

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
ISLAND PARK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ISLAND PARK, NEW YORK**

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, duly called and held on Monday, November 26, 2018 in the Steven L Foster Auditorium. Jack Vobis, President, called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

PLEGDE OF ALLEGIANCE

CERTIFICATION

The District Clerk certified that pursuant to Section 104, Open Meetings Law, notice of meeting was sent to the Oceanside-Island Park Herald, the Island Park Tribune and posted at both schools, the Public Library and Village Hall. Further, all members of the Board of Education had due notice of said meeting.

ROLL CALL

JACK VOBIS, President	ROSMARIE T. BOVINO, Superintendent of Schools
DIANA CARACCILOLO, Vice President	VINCENT RANDAZZO, Assistant Superintendent
KATHLEEN McDONOUGH, Trustee	ROBERT COHEN, District Counsel
TARA BYRNE, Trustee	ALBERT CHASE, Interim School Business Official
RAY MILEY, Trustee	MARIANNE DeCICCO, District Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution #212 - 2018-2019 - Minutes of Regular Business Meeting dated October 22, 2018:

On a motion duly made by Ray Miley, seconded by Kathleen McDonough, resolved that the Board of Education accept the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting dated October 22, 2018. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #213 – 2018-2019 – Minutes of Special Business Meeting dated October 29, 2018:

On a motion duly made by Ray Miley, seconded by Kathleen McDonough, resolved that the Board of Education accept the Minutes of the Special Business Meeting dated October 29, 2018. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Student of the Month Recognition

FXH and LOMS Student of the Month Recognition

In Island Park Schools, we recognize good citizenship as an important quality in our students and want to recognize the students who exhibit the characteristics of good citizens. Good citizens work together with their classmates and teachers with a cooperative attitude. They complete their work diligently and exhibit good behavior. Many of them display leadership qualities, serving as role models for their peers.

Jacob Russum, Principal of the Francis X. Hegarty School, called upon the following students to receive their recognition as Student of the Month for September:

Kindergarten, Cooper Gottlieb	First Grade, Luke Testerman
Second Grade, Leeya Ravener	Third Grade, Isael Jaramillo
Fourth Grade, Emanuel Navarrete	

Also, Second Grader, Andrew Ruiz, student of the month for the month of September who was unable to attend the October Board of Education Meeting.

Bruce Hoffman, Principal of the Lincoln Orens Middle School, called upon the following students to receive their recognition as Student of the Month for September:

Fifth Grade, David Habib-Roldan
Seventh Grade, Emmalee Egan

Sixth Grade, Juliana Michaelson
Eighth Grade, Mia DeBellis

Dr. Bovino congratulated the boys and girls that were awarded the Student of the Month recognition. She stated that she, the Board of Education, Mr. Randazzo, Dr. Scimeca and their principals believe that each one of the students has distinguished themselves not just for their talents and abilities but for their effort and persistence that they put into everything they do in school. As student of the month for their entire grade, they make their parents proud, their school proud and their community proud. Thank you to PTA for providing gifts to our students.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent

Dr. Bovino reported on the film “Science Fair” that the Middle School students watched on November 21st. She stated that film was co-directed by one of our past students Darren Foster. Darren is the son of Steven L Foster, whom the Middle School Auditorium is named after due to Mr. Foster’s 31 years of service as a member of the Island Park Schools Board of Education. Steven L Foster is very supportive of all of our District’s programs. He was also instrumental in helping us to restore our beautiful auditorium. It was such an honor to be able to show his son Darren’s achievements. Today, Darren Foster is DuPont and Peabody award-winning documentary journalist and filmmaker. The movie called the “Science Fair” is his first featured documentary. This film won the Festival Favorite Award at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival and the Audience Award at Southwest Film Festival. Darren Foster and his co-director, Cristina Constantini won the Critic’s Choice Award for Best First Time Directors and it was recently announced that Universal Pictures will be teaming up to bring this documentary film to theaters around the country and international venues. Darren introduced the film and stayed to do a Question and Answer period with the students. The film was great and it was timely because our students are starting to prepare for our own Science Fair in January. Students were very intrigued to find out that there is an international science and engineering fair. Students were totally absorbed in the film and asked wonderful questions. We are very proud of Darren and honored that he came back to share his story and film with our students. We have many talented and successful students and it is great when these students come back to Island Park to share their accomplishments with our current students. Darren was very humble and talked about how his science and English language arts teachers inspired him to write. This was very apropos right before Thanksgiving so we have a lot of gratitude for so many things and we were very thankful that he thought of us.

Guidance Plan Update

Dr. Bovino stated that Mrs. Porzelt, Guidance Counselor, will present the district’s Guidance Plan update. We have been working on a new Guidance Plan for K-8 students. One of the reasons is because there has been a lot of conversation about mental health and mental health awareness. Dr. Bovino stated that we have received disturbing and unsettling statistics that show increased percentages of students having mood, behavior and conduct disorders and anxiety disorders. Dr. Bovino said that statistics show that mental illness begins at age 14. Mental health conditions show that students drop out of school. Suicide is the third leading cause of death in the youth ages between 10-24. We have been working to try to give our students a tremendous amount of support over the years. We are going to try to do something new. Mrs. Porzelt will be reaching down to elementary grade students. She is going to be presenting lessons and talking to them on all different topics. We want to try to help students relieve their anxiety; create an environment that is less stressful for them. That is why we have a very well-rounded curriculum in terms of having a

large science program, music program, art program, physical education program, performance art education program with theater, all of the athletics after school and different clubs after school because keeping kids connected to each other in positive ways is one of the key factors in creating a healthy school environment. These programs create a positive social and emotional learning. Mrs. Porzelt congratulated all of the students of the month and then spoke briefly about the new regulations and implementation of a new Guidance Plan by New York State that will create whole school, whole community, whole child, multi-tiered model to promote positive school climate that in turn improves student outcomes. After her presentation, Mrs. Porzelt opened the floor to questions. Dr. Bovino thanked Mrs. Porzelt and stated that the Board and the Administration appreciate all of the hard work she is doing on behalf of the students.

LIPA Power Plant Update

Mr. Cohen stated that there is no real news except to say that the mediation is ongoing. He stated that it has been expressed that by January the mediation will move towards a settlement. No demands were received. Mr. Cohen stated that the attorneys are due back in court in December. We should have some news by January. Waiting for mediation to run its course.

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

Mr. Chris Fabris stated that when his son and his friends went to school to watch a basketball game, they were denied access to the building because they did not have a parent with them. The security aid informed them that students must be accompanied with a parent in order to enter and stay in the building after hours. Mr. Fabris questioned the policy of the district with reference to students being permitted into the school buildings to watch a sport event after school for social reinforcement. He requested clarification as to why the students were told no. Dr. Bovino told Mr. Fabris that the situation will be investigated. She also asked Mr. Fabris to give Dr. Hoffman the names of the four adults who were there that spoke to him. We must make sure our staff understands the school policy. Dr. Hoffman will get back to you upon completion of our investigation. Mr. Fabris also asked why the students could not play football during lunch/recess. Dr. Bovino stated that she is unaware of this and will check with Mr. Manginelli as to why the children are not permitted to play football.

Mr. Schurin asked for clarification of Recommended Motion #233 - Francis X. Hegarty Change Order – Specialty Construction Systems in the amount of \$681,003 for slab reinforcement wall along front of building (Radcliffe Road) due to time constraint concerns at Francis X. Hegarty School. Dr. Bovino informed Mr. Schurin that this was a credit and will be rebid at a later date.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Old Business:

Resolution #182 - 2018-2019 – New Policy #1605.1 Policy Against Workplace Discrimination or Harassment (Second Reading/Adoption):

On a motion duly made by Kathleen McDonough, seconded by Ray Miley, resolved that the Board of Education approve the second reading/adoption of new Policy #1605.1 Policy Against Workplace Discrimination or Harassment. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

New Business:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education waive the reading of Resolutions #214 through #236. Upon vote, motion to waive the readings unanimously carried. On a motion duly made by Kathleen McDonough, seconded by Ray Miley, resolved that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #214 through #236. Upon vote, motion to approve unanimously carried.

Resolution #214 - 2018-2019 – Response to Intervention Plan (RtI)/Academic Intervention Services Plan (AIS):

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve the updated Response to Intervention Plan (RtI)/Academic Intervention Service Plan (AIS) for the students of the Island Park Schools. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #215 – 2018-2019 - Instructional Placement for Special Education and Pre-School Special Education Students:

Resolved, 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 November 26, 2018. 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. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #216 – 2018-2019 – Extracurricular – Bylaws/Charters of Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the following Bylaws/Charters of Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities during the 2018-2019 school year as required by the NYS Education Department Office of Educational Management Services in its guidelines, “Safeguarding, Accounting and Auditing of Extra-Curricular Activity Funds:”

Builders Club, Chefs’ Club, Chess Club, Computer/Robotics Club,
Homework Club, Marching Band, Math Olympiads Club, National Jr Honor Society,
Stress Reduction Club, Science Research Club, String Orchestra
and Student Council

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #217 - 2018-2019 – Personnel – Teaching Salary Stipend:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the following salary stipends in accordance with the provisions in the Agreement between the Island Park Board of Education and the Island Park Faculty Association:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Denise Benedetto	Elementary Teacher	\$2,000	8/22/18
Christine Chu	Computer Teacher	\$1,000	8/27/18
Lorraine Drago	Elementary Teacher	\$2,000	6/01/18
Catherine Gerbino	Physical Education Teacher	\$2,000	7/19/18
Patricia Pozin	Elementary Teacher	\$1,000	6/21/18
Barbara Ann Ried	Elementary Teacher	\$1,000	8/22/18
Julie Rooney	Special Education Teacher	\$1,000	7/17/18
Vivian Volpe Kane	Elementary Teacher	\$1,000	6/18/18

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #218 - 2018-2019 - Personnel - Teaching Salary Placement Change:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the following salary changes in accordance with the provisions in the agreement between the Island Park Board of Education and the Island Park Faculty Association:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>New Salary Placement</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Theresa Augello	Health Teacher	MA+45, Step 3	8/20/18
Kristen Bauer	Elementary Teacher	MA+30, Step 12	8/22/18
Stacy Berkowitz	ESL Teacher	MA+15, Step 2	8/22/18
Jillian Betancourt	Elementary Teacher	MA+15, Step 3	6/18/18
Karen Davis	Science Teacher	MA+45, Step 17	8/23/18
Christopher Jahn	Technology Teacher	MA+60, Step 9	8/13/18
Allison Lynch	Speech Teacher	MA+60, Step 6	6/27/18
Elizabeth Peckham	Fam Consumer Sci Teacher	MA+30, Step 17	8/23/18
Beth Rotella	ESL Teacher	MA+45, Step 6	4/16/18
Ryan Walter	Music Teacher	MA+15, Step 3	6/25/18

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #219 - 2018-2019 – Personnel – Flood Team Members:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Gabriel D’Auria and Emilie Bligh as LOMS members of the Flood Team and Patricia Pozin and Barbara Ried as FXH members of the Flood Team. Duties of the Flood Team is to assist their respective Principal organizing and supervising students who arrive early when the District Flood Plan is activated. Stipend for said duties is \$48.09 per hour. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #220 - 2018-2019 – Extracurricular Activities – Assistant Track Coach:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jill Lowenfels as the Assistant Co-Ed Track Coach for the 2019 Spring Season. Stipend for said duties as Assistant Track Coach is \$2,961. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #221 - 2018-2019 – LOMS Theater Arts Director/Back Stage Display Designer:

That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Gina Bilardi as the LOMS Theater Arts Director/Back Stage Display Designer for the 2018-2019 school year. Fee for services rendered as Theater Arts Director/Back Stage Display Designer is set at \$4,000. **Candidate Withdrew**

Resolution #222 - 2018-2019 – LOMS Assistant Theater Arts Director:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Debra Kirby as the LOMS Assistant Theater Arts Director for the 2018-2019 school year. Fee for services rendered as Assistant Theater Arts Director is set at \$1,800. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #223 - 2018-2019 – LOMS Theater Production Pianist:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jane Leslie as the LOMS Theater Arts Production Pianist for the 2018-2019 school year. Fee for services rendered as pianist is set at \$1,500. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #224 - 2018-2019 – LOMS Theater Arts Costume Designer:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Diana Vazquez as the LOMS Theater Arts Costume Designer for the 2018-2019 school year. Fee for services rendered as Costume Designer is set at \$1,100. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #225 - 2018-2019 – LOMS Theater Arts Set Design Builder:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Larry Heitefuss as the LOMS Theater Arts Set Design Builder for the 2018-2019 school year. Fee for services rendered as Set Design Builder is set at \$1,100. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #226 - 2018-2019 – Recreation Activity:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the Recreation Trip to Long Beach Ice Arena on Thursday, December 27, 2018. This activity is offered to children in grades 3-8. The cost for is \$8 per child with a minimum of 20 participants (parents drop off/pick up children at the Long Beach Ice Arena). Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #227 - 2018-2019 – Recreation Activity:

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the contract and authorize the Board President to sign the contract on behalf of the Island Park UFSD Department of Recreation with Red Carpet Limo (427 Rt 25A, Rocky Point, NY, 11778) to and from Yonkers, NY at a total cost of \$1250.00 (round-trip) on January 26, 2019. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #228 – 2018-2019 - Financial – Approval of District Corrective Action Plan

Whereas the Board of Education, in accordance with the requirements of Section 170.2(r) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education approved the independent audit for the year ending June 30, 2018, as prepared by R. S. Abrams and Company, LLP on October 22, 2018, now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Education approve the School District's Response to the audit (Corrective Action Plan). Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #229 - 2018-2019 – Financial – Internal Claims Audit Reports:

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the Internal Claims Audit Reports for October 2018 as prepared by the Internal Claims Auditor, Stanley Packman. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #230 - 2018-2019 – Financial – Budget Transfers:

Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the budget transfers dated October 24, 2018. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #231 – 2018-2019 - Financial – Approval of Francis X. Hegarty Change Order – Specialty Construction Systems:

Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the approval of Change Order #4 for Specialty Construction Systems, in the amount of \$14,409.45, for modification to slab openings, including additional reinforcement to allow the new concrete wall to bear on concrete beams below in the existing crawlspace at the Francis X. Hegarty School. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #232 – 2018-2019 -Financial – Approval of Francis X. Hegarty Change Order – Specialty Construction Systems:

Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the approval of Change Order #5 for Specialty Construction Systems, in the credit amount of \$25,750.00, for the adjustment of designed piling depth of 52 helical piles installed, utilizing contractual unit price as submitted in public bid. Design based on 35-foot pile depth. Piles achieved required load at depths less than that of design at Francis X. Hegarty School. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #233 – 2018-2019 - Financial – Approval of Francis X. Hegarty Change Order – Specialty Construction Systems:

Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the approval of Change Order #6 for Specialty Construction Systems, for a credit to the contract in the amount of \$681,003.00 for slab reinforcement wall along front of building (Radcliffe Road) due to time constraint concerns, at Francis X. Hegarty School. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #234 – 2018-2019 - Financial – Approval of Francis X. Hegarty Change Order – Mitigation – Web Construction Corp.

Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize the approval of Change Order #1 for Web Construction Corp., for a deduction in the amount of \$5,000.00, to recognize lower costs in connection with the change of manufacturer for flood mitigation products to be supplied for the project at the Francis X. Hegarty School. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #235 - 2018-2019 – Financial – Acceptance of Financial Reports:

Resolved, hat the Board of Education accept and approve the Treasurer’s monthly financial report and collateral statements and the following reports: General Fund Monthly Cash Flow, Trial Balance 7/1/18-11/26/18; Revenue Budget Status 7/1/18-11/26/18, Appropriate Status Report 7/1/18-11/26/18 and:

- Warrant #11 – General Fund – October 23, 2018
- Warrant #10 – Medicare – General Fund – October 4, 2018
- Warrant #7 – Cafeteria Fund – October 23, 2018
- Warrant #7 – Federal Fund – October 23, 2018
- Warrant #7 – Capital Fund – October 23, 2018
- Warrant #5 – Capital B Fund – October 23, 2018
- Warrant #5 – Trust & Agency – October 23, 2018
- Warrant #6 – T & A Fund (Payroll) – October 2018

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #236 – 2018-2019 – Financial – Health and Safety Emergency Declaration:

Resolved that the Board of Education declare a health and safety emergency resulting from a water pipe leak in the cafeteria of the Lincoln Orens Middle School. The contractors hired to rectify the matter performed work that included camera scoping of the walls and floor, opening of the floor, pipe and grease trap replacement, and closing of the floor:

- J C Broderick (Camera Scoping) – 1775 Expressway Drive No., Hauppauge, NY 11788
- JPC Plumbing (Pipe Repairs) – 90 Plainfield Road, Albertson, NY 11507
- Boccia, Inc. (Floor Access and Repairs) -168 Broadway, Garden City Park, NY 11040

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried. Said meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DeCicco, District Clerk