

**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, December 18, 2017 in the Conference Center. Jack Vobis, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

JACK VOBIS, President	ROSMARIE T. BOVINO, Superintendent of Schools
DIANA CARACCILOLO, Vice President	RICHARD ZUCKERMAN, District Counsel
TARA BYRNE, Trustee	ROBERT COHEN, District Counsel
KATHLEEN McDONOUGH, Trustee	MARIE DONNELLY, School Business Official
RAYMOND MILEY, Trustee	MARIANNE DeCICCO, District Clerk

On a motion duly made by Kathleen McDonough, seconded by Tara Byrne, that the Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations with the Attorney for the District with reference to the Island Park Faculty Association. Upon vote, motion to move in Executive Session unanimously approved.

Public meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution #223 -2017-2018 - Minutes of Regular Business Meeting dated November 27, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Kathleen McDonough, seconded by Ray Miley, that the Board of Education accept the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting dated November 27, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #224 - 2017-2018 – Minutes of Special Business Meeting dated December 7, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Kathleen McDonough, seconded by Ray Miley, resolved that the Board of Education accept the Minutes of the Special Business Meeting dated December 7, 2017. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO/BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Dr. Rosmarie T. Bovino, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Bovino welcomed the parents, students and the many visitors that were in the audience and stated that besides our Student of the Month presentation, we will have a presentation from the Principal of West Hempstead High School, the Principal of Long Beach High School and an update from Mr. Robert Cohen, the District's General Counsel with reference to the Barret Plant litigation. She stated that she invited the high school principals to speak so they may assist families in their decision-making when

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choosing the secondary education for their children. Dr. Bovino introduced Principal Jeffrey Myers from Long Beach and Principal Alvaro Escobar from West Hempstead. Both principals highlighted the academic courses, athletics, arts, extra-curricular activities, college level classes and other special programs at their respective schools. The meeting was open to questions from the public.

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 November:

Kindergarten, Nicholas Angelastro

First Grade, Julissa Navarrete

Second Grade, Sean Garcia

Third Grade, Danielle Gelish

Fourth Grade, Kaylee Molloy

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

Fifth Grade, Aidan Flaniken

Sixth Grade, Olivia Trafford

Seventh Grade, William Adler

Eighth Grade, Jacob Borrelli

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 the gifts of acknowledgement to our students.

Robert Cohen, District Counsel -- Barrett Plant Litigation Update

We have completed the discovery phase of the case. All twenty depositions have been completed and thousands of documents exchanged. That part of the litigation has come to a close. Next month there will be motions filed, summary judgement motions that I mentioned last month, where the parties seek to have the court rule in their favor without the necessity for a full trial.

If you recall there are similar cases that are pending in Suffolk County that were brought by the Northport School District, Port Jefferson School District and the Town of Huntington, as well as the Village of Port Jefferson, and of course there are cases pending in Nassau County. The defendants (LIPA and National Grid), made a motion to have all the cases joined for trial and to have that trial take place in Suffolk County. The idea of joining the cases is that the cases have very similar facts and the same legal underpinning. It would make sense to have the cases heard and tried together rather than piecemeal and have the risk of possible conflicting decisions. This is understandable; but, what we have done to protect the District's interest is file a cross-motion to say that we are asking the court to join the cases for the joint trial but to have the cases heard in Nassau County. Both the motions from LIPA and our cross-motion have been submitted to the court. The judge that decides these motions is Judge Emerson in Suffolk County because there is a rule that motions are made to the oldest case and the case that first filed happens to be in Suffolk County. Judge Emerson has both the motion and cross-motion before her and we are waiting for a decision. Because we have a firm trial date of April 23, 2018, we prefer to stay in Nassau County. The Suffolk County cases have no trial date. The Suffolk judge is also a knowledgeable judge

and is committed to helping the parties reach an equitable settlement. My office appears regularly in Suffolk County as well as Nassau County so there is no disadvantage from that point of view. But again, we think given that the Barrett Plant is here in Island Park and Island Park is part of Nassau County and given that we have a firm date for trial in Nassau, we have asked that if the court does join cases, that the cases be heard in Nassau County. With a trial date, we know there is light at the end of the tunnel here in Nassau County. This is the full update from last month. The meeting was open to questions from the public.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Kathleen McDonough, resolved that the Board of Education waive the reading of Resolutions #225 through #241. 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 #225 through #241. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #225 – 2017-2018 - 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 December 18, 2017. 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.

Resolution #226 - 2017-2018 – Instructional Contract with East Williston UFSD for Instructional Services:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve a contract with East Williston UFSD and the Island Park UFSD for the 2017-2018 school year for one student at an estimated tuition rate of \$80,165.

Resolution #227 - 2017-2018 – Contractual – Memorandum of Agreement:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Island Park UFSD and the Island Park Faculty Association and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the MOA on behalf of the Island Park UFSD.

Resolution #228 – 2017-2018 – Personnel – Teacher – Family Medical Leave:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve a paid family medical leave for the remaining 5 weeks of FMLA to Employee #109 beginning December 22, 2017 to January 25, 2018. Paid leave is through the Agreement between the Island Park UFSD and the Island Park Faculty Association 2014-2017 Article XII.H.4.c. 2 & 3.

Resolution #229 - 2017-2018 – Personnel – Teacher - Family Medical Leave:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve a paid family medical leave for Employee #7 beginning November 27, 2017 through January 3, 2018 on or about.

Resolution #230 - 2017-2018 – Personnel – Teacher - Family Medical Leave:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve a paid family medical leave for Employee #116 beginning November 30, 2017 through March 12, 2018 on or about.

Resolution #231 - 2017-2018 – Personnel – Civil Service School Monitor (PT) Resignation:

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Christopher Hart, School Monitor (PT) effective December 6, 2017 for personal reasons.

Resolution #232 - 2017-2018 – LOMS Theater Production Set Designer Builder:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Steve Polidoro as the LOMS Theater Production Set Designer Builder for the 2017-2018 school year. Fee for services rendered as Set Designer Builder is set at \$1,100.

Resolution #233 - 2017-2018 – Recreation Personnel – Appointments:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the following recreation appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Sessions/Program Dates</u>
Elizabeth Peckham	Sewing Instructor	\$40/per hour	20 sessions/Jan 1 thru June 30
Michael Giardino	Lego Instructor	\$40/per hour	20 sessions/Jan 1 thru June 30
Katie McMahon	Student Worker	\$8.90/per hour	20 sessions/Jan 1 thru June 30
Hope Rodriguez	Student Worker	\$8.90/per hour	20 sessions/Jan 1 thru June 30

Resolution #234 – 2017 -2018 – Financial – Approval of Increase in Wage Rates due to New York State Minimum Wage Increase:

Resolved that the Board of Education authorize the adjustment to wage rates for the employee groups affected by the increase in minimum wage effective 12/31/17, as prescribed by the New York State Department of Labor. Resolved, that the Board of Education approve the revised 2017-2018 salary plan reflecting this change.

Resolution #235 - 2017-2018 – Financial – Lead Agency Designation for 2017 Bond Projects:

Resolved that whereas, the Board of Education of the Island Park UFSD (“Board of Education”) is considering improvements at Island Park UFSD school properties (hereinafter the “proposed action”); and

Whereas, the proposed improvements would occur at Francis X. Hegarty Elementary School, and Lincoln Orens Middle School; and

Whereas, the proposed building and site improvements are being proposed for the school district to maintain its various existing facilities and accommodate existing District students and staff; and

Whereas, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.4 and Part 617.5, the Board of Education reviewed the proposed action and has preliminary determined that the same is a Type II Action; and

Whereas, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, coordinated review was undertaken by the Board of Education and no objections were received from involved agencies to the Board of Education serving as lead agency;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b) (2) and (3), with respect to the above described action.

Resolution #236 - 2017-2018 – Financial – Acceptance of Financial Reports:

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 7/1/17-11/30/17; Revenue Budget Status 7/1/17-11/30/17, Appropriate Status Report 7/1/17-11/30/17 and:

Warrant 21 – General Fund – November 15, 2017
 Warrant 25 – General Fund – November 30, 2017
 Warrant 5 – Cafeteria Fund – November 15 ,2017
 Warrant 8 – Federal Fund – November 15, 2017
 Warrant 9 – Federal Fund – November 30, 2017
 Warrant 7 – Capital Fund – November 30, 2017
 Warrant 6 – Payroll T&A Fund – November 30, 2017
 Warrant 7 – T&A Fund – November 30, 2017

Resolution #237 - 2017-2018 – Financial – Internal Claims Audit Reports:

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the Internal Claims Audit Reports for November 2017 as prepared by the Internal Claims Auditor, Stanley Packman.

Resolution #238 - 2017-2018 – Town of Hempstead – Speed Limit Reduction:

Resolved that the Island Park Board of Education is in support of reducing the speed limit on Austin Boulevard to 30 miles per hour to better protect the safety and well-being of its students and residents. Stop signs and traffic lights have been installed but have proven to be ineffective. Lowering the speed limit to 30 mph, as was just initiated on Lido Boulevard in Long Beach will help in correcting the danger.

Resolution #239 - 2017-2018 - Memorandum of Agreement between Island Park Board of Education and a Civil Service Employee:

Resolved that the Board of Education ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Island Park Board of Education and Employee #551 with reference to employee’s resignation.

Resolution #240 - 2017-2018 – 7th Grade Trip to New York City:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve an Agreement with Fantastic Tours for the **7th Grade Trip to New York City on May 11, 2018**. Cost is \$133 per student (based on 45 paying per bus) or \$147 per student (based on 35 paying per bus).

Resolution #241 - 2017-2018 - Personnel – Teacher Leave Replacement Appointment:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the following leave replacement appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Salary Placement</u>	<u>Duration*</u>
Peggy Chinsky	Teacher	MA, Step 1	12/4/17-1/12/18
Certification: Nursery, K & Gr 1-6			

*On or about.

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Kathleen McDonough, resolved that the Board of Education move into Executive Session to seek advice from counsel and adjourn from the Executive Session. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried. Said public meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DeCicco, District Clerk