

Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Vice President A. Wood
MEMBERS PRESENT	L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek, J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood, M. Wyckoff
MEMBERS ABSENT	J. Lippert
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations R. Roth, School Attorney T. Murphy, District Clerk R. Swierkowski, Treasurer
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as read: • Regular Meeting of November 14, 2023 • Work Session of November 29, 2023 (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
TREASURER'S REPORT	Treasurer's Report for the month ended November 2023 was accepted as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
TRIAL BALANCE REPORTS	The Board accepts the Trial Balance Report for the month ending November 2023 as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
APPROPRIATION & REVENUE STATUS REPORTS	The Board accepts the Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for November 2023 as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
CASH DISBURSEMENT REPORTS	The Board accepts the Cash Disbursement reports (general, payroll) for November 2023 as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
VOIDED CHECK REPORT	The Board accepts the Voided Check report for November 2023 as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
CASH BALANCE REPORT	The Board accepts the Cash Balance report as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
BUDGET TRANSFER	The Board approves budget transfers totaling \$737.39 as hereby attached. (M. Wyckoff, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of \$350,000.00 as hereby attached. (M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan; 6-0)

WARRANT

The Board hereby approves the Check Warrants in the amount of \$149,667.59 as presented.

(K. Skelly-Kurka, J. Phelan; 6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Davey reported on the following:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Poetry and Arts submissions - Students in grades 1-2, and 6 submitted in an annual exhibition recognizing the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Students in 6th grade put together a toy drive for Island Harvest. They were able to deliver the unwrapped toys, donated by our Woodhull families, to Island Harvest and received a tour of their facility.
- The 6th grade students assisted student teachers from St. Joseph's college by participating in their lessons, via Zoom.
- Some of our students collaborated in writing holiday cards to our active military men and women.
- A first run of a promotional video has been produced by our marketing company, Syntax.
- The Winter Holiday program originally set for December 19, has been rescheduled for January 10, 2024.
- The Islip Cluster of Superintendent's met with Rabbi Stillerman in Bay Shore on sharing best practices relating to combatting antisemitism, sharing information on the conflict between Israel and Hamas, and how to cultivate kindness in our schools.
- Increase in health insurance rates starting in January.
- Increase in interest rate on all of the District's interst-bearing accounts from .05% to 3.5%.
- The District's federal grant applications have been approved.
- Annual Fire Inspection of Woodhull building and garage – no issues noted.
- Bus issues: #28 needs a new engine for \$7,714.50; #22 needs an alternator; winch to be installed on the suburban and a bus.
- Claims Auditor to be appointed as part of our corrective action plan.
- The Board needs to complete sexual harassment training.
- Strategic Planning update: Session on November 29, 2023 was productive and looking forward to the community planning session on December 15, 2023.
- PTA is sponsoring Elf Movie night in the gymnasium on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are being held Thursday and Friday, December 14 & 15. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
- Communtiy Startegic Planning Day is set for Friday, December 15, 2023 from 9:00-12:00 at Windswept in Ocean Beach.

CORRESPONDENCE	There was no correspondence.
2023-2024 SNOW PLOWING SERVICES AGREEMENT	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a 2023-24 Snow Plowing Agreement with Bruce Metcalf, Inc. @ \$250.00 per day. (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
2023-2024 CLAIMS AUDITOR AGREEMENT	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2023 -24 Claims Auditor Agreement with Jo-Anne Filipkowski @ \$600.00 per month. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
2023-2024 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENT	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2023-24 Substitute Teacher appointment to M. Ringen @ \$176.42 daily rate. (M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan; 6-0)
CSE/CPSE/504 RECOMMENDATIONS	The Board hereby accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education as presented. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)
DISCUSSION	The Board discussed 2024-2025 non-resident tuition rates and the pros and cons with raising the rates or keeping them at the current rate. The Board feels the rate can stay the current rate of \$3,001.05 (PreK/K) and \$3,469.78 (Grades 1-6). The Board also discussed the need to update the District's Claim Auditor Policy #1335. The policy will be revised for a first reading and adoption at their next meeting on January 9, 2024.
PUBLIC HEARING/ 1 ST READING AND ADOPTION OF POLICY/ RESOLUTION	A Public Hearing, First Reading and Adoption was held for policy #6190 – Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement and 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.

(K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING/
2ND READING &
POLICY ADOPTION

Following a Public Hearing and second reading, the Board adopts the following policies as hereby attached:

- #3410 – Code of Conduct
- #6121 – Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:17 pm to receive legal advice regarding District policy.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting resumed and immediately adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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

Traci Murphy
District Clerk