

**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 16, 2015 in the Conference Center. Tara Byrne, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE 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

TARA BYRNE, President	ROSMARIE T. BOVINO, Superintendent of Schools
DIANA CARACCILO, Vice President	ROBERT COHEN, District Counsel
JACK VOBIS, Trustee	MARIE DONNELLY, School Business Official
	MARIANNE DeCICCO, District Clerk
	ERIC RICIOPPO, Public Relations Consultant

Absent: Trustees, Nina Hargrove and Matthew F. Paccione

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution #188 -2015-2016 - Minutes of Regular Business Meeting dated October 19, 2015:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Jack Vobis, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting dated October 19, 2015. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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 October:

Kindergarten, Jake Segarra	First Grade, Angel Cruz
Second Grade, Cayden Fabris	Third Grade, Gavin Schwartz
Fourth Grade, Emmalee Egan	

Vincent Randazzo, Principal of the Lincoln Orens Middle School, called upon the following students to receive their recognition as Student of the Month for October:

Fifth Grade, Ariana Cruz	Sixth Grade, Samantha Grillo
Seventh Grade, Ismael Maldonado	Eighth Grade, Erin Gleeson

Dr. Bovino congratulated the boys and girls that were awarded the Student of the Month recognition. She stated that she, the Board of Education, 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 the refreshments and gifts to our students. After these presentations, a brief recess was taken.

Mr. Ivan Carasquillo, Project Manager FSM Facilities reported on the Five Year Building Plan and the anticipated projects to the four district owned buildings included in the plan. He reported on all the completed and accomplished projects in the buildings.

Mr. Robert Cohen, District Counsel

Mr. Cohen updated the Board with reference to the lawsuit against LIPA and National Grid and other entities seeking to enforce the Letter of Agreement through the dismissal of all tax certiorari proceedings filed in connection with the Barrett Plant. He also briefed the Board on the PILOT Agreement (PILOT – Payment in Lieu of Taxes) issue and the effect on calculating the tax cap formula and the need for accurate PILOT figures in order to properly plan the school budget and keeping the tax cap under 2%.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Rosmarie T. Bovino, Superintendent of Schools:

- FXH Fencing Perimeter Update
- FEMA update
- October Internet Safety Month – Internet Sexting Assembly for Grs 7 & 8
- November 16 Anti-bullying week, Principals have activities planned
- Five-year Technology Report. Full report on the district’s website for review www.ips.k12.ny.us.
- Appointment of Dr. Collman for reporting mitigation projects.
- Commendation to the IP Theatre Group for a great production.
- Thank you from WH School District Speech Pathologists to Dr. Scimeca and Allison Lynch for arranging and showcasing our district.

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

Members of the public asked questions pertaining to the following:

- All property owned by LIPA in PILOT Program? Is Barrett a PILOT? No
- Will monies received by FEMA be returned to taxpayers?
- How will you finance the projects in the 5-year plan capital projects?
- Testing opt out movement. Appropriate not to encourage to have parents opting out. Inappropriate for the Board and Administration to advocate.
- Congratulations to FXH students and teachers on Meet the Candidates. Excellent Civics class.
- Thank you to Student Council. They raised \$1800 for Ronald McDonald House.
- Disappointed in the August 2 Common Core Teaching Scores.
- Need for new bleachers at LOMS.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Old Business:

Resolution #170 - 2015-2016 – Family Medical Leave Request (Civil Service Employee):

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education amend the paid family medical leave for Victoria Fechtig beginning October 5, 2015 through November 9 (1/2 day am) and then an unpaid family medical leave from November 9 (1/2 day pm) through January 4, 2016 as follows: The Superintendent of Schools recommends amending the above to approve an extended sick leave for Victoria Fechtig. As per the Island Park Education Secretaries Agreement, Mrs. Fechtig is eligible for an extended leave of 21.5 matching paid days with pay from Nov 9 (1/2 day) through December 4, 2015. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #339 - 2014-2015 – Personnel – Teacher – Paid Family Medical Leave:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that on May 18, 2015, the Board of Education approved a paid family medical leave for Gina Hodge on September 28, 2015 through December 21, 2015. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education amend this resolution and approve an unpaid childcare leave from December 22, 2015 through August 31, 2016. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

New Business:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education waive the readings of Resolutions #189 through #215. Upon vote, motion to waive readings unanimously carried.

Resolution #189 – 2015-2016 - Instructional Placement for Special Education and Pre-School Special Education Students:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, 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 16, 2015. 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 #190 - 2015-2016 – Special Education Tuition Contract:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the contract with Garden City Public Schools and Island Park UFSD for educational services for students for the period July 1, 2015 through August 30, 2015 as per Education Law §4401(2)(b). Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #191 - 2015-2016 – Summer Instructional Contract with Malverne UFSD:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Malverne UFSD and the Island Park School District for the period July 6, 2015 through August 14, 2015 for one student at the estimated tuition rate of \$4,958.86. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #192 - 2015-2016 – School Year Instructional Contract with Malverne UFSD:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Malverne UFSD and the Island Park School District for the 2015-2016 school year for one student at the estimated tuition rate of \$48,498.90. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #193 - 2015-2016 – Summer Instructional Contract with Long Beach Public Schools:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Long Beach Public Schools and the Island Park School District for the period July 6, 2015 through August 14, 2015 for one student at the estimated tuition rate of \$6,247.68. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #194 - 2015-2016 – School Year Instructional Contract with Long Beach Public Schools:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Long Beach Public Schools and the Island Park School District for the 2015-2016 school year for one student at the estimated tuition rate of \$63,176.51. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #195 – 2015-2016 – Extracurricular – Bylaws/Charters of Clubs and Extra-curricular Activities:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the following Bylaws/Charters of Clubs and Extra-curricular Activities during the 2015-2016 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:"

Chef's Club, Chess Club, Computer Club, Math Olympiad Club, National Jr. Honor Society,
Student Council, Marching Band, Guitar Club, Science Research Club (Gds 7 & 8),
String Orchestra, Spanish Club and Builder's Club

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #196 - 2015-2016 – 7th Grade Trip to New York City:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the proposal from Maximum Tours for Grade 7 students to visit New York City, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and 9-11 Memorial on May 20, 2016 at a cost of \$120 per student based on 30 students. Lunch and dinner are included in the price. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #197 - 2015-2016 – Mentor Appointment:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Joan McCreight, School Nurse, to serve as Mentor to Reina Stein, School Nurse FXH, for the 2015-2016 school year. Stipend for mentoring services is \$1,970 as per the Agreement between the Island Park Board of Education and the Island Park Faculty Association. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #198 - 2015-2016 - Personnel - Teaching Salary Stipend:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the following salary stipend in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement with the Island Park Faculty Association for teachers who have reached above the 60 credits:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Gabriel D’Auria	8/10/15	English Teacher	\$2,000
Mary O’Neill	10/26/15	Elementary Teacher	\$2,000

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #199- 2015-2016 - Personnel - Teaching Salary Placement Change:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the following salary changes in accordance with the provisions in the agreement with the Island Park Faculty Association effective September 1, 2015:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>New Salary Placement</u>
Matthew Bobko	5/31/15	Social Studies Teacher	MA, Step 2
Irlanda Feil	8/12/15	Spanish Teacher	MA+10, Step 4
Allison Janofsky	7/26/15	Social Worker	MA+60, Step 12
Debra Kraut	7/15/15	Elementary Teacher	MA+10, Step 4
Allison Lynch	7/27/15	Speech/Language Teacher	MA+50, Step 4
Carol Ann Pinella	7/15/15	Elementary Teacher	MA+10, Step 3
Matthew Thode	6/1/15	English Teacher	MA+10, Step 4
Diana Vazquez	8/24/15	Spanish Teacher	MA+10, Step 3
Ryan Walter	8/17/15	Music Teacher	BA+10, Step 1
Beth Rotella	8/28/15	Spanish Teacher	MA+30, Step 4

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #200 - 2015-2016 – Personnel – Homebound Tutoring:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dorothy Pace as a homebound tutor for the 2015-2016 school year. Stipend for said duties is \$65.98 per hour as per the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Island Park Faculty Association. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #201 - 2015-2016 - Personnel - Per Diem Substitute Teacher Appointment:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education appoint the following individual as daily substitutes:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Salary Effective</u>	<u>Date*</u>
Elizabeth Peckham	Substitute Teacher	\$95 (halved)	September 1, 2015

Certification: Home Economics and Nursery, Kindergarten & Gds 1-6 Permanent
Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #202 - 2015-2016 – Personnel – Homework Club Advisor (Substitute):

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jennifer Hohmann as a substitute Homework Club Advisor for the 2015-2016 school year. Stipend for said duties is \$56.64 per hour as per the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Island Park Faculty Association. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #203- 2015-2016 - Personnel - Civil Service Appointment:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the following Civil Service probationary appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Placement</u>	<u>Effective Date*</u>
Colleen Hughes	Teacher Aide (UPK)	\$14.25/hourly	Pending C.S. Approval
Huelette Murray	Teacher Aide (UPK)	\$14.25/hourly	Pending C.S. Approval

*This position is made in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations and a 26-week probationary period will be set.

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #204 - 2015-2016 – Personnel – Civil Service Resignation:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Cecelia Farley, School Monitor (part-time, sub) effective 11/2/15 for personal reasons. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #205 - 2015-2016 – Personnel – Civil Service Resignation:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Nina Farina, Food Service Helper (part-time) effective 11/9/15 for personal reasons. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #206– 2015 -2016 – Financial – Consulting Services:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education authorize an agreement between Island Park UFSD and Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D., 830 Shore Road, #3C, Long Beach, NY 11561 for consulting services on an as-needed basis relating to the management and coordination of reimbursement and mitigation projects with FEMA, HUD, GOSR or any other Federal or State Agency for damages caused by Super Storm Sandy.

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #207 – 2015-2016 - Financial – Health Services Agreements with Local School Districts:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education, as per Education Law §3602-C approve agreement and authorize the Board president to sign the agreement with Freeport Public Schools to provide health services to private/parochial school students who reside in the Island Park School District for the 2015-2016 school year. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #208 – 2015 -2016 – Financial – Approval of Change Order:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education authorize the approval of Change Order #1 for Ultimate Power, Inc. in the amount of \$12,222.20 for additional labor and materials needed to replace piping in “C” Wing crawl space that is rotted and leaking. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #209 – 2015-2016 – Financial – Internal Claims Audit Report:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education accept the Internal Claims Audit Report for October 2015.

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #210 - 2015-2016 – Financial – Budget Transfers:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the budget transfers dated October 29, 2015 and November 16, 2015. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #211 - 2015-2016 – Financial – Acceptance of Financial Reports:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that 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 7/1/15-10/31/15; Revenue Budget Status 7/1/15-10/31/15, Appropriate Status Report 7/1/15-10/31/15 and:

Warrant #19 – General Fund – October 16, 2015
 Warrant #4 – Cafeteria Fund – October 16, 2015
 Warrant #7 – Capital Fund – October 16, 2015
 Warrant #4 – Federal Fund – October 16, 2015
 Warrant #21 – General Fund – October 21, 2015
 Warrant #5 – Cafeteria Fund – October 21, 2015
 Warrant #8 – Capital Fund – October 21, 2015
 Warrant #22 – General Fund – October 30, 2015
 Warrant #6 – Cafeteria Fund – October 30, 2015
 Warrant #9 – Capital Fund – October 30, 2015
 Warrant #5 – Federal Fund – October 30, 2015
 Warrant #24 – General Fund – October 31, 2015
 Warrant #4 – Payroll T&A – October 31, 2015

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #212 – 2015-2016 – Personnel – Teacher Agreement:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education hereby accept the decision dated November 13, 2015 of Jay Nadelbach, Esq. (the Hearing Officer) and the provision of his findings, penalty and award pertaining to Employee #72 (Board Only). Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #213 - 2015-2016 - Personnel - Teaching Salary Placement Change:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the following salary change in accordance with the provisions in the agreement with the Island Park Faculty Association effective September 1, 2015:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>New Salary Placement</u>
Shannon Reda	10/23/2015	ESL Teacher	MA, +50 Step 6

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #214 – 2015-2016 – Personnel – Teaching Assistant Level I Appointment:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the following appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Placement</u>	<u>Effective Date*</u>
Jane Gammans	Teaching Assistant (UPK)	\$17/hourly	December 7, 2015

*Duration is contingent upon satisfactory service and staffing needs of the district.

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #215 – 2015-2016 – Personnel – Civil Service Appointment:

On a motion duly made by Jack Vobis, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the following Civil Service appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Placement</u>	<u>Effective Date*</u>
Cesia Mendez	School Monitor (PT/Sub)	\$10.54/per hour	Pending C.S. Approval

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Jack Vobis, resolved that the Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss custodial negotiations and litigation. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried. Said public meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DeCicco, District Clerk