

Regular Meeting  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
June 8, 2021

*Due to COVID-19 and in accordance with Governor's Executive Order 202, this meeting was held virtually via Zoom with public access.*

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by President Lippert.
MEMBERS PRESENT	V. Henriksen, L. Kaufman, J. Lippert, L. Nowachek, J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood.
OTHERS PRESENT	L. Ferraro, Superintendent K. Wurtz, School Business Official J. Lizza, Admin. Assistant for Business & Operations P. Tamberino, Director of Curriculum & Special Projects G. Steffanetta, School Attorney D. Clock, District Clerk T. Murphy, Administrative Assistant R. Murray, Parent L. Chenault, Parent
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 11, 2021 Audit Committee Meeting</li><li>• May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting</li><li>• May 11, 2021 Budget Hearing</li><li>• May 25, 2021 Work Session</li></ul> (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 7-0)
TREASURER'S REPORT	Treasurer's Report for the month ended May 2021 was accepted as hereby attached. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
TRIAL BALANCE REPORTS	The Board accepts the Trial Balance Report for the month ending May 2021 as hereby attached. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
APPROPRIATION & REVENUE STATUS REPORTS	The Board accepts the Appropriation and Revenue Status Reports for May 2021 as hereby attached. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
TRUST & AGENCY CASH DISBURSEMENT	The Board accepts the Trust and Agency Cash Disbursement report for May 2021 as hereby attached. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
GENERAL FUND CASH DISBURSEMENT	The Board accepts the General Fund Cash Disbursement report for May 2021 as hereby attached. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
VOIDED CHECK REPORT	The Board accepts the Voided Check Report for May 2021 as hereby attached. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
GENERAL FUND CASH FLOW REPORT	The Board accepts the General Fund Cash Flow report as hereby attached. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
BUDGET TRANSFER	The Board approves a budget transfer in the amount of \$4,532.61 to cover the cost of computer subscriptions, as hereby attached. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)

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CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of \$450,000.00 from the General Fund Money Market to the General Fund (T&A) Checking Account as hereby attached. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
GENERAL FUND WARRANT	The Board hereby approves the general fund warrant in the amount of \$68,492.41 as presented. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	Mrs. Ferraro reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All state assessments have been administered, including Science and NYSESLAT.</li><li>• A moving up ceremony will be held outdoors for 6<sup>th</sup> graders on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Transportation will be provided for their parents.</li><li>• Department of Transportation Bus Inspection System Operator Profile – out of 31 DOT inspections 100% of our buses passed</li><li>• COVID update: In a press conference given today, Governor Cuomo clarified the issue of mask-wearing for schools. Masks will be required for students and staff while in the school building and on school transportation. Masks are optional for students and staff while outside or participating in sports.</li><li>• School employees must use their accrued sick leave if they are absent due to side effects from the COVID vaccine.</li><li>• The Fire Island Basketball group requests the use of the basketball court, bathroom, tables and chairs to hold a smaller version of their annual tournament. District concerns include how the group will control the number of attendees as well as sanitation and health concerns as related to the pandemic. On advice of counsel, the basketball group will be required to submit a safety plan addressing the issues prior to being granted use.</li></ul>
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>The Board accepted letters received from Vernon Henriksen, Jay Lippert and Kathleen Skelly-Kurka stating their intentions to abstain from voting on items that may relate to their spouses, as hereby attached. (J. Phelan, A. Wood; 7-0)</p> <p>Jay Lippert left for the remainder of the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Vice President V. Henriksen conducted the remainder of the meeting.</p>
FUNDING OF 2014 CAPITAL RESERVE #3	RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the funding of the 2014 Capital Reserve #3 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00. Said amount will be funded from the undesignated fund balance from the 2020-2021 budget. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
FUNDING OF 2021 CAPITAL RESERVE #4	RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the funding of the 2021 Capital Reserve #4 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00. Said amount will be funded from the undesignated fund balance from the 2020-2021 budget. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
FUNDING OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESERVE	RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the funding of the Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. Said amount will be funded from the undesignated fund balance from the 2020-2021 budget. (A. Wood, L. Kaufman; 5-0, with K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining)

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FUNDING OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCRUED LIABILITY RESERVE RESERVE RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the funding of the Employee Accrued Liability Reserve in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 Said amount will be funded from the undesignated fund balance from the 2020-2021 budget. (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 5-0, with K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining)

FUNDING OF EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT RESERVE RESERVE RESOLVED, in the event there are sufficient funds remaining in the 2020-2021 budget, the Board of Education shall cause the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to be funded prior to the date of the tax levy in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 5-0, with K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining)

FUNDING OF TEACHER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE SUB-FUND RESERVE SUB-FUND RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the funding of the Teacher Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund in an amount not to exceed \$33,000.00. Said amount will be funded from the undesignated fund balance from the 2020-2021 budget. (J. Phelan, L. Kaufman; 6-0)

2020-2021 SICK DAY BUY BACKS RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the sick day buy-backs for school year ending June 30, 2021, as presented in Confidential Attachment "A". (J. Phelan, A Wood; 5-0, with K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining)

2021-2022 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL/BUS DRIVER COMPENSATION On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2021-2022 non-instructional/bus driver compensation as presented. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 5-0, with K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining)

2021-2022 HOURLY SHIFT RATES – PART TIME/ON CALL EMPLOYEES On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the 2021-2022 hourly shift rates for part time/on call employees as presented. (L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 4-0, with V. Henriksen and K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining)

2020-2021 APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME/ON CALL EMPLOYEES On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the appointment of the following part time/on call employees:

A. Bainbridge	Custodial Sub	23.91/hr
B. Kurka	Weekend/Holiday Security	54.21/day
J. McCollum	Weekend/Holiday Security	54.21/day
M. Dahill Kelly	Guard	21.40/hr
J. McCollum	Guard	21.40/hr
B. Daidone	Library Clerk	21.40/hr
Bonnie Metcalf	Library Clerk	22.70/hr
Brittany Metcalf	Library Clerk	21.40/hr
D. Lippert	Office Clerk	21.40/hr
N. Henriksen	Office Clerk	21.40/hr
A. Bainbridge	Sub Bus Driver	92.19/day
D. Bente	Summer Bus Driver	153.38/day
D. Hanner	Sub School Nurse	220.81/day
G. Posillico	Sub School Nurse	220.81/day
D. Levenson	CPSE/CSE Director	822.36/day

(L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 4-0 with V. Henriksen and K. Skelly-Kurka abstaining)

TEACHER REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves a Child-Bearing Leave of Absence for the period beginning on or about September 17, 2021, through on or about December 17, 2021, contingent upon the

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TEACHER REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE (con't)	Employee's submission of appropriate medical documentation, and a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence beginning immediately thereafter, for the period beginning on or about December 18, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for the Employee listed on Confidential Attachment "B". (A. Wood, L. Nowachek; 6-0)
2021-2022 ATTORNEY RETAINER AGREEMENTS – GUERCIO & GUERCIO, LLP	The Board hereby approves and authorizes the President to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Board with Guercio & Guercio, LLP as General Counsel at \$35,500.00 and Labor Counsel at \$265.00 per hour, Law Clerk at \$160.00 per hour, and Paralegal at \$135.00 per hour for school year 2021-2022 as presented. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
GENERAL COUNCIL & LABOR COUNCIL	
2021-2022 NETWORK SUPPORT SERVICES PROPOSAL – CORE BTS	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves an agreement with Core BTS for network support services at a cost of \$10,040.00 for school year 2021-2022 and authorizes the President to enter into said agreement on behalf of the Board. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
2021-2022 PREFERRED PROVIDER PROGRAM RENEWAL AGREEMENT – OMNI GROUP	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the renewal agreement with OMNI Group for the 403-B Preferred Provider Program with an administrative fee of \$100.00 for school year 2021-2022 and authorizes the President to enter into said agreement on behalf of the Board. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
PROPOSAL - 2021-2022 BUS MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts a proposal from T&T Baldwin Automotive for bus maintenance and repair services for school year 2021-2022 at no increase in costs from 2020-2021. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
PROPOSAL - 2021-2022 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts a proposal from Brennan Landscapes for landscape maintenance services for school year 2021-2022 at a cost of \$16,900.00. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
ADOPTION OF CURRICULUM	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby adopts curriculum as presented for the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English Language Arts/Social Studies</li><li>• Math</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Music</li><li>• Art</li><li>• Physical Education</li><li>• Social Emotional Learning</li><li>• Technology/Digital Citizenship</li></ul> (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
CSE RECOMMENDATIONS	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education as presented. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
2021-2022 BOARD CALENDAR	The Board hereby approves the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Calendar as presented. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)

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- EXPENDITURE APPROVAL –  
SUPERINTENDENT  
CONFERENCE DAY
- The Board hereby approves expenditure of funds for refreshments for a staff development day in accordance with Board policy #5323. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
- PRE-CONSTRUCTION  
PROPOSALS –  
J.C. BRODERICK &  
ASSOCIATES
- On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby accepts proposals from J. C. Broderick & Associates for Pre-Construction Survey, Asbestos, Lead and PCB Sampling and Analysis for the proposed HVAC project at a cost of \$4,150.00; and for Preparation of SEQRA Review for the proposed HVAC project at a cost of \$500.00. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
- REVISION OF 2020-2021 RE-  
OPENING PLAN
- On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a revision to the 2020-2021 Re-Opening Plan to reflect the option for students and staff to not wear masks while outside or playing sports in accordance with current New York State regulations pertaining to COVID-19 and schools. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
- 2021-2022 APPOINTMENT OF  
SEASONAL GUARDS
- On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the appointment of E. Echevarria, S. Kennedy, and M. Watts as part-time seasonal guards at a rate of \$21.40 per hour for the summer basketball tournament as previously discussed. J. Phelan, A. Wood; 6-0)
- REVISED 2020-2021 BOARD  
MEETING CALENDAR
- The Board approves a revision to the 2020-2021 Board Meeting calendar to reflect a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing and approving a final warrant for the 2020-21 school year. (A. Wood, J. Phelan; 6-0)
- ADJOURNMENT
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. (L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 6-0)

Donna Clock  
District Clerk