

Board of Education
Island Park Union Free School District
Island Park, New York

Friends and Neighbors:

The Island Park Board of Education is the authorized state agency responsible for setting educational policy in the district. It consists of five trustees, each serving a five-year term. Board members pay school taxes at the regular rate and receive no salary or other financial compensation.

All meetings, except executive sessions, are held before the public. Members of the public may address the Board of Education on any specific item during the time reserved for that purpose known as "Public Be Heard." Those who would like to raise a question or share an idea may do so by placing their name on the sign-in sheet. They will be called upon by the Board President in the order in which their name appears on the sheet. Visitors should not address the Board in public relative to questions or comments regarding specific staff members or specific students. Such concerns should be brought to the attention of the appropriate teacher or administrator in writing or by scheduling a personal meeting.

Visitors' comments and/or questions will be limited for each individual speaker. An individual may speak only once on a specific topic. Visitors are precluded from speaking on any item more than once during each meeting. If time allows, an individual may question or comment again on a different topic once all other persons have had an opportunity to question or comment for their first time.

Visitors' questions and/or comments are always to be directed to the Board of Education during the Public Be Heard session. Hence, visitors should not be speaking to or addressing any other person in the audience during this time. We appreciate your interest in attending Board Meetings and we look forward to ensuring that all members of the community have an equal opportunity to raise questions and to make suggestions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Education

Section 3 School Board Meetings and School District Records

3:17; 3:18; 3:20 Executive Session

Executive Session is a portion of the meeting that is not open to the public. It can take place only upon a majority vote of the total membership of the Board taken at an open meeting. The motion should specify the subject or subjects to be discussed. With limited exception (i.e., voting charges against a tenured teacher), no official action can be taken on issues in an Executive Session.

Executive Sessions are permitted only for the purpose of discussing one or more of the following subjects:

- ❖ Matters that will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
- ❖ Any matter that may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
- ❖ Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed;
- ❖ Proposed, pending or current litigation;
- ❖ Collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law;
- ❖ The medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;
- ❖ The preparation, grading or administration of exams;
- ❖ The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things.

Confidentiality rules apply to matters properly discussed in Executive Session. Board members must maintain confidential information they acquire in Executive Session. Disclosure of such information would subject a school board member to removal from the Board.

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AGENDA

Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education, Monday, January 27, 2014
7:30 P.M., LOMS Cafeteria

MEMBERS OF THE ISLAND PARK SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION:

MATTHEW F. PACCIONE, President
NINA HARGROVE, Vice President
TARA BYRNE, Trustee
DIANA CARACCILO, Trustee
RICHIE HAYES, Trustee

I. CALL TO ORDER:

II. NOTIFICATION OF MEETING:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Recommended Motion #245 – 2013-2014 – Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting dated December 16, 2013: (Enclosure 1)

IV. PRESENTATIONS TO/BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

V. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION:

1. Superintendent
2. Treasurer

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

VII. PUBLIC BE HEARD:

This time is set aside for hearing the public. Members of the public who wish to be heard are requested to list their names and addresses with the Clerk of the Board of Education at the beginning of the meeting.

VIII. RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Recommended Motion #246 - 2013-2014 - IP UFSD Grade K-8 Guidance Plan:

That the Board of Education approve/accept the Island Park UFSD Grade K-8 Guidance Plan for Francis X. Hegarty Elementary School and the Lincoln Orens Middle School. (Enclosure 2)

Recommended Motion #247 - 2013-2014 - Curriculum - Reduction in Federal Testing Mandate:

WHEREAS, every student deserves a quality public education dedicated to preparing engaged citizens, creative and critical thinkers, and lifelong learners ready for college and careers; and

WHEREAS, the decline in State support for public schools has forced our District to reduce the programs and limited our ability to implement the new programs mandated by the State, such as Common Core Standards, creating an uneven roll-out of the standards among school districts around the State; and

WHEREAS, while the implementation of the Common Core will ultimately help students, teachers and teaching and learning, the growing reliance on misalignment of standardized testing is eroding student learning time, and narrowing the curriculum and jeopardizing the rich, meaningful education our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that research recommends the use of multiple measures to gauge student performance and teacher effectiveness, the State's growing reliance on standardized testing is adversely affecting students across all spectrums, the morale of our educators and further draining already scarce resources; and

WHEREAS, the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act's testing policies fail to appropriately accommodate the unique needs of students resulting in test scores that do not accurately represent a true measure of the contributions of teachers and schools; and

WHEREAS, it is time for policymakers to recalibrate the number, duration and appropriate use of standardized tests so that we can refocus our efforts on student learning;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we call upon the Commissioner of Education, the New York State Board of Regents and other policy makers to reduce the use of and over-reliance on standardized testing; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the U.S. Congress and the Administration to reduce federal testing mandates and support the role of and focus on multiple measures of student learning and school quality in accountability systems.

Recommended Motion #248 - 2013-2014 – Adoption of the 2014 Annual Voting Date and Other Statutory Dates and Requirements:

That the Annual District Voting be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 and, further resolved, that the Board of Education accept and approve the attached schedule entitled "2014 Annual Voting Date and Other Statutory Dates and Requirements." Subject to the approval from the Attorney for the District. (Enclosure 3)

Recommended Motion #249 - 2013-2014 - Absentee Voting at Nursing Homes:

That the Permanent Chairman and/or the District Clerk (Clerk of the Election) are hereby authorized to appoint the necessary bi-partisan Board of Inspectors pursuant to Section 8-407 of the Election Law, as

amended, and Section 1501(c) of the Education Law, as amended, in order to conduct the absentee voting of applicable nursing homes in the Island Park School District if necessary.

Recommended Motion #250 - 2013-2014 - Alternative Veterans' Exemption:

Whereas, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and

Whereas, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

Whereas, such bill requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to adopt such bill; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Island Park School District does hereby adopt the exemption provided for in Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) §458-a; and be it further

Resolved, that the maximum exempt amount shall be as follows:

\$12,000.00 for all eligible recipients of the exemption provided for under RPTL§458-a;

An additional \$8,000.00 for all veterans who served in a "combat zone" as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a;

An additional \$40,000.00 for all veterans who suffered a "service connected" disability as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a; and be it further

Resolved, that the Island Park School District does hereby adopt the expanded definition of the term "qualified owner", as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a, to include a "Gold Star Parent" as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a; and be it further

Resolved, that the Island Park School District does hereby allow a cooperative corporation to be eligible to receive such exemption pursuant to RPTL§458-a(6)(d).

Recommended Motion #251 – 2013-2014 – Instructional Placement for Special Education and Pre-School Special Education Students:

That the Board of Education arrange to provide the special education programs and services recommended by the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education, dated January 27, 2014. Note: In the event the Board of Education disagrees with any of the recommendations of the Committee concerning the placement or program for any of these pupils, a recommendation should be sent to the Committee that the case be reconsidered. (Enclosure 4)

Recommended Motion #252 - 2013-2014 – Special Services – Agreement with Dr. Bradford Tepper:

That the Board of Education approve the Agreement and authorize the Board president to sign the Agreement, subject to the approval of the Attorney for the District, with Dr. Bradford Tepper to provide professional services to the Island Park School District for the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

Psychiatric Evaluations: \$1750 to be conducted at the FX Hegarty School or LO Middle School (Enclosure 5)

Recommended Motion #253 – 2013-2014– Instructional – Professional Services Agreement with Rockville Centre UFSD:

That the Board of Education approve the Agreement and authorize the Board president to sign the Agreement, subject to the approval of the Attorney for the District, with Rockville Centre UFSD for one student who is parentally placed in a non-public school for Special Education Instruction for the 2013-2014 school. (Enclosure 6)

Recommended Motion #254 – 2013- 2014 – Personnel – Teaching – Review of Probationary Teacher and Teaching Assistant Files:

That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to make available for review by the Board, in Executive Session, on **February 24th at 7:00 p.m.**, prior to the regular Board meeting, the personnel records and files of teachers and teaching assistants who will be recommended for tenure by September, 2014. Also, the records and files of teachers and teaching assistants who are to continue on probation are to be made available for review.

Recommended Motion #255 - 2013-2014 - Personnel - FMLA Leave:

That the Board of Education designates the leave of absence of Employee #116, from October 15, 2013 through January 8, 2014 (excluding the two-week holiday break) as a leave pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act.

Recommended Motion #256 - 2013-2014 - Personnel - FMLA Leave:

That the Board of Education designates the leave of absence of Employee #42, from January 30, 2014 through March 6, 2014 as a leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Recommended Motion #257 - 2013-2014 - Personnel - Teaching - Leave of Absence:

That the Board of Education approve a leave of absence for Emily Harvey effective 12/9/13 through 2/28/14 so she may accept a leave replacement teaching position.

Recommended Motion #258 - 2013-2014 – Personnel – Teaching - Leave Replacement Appointment:

That the Board of Education approve the following leave replacement position:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Placement</u>	<u>Duration*</u>
Emily Harvey	Elem. Teacher (AIS ELA)	MA, Step 3	12/9/13-2/28/14
Certification: Literacy (Birth-Gr 6) & Elem Ed Pre-K-Gr 6			
*On or about.			

Recommended Motion #259 - 2013-2014 - Personnel - Teaching - Leave of Absence:

That the Board of Education approve a leave of absence for Alison Gilberti effective 12/16/13 through 2/28/14 so she may accept a leave replacement teaching assistant position.

Recommended Motion #260 - 2013-2014 – Personnel – Teaching - Leave Replacement Appointment:

That the Board of Education approve the following leave replacement position:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Placement</u>	<u>Duration*</u>
Alison Gilberti	Teaching Assistant	Step 2	12/16/13-2/28/14
Certification: Childhood Ed Gr 1-6 (Initial), Early Childhood Ed K-2 (Initial)			
*On or about.			

Recommended Motion #261 - 2013-2014 - Personnel - Sport Night Advisors:

That the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Meghan Gallagher	Sport Night Advisor	\$55.80/hr (15 hrs)	2013-2014 school year
Beth Peckham	Sport Night Advisor	\$55.80/hr (15 hrs)	2013-2014 school year

Recommended Motion #262 - 2013-2014 - Personnel – Permanent Civil Service Status:

That the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that Rosanne Courto, Account Clerk for the Island Park Schools, be granted permanent civil service status effective February 24, 2014.

Recommended Motion #263 - 2013-2014 - Personnel - Civil Service - Termination:

Be it resolved that the Board separates Employee # 438 from employment with the District pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 73, effective February 5, 2014.

Recommended Motion #264 - 2013-2014 - Personnel - Civil Service - Resignation:

That the Board of Education accept a resignation from Leave Replacement School Nurse, Christi Barone, effective January 31, 2014 for personal reasons.

Recommended Motion #265 - 2013-2014 – Financial – Budget Transfers:

That the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the budget transfers dated January 27, 2014. (Enclosure 7)

Recommended Motion #266 – 2013-2014 – Financial – Internal Claims Audit Reports:

That the Board of Education accept the Internal Claims Audit Reports for December 2013. (Enclosure 8)

Recommended Motion #267 - 2013-2014 – Financial – Acceptance of Financial Reports:

That the Board of Education accept and approve the Treasurer’s monthly financial report and collateral statements for November 2013, Cash Flow Summary, Trial Balance 12/1/13 through 12/31/13, Trial Balance 7/1/13 through 12/31/13, Trial Balance 7/1/13 through 6/30/14, Revenue Budget Status 12/1/13 through 12/31/13, Revenue Budget Status 7/1/13 through 12/31/13, Revenue Budget Status 7/1/13 through 6/30/14, Appropriation Status Report 12/1/13 through 12/31/13, Appropriation Status Report 7/1/13 - 12/31/13; Appropriation Status Report 7/1/13 through 6/30/14, Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statement and:

- Warrant #13 - Payroll T&A Fund - December 13, 2013
- Warrant #28 - General Fund - December 17, 2013
- Warrant #14 - T&A Fund - December 17, 2013
- Warrant #7 - Cafeteria Fund - December 17, 2013
- Warrant #11 - Capital Fund - December 17, 2013
- Warrant #32 - General Manual Fund - December 19, 2013
- Warrant #30 - Medicare Reimbursements Fund - December 31, 2013
- Warrant #31 - General Fund - January 14, 2014
- Warrant #15 - T&A Fund - January 14, 2014
- Warrant #8 - Cafeteria Fund - January 14, 2014
- Warrant #12 - Capital Fund - January 14, 2014

(Enclosure 9)

Recommended Motion #268 - 2013 - 2014 – Financial – Approval of Conference Center Change Order – Irwin Contracting Inc.:

That the Board of Education authorize the following change order for Irwin Contracting Inc., for the Conference Center renovation project due to the October 29, 2012 Superstorm Sandy damage incurred:

- Change Order #1 – In the amount of \$600.00, for additional blinds needed for additional windows at the Conference Center.

Recommended Motion #269 - 2013 -2014 – Financial – Approval of Change Order for Ultimate Power Inc.:

That the Board of Education authorize the following change order for Ultimate Power Inc., for the mechanical upgrades project due to the October 29, 2012 Superstorm Sandy damage incurred:

- Change Order #1 – In the amount of \$11,032.91, for the supply and installation of 5 exterior a/c condenser stands at a 3’ height and at a 4’ height for the FXH Elementary School in order to raise the a/c units off the ground and safeguard from future floods.

Recommended Motion #270 - 2013 -2014 – Financial – Approval of Change Orders for Ultimate Power Inc.:

That the Board of Education authorize the following change orders for Ultimate Power Inc., for the Conference Center renovation project due to the October 29, 2012 Superstorm Sandy damage incurred:

- Change Order #3 – In the amount of \$26,507.00, for the supply and installation of 2 ductless split A/C and Heating systems needed for areas not provided A/C and Heat by the current HVAC system.

Recommended Motion #271 - 2013 -2014 – Financial – Conference Center Window Repair & Replacement - Solar Glass Inc.:

That the Board of Education authorize Solar Glass, Inc., to repair and replace windows damaged at the top of the Conference Center Board Room due to the October 29, 2012 Superstorm Sandy, at a cost of \$5,700.

Recommended Motion #272 - 2013 -2014 – Financial – District Wide Sprinkler Repairs – The Sprinkler Man Inc.:

That the Board of Education authorize payment to The Sprinkler Man, Inc., for repair and replacement throughout the District of sprinkler heads, polyline breaks, coils, valve controls and control systems at FXH and LO due to the damage sustained to the sprinkler systems during the October 29, 2012 Superstorm Sandy, at a cost of \$16,165.00.

Recommended Motion #273 - 2013 -2014 – Financial – Island Park Public Library Fireplace Replacement –CMJ Installations:

That the Board of Education authorize CMJ Installations, to replace the gas fireplace at the Island Park Public Library at a cost of \$3,750.00 due to the damage sustained during the October 29, 2012 Superstorm Sandy.

Recommended Motion #274 - 2013 -2014 – Financial – Island Park Public Library Fireplace Replacement – Frank J. & Sons, Inc.:

That the Board of Education authorize Frank J. & Sons, Inc., to repair the sheetrock around the gas fireplace that is to be removed during the installation of the new fireplace that was damaged in the October 29, 2012 Superstorm Sandy, at a cost of \$1,950.00.

Recommended Motion #275 - 2013 -2014 – Financial – Approval of Survey, Toneout & GPR Services for the proposed site improvements at FXH & LO:

That the Board of Education authorize and award the bid for the survey, toneout and GPR services needed for the proposed parking lot, drainage repair and fencing at FXH and the fencing at LO, to American Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C., at a cost of \$14,770.00. The only other bid received was from L.K. McLean Associates at a cost of \$22,200.

Recommended Motion #276 - 2013-2014 – Financial – Teacher Sick Time Benefits Payout/EBALRS Usage:

That the Board of Education approve payout of contractual obligation of sick time compensated absences of \$11,803.94 to employees for the 2012-2013 school year. In addition, the Board approves the usage of the EBALRS reserve (Employee Benefits & Accrued Liability Reserve) to fund this payout.

Recommended Motion #277 - 2013-2014 – Financial – Retiree Benefits Payout/EBALRS Usage:

That the Board of Education approve payout of contractual obligation of vacation and sick time compensated absences of \$35,169.60 to a retiring employee. In addition, the Board approves the usage of the EBALRS reserve (Employee Benefits & Accrued Liability Reserve) to fund this payout.

Recommended Motion #278 - 2013-2014 - Acceptance of Donations:

Whereas the following people/corporations wish to donate money to the Island Park Schools to be used for food, school trips, instructional supplies, library books, students in need or musical instruments for the students of the Island Park Schools due to the devastation of super-storm Sandy. Be it hereby resolved, the Island Park Schools continue to accept the following generous donation:

American Honda Motor Co, Inc., Torrence, CA - \$50
Imagine Kids for Kids, Inc., Larchmont, NY - \$4,214.30
Cantiague Elementary School, Jericho, NY - \$1,969

IX. DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 3 - FXH & LOMS Site Based Meetings
- Budget Work Session, 7:30 pm, Conf Ctr
- February 7 - LOMS Science Fair Breakfast, 9:30 am
- Teen Center #9 - Valentine's Day Dance
- February 10 - PTA Gr 5 Natl Circus Project
- Budget Work Session, 7:30 pm, Conf Ctr
- February 14 - No late Buses & After School Activities
- Feb 17-21 - Winter Recess - Schools Closed
- February 24 - Next Regular Business Mtg of Bd of Ed, 7:30 pm, Conf Ctr
- Tax Levy Calculation Presentation, 7:30 pm, Conf Ctr
- March 3 - Budget Work Session, 7:30 pm, Conf Ctr

Rosmarie T. Bovino, Ed.D.

(Please check the following websites for special events during the month of February for West Hempstead High School: www.whufsd.com and Long Beach High School: www.lbeach.org.)