Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 9, 2025

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:31p.m. by President, A. Wood
MEMBERS PRESENT	B. Chenault, L. Nowachek, J. Phelan, A. Wood, M. Wyckoff.
MEMBERS ABSENT	L. Kaufman, K. Skelly-Kurka
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Traci Murphy, District Clerk Robert Swierkowski, Treasurer Barbara Emigholz, School Attorney
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as read: • August 19, 2025 (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 5-0)
FINANCIAL REPORTS (ITEM #2a. – 3f.)	The following reports for the month of August 2025, were accepted as read: • Treasurer's Report • Cash Balance Report • Appropriation Status Report • Revenue Status Report • Cash Disbursement Reports (General & Payroll) • Voided Check Report (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 5-0)
BUDGET TRANSFER	The Board approves the Budget Transfer for August 2025 as presented. (L. Nowachek, M. Wyckoff; 5-0)
CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT	The Board accepts the Claims Audit Report dated September 3, 2025, as presented. (B. Chenault, L. Nowachek; 5-0)
WARRANT	The Board hereby approves the General Check Warrant in the amount of $70,321.26 as presented. (M. Wyckoff, B. Chenault; 5-0)
CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of $320,000.00 for payroll and the warrant as presented. (M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan 5-0)
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	Mr. Davey reported and gave updates on the following: • We had a good start to the year with a nice mix of students. • Open House is scheduled for September 10th. • Patriot Day, September 11th – Village of Ocean Beach will hold their ceremony at the Fire House. Students in 3-6 grades will walk down for the ceremony; all students will walk down Friday morning to drop off their Patriot Day shell craft.

- PTA – Lunch Box Parents will host Bagels on the Beach on Friday, September 12th
- School Pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th
- BOCES Staff – We have a school psychologist coming three times weekly and a speech pathologist one time weekly.
- We are still working on getting the website up and running. A big thank you to Chris Forget for working around the clock!
- Our new communication platform which will get information out to parents is being rolled out soon.
- Centegix safety system – date to install hardware has not been set yet.
- Financial Report (ST3) has been completed– This report determines how much aid we receive.
- Audit for the 2024-2025 school year is complete. The auditors from RS Abrams & Co., LLC will have their report available for the Audit Committee meeting on October 14th.
- Winter performance will be moved from December to January.
- Celebration of Arts – we will combine our art show and our spring concert into one program in May.
- Due to length of program last year, graduation will take place at the end of June, on a half day of school. This will also give us some room on our buses for the transportation of families of graduating students.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Kayla Reese, Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective August 28, 2025.
(M. Wyckoff, J. Phelan; 5-0)

APPROVAL – 2025-2026 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT

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

- New Teacher Mentor – B. Daidone @ $1,500.00 stipend.
- Part-Time Library Clerk – B. Daidone @ $24.82/hour

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

APPROVAL – STOP ARM GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The Fire Island School District Board of Education hereby approves the Suffolk County School Bus Stop Arm – School Safety Grant Agreement made between the County of Suffolk, the Fire Island School District, and Traffic and Parking Violations Agency (TPVA), and agrees to be bound by its terms.
(L. Nowachek, M. Wyckoff; 5-0)

PROPOSAL – 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR PHOTOGRAPHS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts a proposal from Lauren Chenualt (You're My Focus Photography &Videography, LLC) for 2025-2026 school photographs.
(J. Phelan, L. Nowachek, with B. Chenault abstaining; 4-0)

APPROVAL – REVISION OF 2025-2026 GREAT SOUTH BAY YMCA SCHEDULE A	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves a revision to the Great South Bay YMCA, Schedule A, reducing the sessions from two eight-week sessions to one eight-week session for grades K-6 for school year 2025-2026. (M. Wyckoff, L. Nowachek; 5-0)
ADOPTION – 2025-2026 BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby adopts the 2025-2026 Board of Education Goals as presented. (J. Phelan, M. Wyckoff; 5-0)
APPROVAL – CSE RECOMMENDATIONS	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education as presented. (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 5-0)
APPROVAL – 2025-2026 TAX LEVY	RESOLVED, that the total tax levy for the Fire Island Union Free School District for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is $5,317,336.00. The tax is apportioned as follows: *Town of Brookhaven* *$1,704,382.00* *Town of Islip* *$3,612,954.00* *Total* *$5,317,336.00* (B. Chenault, J. Phelan; 5-0)
APPROVAL – 2025-2026 STUNTMASTERS INC. ASSEMBLY PROPOSAL	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts a proposal from StuntMasters Inc., for a BMX Assembly: Action Sports and Speaking assembly at Woodhull School on September 18, 2025. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 5-0)
EXECUTIVE SESSION	A motion was made for the Board to enter Executive Session at 4:56 p.m. to receive advice of counsel regarding potential litigation and a matter made confidential by law. (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 5-0)
ADJOURNMENT	The regular meeting resumed and was immediately adjourned at 5:09 p.m. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 5-0)

Traci Murphy
District Clerk

Approved: Oct. 14, 2025