presented. K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood; 7-0)
CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of \$3,467.44 as hereby attached. (M. Wyckoff, L. Nowachek; 7-0)
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT	Mr. Davey Reported on the following: • Environmental Education for 5th & 6th grades with a group of Bay Shore Middle students attending Woodhull • 6th grade to spend a day in Bay Shore shadowing a student later this month • Islip Middle orientation for 6th grade scheduled for May • Upcoming Field trips include: grades 5 & 6 to visit the Central Islip Courthouse as well as Ellis Island & the Statue of Liberty • March is PARP month... Thanks to the PTA for the fun activities planned for PARP in March “Dive into Reading” is the PARP theme for this year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT – Continued

- We will be holding a Solar Eclipse Watch on April 8th, after school, for students and staff
- Building and District Wide Emergency Response teams met this month; a school evacuation drill is planned for later in March
- Comptroller's Corrective Action Plan
- 2023-24 BOE Calendar and the BOCES election and vote on April 16, 2024
- 2024-25 BOE calendar regarding the Reorganizational meeting on the first Tuesday of July (7/2/2024) or by resolution within 15 days; the possibility of adding a second date for a work session in February
- West Islip UFSD – discussion on considering West Islip as an option to families for secondary students

DISCUSSION

- The Board reviewed and discussed the New York State Comptroller's Fiscal and Environmental Stress Reports. The reports indicate the District had no stress designation for 2023.
- The Board discussed the 2024-2025 Annual School Board Meeting Calendar with respect to the Reorganizational Meeting date. A new draft calendar will be presented at the next meeting.
- The Board discussed the Real Property Tax Exemptions for Persons of Age 65 & Older with Limited Income AND Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income and how Local Options I, II, and III (described above) could affect those in our community with respect to the definition of Income for purposes of the exemptions. The Board also discussed the option of doing nothing, abiding by the newly amended definition of Income with respect to the exemptions with no adjustments.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

2023 – 2024 HEALTH AND
WELFARE SERVICE
AGREEMENTS –
WEST ISLIP UFSD

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2023-2024 Health & Welfare Service Agreement with the West Islip UFSD in the amount of \$1,145.69, per student, for one student attending St. John the Baptist High School and one student attending The Bridges Academy.
(A. Wood, L. Kaufman; 7-0)

2023 – 2024 NEW YORK
STATE COMPTROLLER'S
REPORT -
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan for the New York State Comptroller's Report, 2023M-114 Dec. 2023.
(L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek; 7-0)

2023 – 2024 WORKPLACE
VIOLENCE PREVENTION
COORDINATOR

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Philip Tamberino as the Workplace Violence Prevention Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year.
(A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 7-0)

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2023 – 2024 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the following Substitute Teacher appointment: Jennifer Cole @ daily rate of \$176.42. (K. Skelly-Kurka, J. Phelan; 7-0)
2023 – 2024 SUBSTITUTE NURSE APPOINTMENT	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the following Substitute Nurse appointment: Patricia Fogarty @ daily rate of \$230.86. (A. Wood, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
2023 – 2024 ANNUAL CALENDAR REVISION	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the revision of the 2023-2024 Annual Calendar to reflect the Inclement Weather Day school closure on February 12, 2024, and the make-up day of June 27, 2024. (J. Phelan, A. Wood; 7-0)
2023 – 2024 ANNUAL BOARD OF EDUCATION CALENDAR REVISION	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the revision of the 2023-2024 Annual School Board Calendar to reflect the cancellation of the February 12, 2024, meeting, and the rescheduled date of February 27, 2024. (K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood; 7-0)
TEACHER RESIGNATION	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the following resignations effective June 30, 2024: 1. Marialaina Appell 2. Shannon Rickard (K. Skelly-Kurka, J. Phelan; 7-0)
2024 – 2025 SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves an agreement appointing Dr. James W. Ferguson as School Physician for school year 2024-2025 at the yearly rate of \$9,000.00. (A. Wood, K. Skelly-Kurka; 7-0)
2024 – 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 2024-25 school year at a rate of \$140.00 per trip. (L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 7-0)
2024 – 2025 NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATES	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following Non-Resident Tuition Rates for the 2024-2025 school year: • Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten @ \$3,001.65 • Grades 1 – 6 @ \$3,469.78 (A. Wood, M. Wyckoff; 7-0)
2024 – 2025 ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the 2024 – 2025 Annual School Calendar. (L. Nowachek, M. Wyckoff; 7-0)
2024 – 2025 MAINTENANCE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CALENDAR	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2024 – 2025 Maintenance Holiday Schedule Calendar. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0 with K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining from the vote)

2024 – 2025 REAL PROPERTY
TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR
PERSONS AGED 65 & OVER
WITH LIMITED INCOME

This action item was removed from the agenda. The Board opted not to adopt any of the Local Options discussed with respect to adjusting the definition of Income for purposes of this Exemption.

2024 – 2025 REAL PROPERTY
TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR
PERSONS WITH LIMITED
INCOME AND DISABILITIES

This action item was removed from the agenda. The Board opted not to adopt any of the Local Options discussed with respect to adjusting the definition of Income for purposes of this Exemption.

PUBLIC HEARING/
1ST READING AND
ADOPTION OF
POLICY/RESOLUTION

A Public Hearing, First Reading and Adoption was held for Policies:

- #6190 – Workplace Violence Prevention Policy
- #6190R – Workplace Violence Prevention Regulations
- #6190F – Workplace Violence Prevention Forms

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Labor Law § 27-b was recently amended, effective January 4, 2024, to require school districts to adopt a Workplace Violence Prevention Policy and accompanying forms released by the Department of Labor including: Record and Policy Review; Evaluation of the Physical Environment; List of Risks and Mitigation Efforts; Workplace Violence Training Outline; and Workplace Violence Incident Report; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to implement the policy and accompanying forms to comply with applicable law.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby temporarily suspends all policies requiring a first and/or second reading prior to the adoption of the policy; and it is further

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the adoption of the enclosed Workplace Violence Prevention Policy and accompanying forms.

(J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka; 7-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to the employment of a particular person/s.
(A. Wood, J. Phelan; 7-0)

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting resumed at and immediately adjourned at 6:23 p.m.
(J. Phelan, L. Nowacki; 7-0)

Traci Murphy
District Clerk