Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President, A. Wood.
MEMBERS PRESENT	B. Chenault, L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek, J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka, A. Wood, M. Wyckoff
MEMBERS ABSENT	All present
OTHERS PRESENT	T. Davey, Superintendent J. Lizza, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations R. Swierkowski, Treasurer John Sheahan, School Attorney
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of the following meetings were accepted as read: • Regular Meeting of September 9, 2025 (J. Phelan, K. Skelly-Kurka; 7-0)
FINANCIAL REPORTS (ITEMS 2a. – 2f.)	The following reports for the month of September 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 (L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 7-0)
BUDGET TRANSFER	The Board approves a budget transfer in the amount of $410.95, as presented. (L. Kaufman, L. Nowachek; 7-0)
CLAIMS AUDITOR REPORT	The Board accepts the Claims Audit Report dated October 7, 2025, as presented. (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 7-0)
WARRANTS	The Board hereby approves the General Fund Warrant for September 2025 in the amount of $76,116.56 and for October 2025 in the amount of $182,512.12 as presented. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
CASH TRANSFER	The Board approves a cash transfer in the amount of $325,000.00 for payroll and warrants as presented. (K. Skelly-Kurka, L. Kaufman; 7-0)
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	Mr. Davey reported on the following: • As part of our science program, the 5th and 6th grade class participated in "A Day in the Life on Fire Island" and seined in the bay, took samples, and recorded what they found. Ms. Gerken, our BOCES Technology Teacher Integration Specialist, then forwarded the information to a data base, which has been

tracking the health of the Great South Bay, over the many years of this project. Our students were commended by the representatives from *Save the Great South Bay*, for their work and the kids had a ball!

- We received a media inquiry from The Center Square, a news outlet that reports on government spending. The reporter was looking for clarification on our per-pupil spending. Clarification was given and it was shared that our spending reflects unique operational realities of a small, remote district and that we are not overspending.
- Annual visit from New York State Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) – we had a very positive report this year, with only two minor issues which have been resolved.
- Winterization preparations – boiler repairs have been completed, and a new window has been ordered to replace a damaged one that was struck with a rock/ball.
- Transportation- a new bus has been ordered and expected to be in our fleet by December; Bus #23 will have a new motor installed; Bus #24 will have its transmission replaced; the school pick-up truck snapped a front axle and is under repair.
- The Centegix Security System strobes and beacons have been installed. Staff raining is scheduled for November, and the system should be operational soon thereafter.
- Financial Updates - Our interest rate has dropped from 4.00% to 3.75%; Automatic renewals of software/splitting cost with vendor for inadequate notice of renewal; Support of family tuition payment plan.
- PTA Events –Harvest Festival at Brightwaters Farm is scheduled for October 23rd, right after school; Halloween Parade through Ocean Beach is Friday, October 31st at 1:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE	There was no correspondence.
APPOINTMENT – PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves C. Dunning as Permanent Substitute Teacher, at the daily rate of $184.45 for the 2025-2026 school year. (L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 7-0)
APPOINTMENT – CLUB CHAPERONE	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves R. Luchese as Club Chaperone for the 2025-2026 school year. (K. Skelly-Kurka, M. Wyckoff; 7-0)
APPOINTMENT – SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves M. Lopiccolo as Substitute School Bus Driver for the 2025-2026 school year at a daily rate of $167.28 (based on an eight-hour day), effective 10/10/2025. (K. Skelly-Kurka, M. Wyckoff; 7-0)
APPROVAL – 2024-2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT	On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Committee, the Board hereby accepts the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as presented. (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 7-0)

APPROVAL – 2025-2026 CPR/AED PROPOSAL	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the CPR/AED Refresher Training Proposal from A. Becher @ $62.00 per staff member for the 2025-2026 school year. (L. Nowachek, M. Wyckoff; 7-0)
APPROVAL – 2025-2026 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Professional Development - Mossflower Reading & Writing Project Proposal @ $13,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. (J. Phelan, L. Nowachek; 7-0)
APPROVAL – 2025-2026 NON-RESIDENT INSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	On the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the following 2025-2026 Non-Resident Instruction contracts: • One Pre-Kindergarten Student @ $3,222.70 • One 2nd Grade Student @ $3,748.60 (L. Nowachek, M. Wyckoff; 7-0)
EXECUTIVE SESSION	A motion was made for the Board to enter Executive Session at 4:54 p.m. to discuss and receive advice of counsel regarding potential litigation and a matter made confidential by law. (L. Nowachek, J. Phelan; 7-0)
ADJOURNMENT	The regular meeting resumed at 5:53 p.m. and immediately adjourned. (L. Kaufman, J. Phelan; 7-0)

Robert Swierkowski
District Clerk ProTem

Approved: November 18, 2025