

**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, October 23, 2017 in the Conference Center. Jack Vobis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 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

JACK VOBIS, President

DIANA CARACCILO, Vice President

TARA BYRNE, Trustee

KATHLEEN McDONOUGH, Trustee

RAYMOND MILEY, Trustee

ROSMARIE T. BOVINO, Superintendent of Schools

ROBERT COHEN, District Counsel

VINCENT RANDAZZO, Asst Superintendent

MARIE DONNELLY, School Business Official

MARIANNE DeCICCO, District Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution #160 - 2017-2018 - Minutes of Special Business Meeting dated June 21, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Business Meeting dated June 21, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #161 – 2017-2018 – Minutes of Reorganizational Meeting dated July 10, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting dated July 10, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #162 – 2017-2018 – Minutes of Regular Business Meeting dated July 10, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting dated July 10, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #163 – 2017-2018 – Minutes of Special Business Meeting dated July 18, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Business Meeting dated July 18, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #164 – 2017-2018 – Minutes of Special Business Meeting dated August 7, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Business Meeting dated August 7, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #165 – 2017-2018 – Minutes of Special Business Meeting dated August 21, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Business Meeting dated August 21, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #166 – 2017-2018 – Minutes of Regular Business Meeting dated August 28, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting dated August 28, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #167 – 2017-2018 – Minutes of Special Business Meeting dated Sept 14, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Business Meeting dated Sept 14, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #168 – 2017-2018 – Minutes of Regular Business Meeting dated Sept 25, 2017:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting dated September 25, 2017. 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 September:

Kindergarten, Adan Rodriguez

Second Grade, Autumn Fichtelberg

Fourth Grade, Angelina Deik

First Grade, Nayeli Banegas Caceres

Third Grade, Jordyn Cohen

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, Mia Romero

Seventh Grade, Ava Emerson

Sixth Grade, Julia Calvi

Eighth Grade, Alexa Frangella

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 refreshments and gifts to our students.

Governor Cuomo's designation of "School Board Recognition Week"

Dr. Bovino stated that during the period of October 23 to October 27 most of the 700 school districts in NYS will observe the Governor's Proclamation observing School Board Recognition Week. Dr. Bovino stated that she is proud to take a few moments to honor our board members: President Jack Vobis, Vice President Diana Caracciolo, and Trustees Tara Byrne, Kathleen McDonough and Ray Miley.

School board members live in the school community they represent. They are elected by residents-typically because they are good listeners who understand their friends' and neighbors' concerns and values. They have made a civic commitment to maintaining the quality of their public schools and also advocate ways of advancing their community's vision for educational programs that will meet students' current and future needs.

All school board members are hard-working volunteers who receive no salary for their service. Yet, they are always willing to spend a great deal of their personal time learning how schools as government agencies work, setting goals for improvements as well as ways for solving unexpected problems. They approach the discussion of all issues with civility and patience and concern for everyone involved, especially the children. They spent a great deal of time last year engaged in financial planning and bringing the bond proposition to the community for a vote. It was overwhelmingly approved and will serve the district's children who are in school now as well as those who will be here for the next 30 to 50 years.

It is because this is a Board especially committed to keeping children at the focus of all that they do, that Mrs. DeCicco, Mr. Randazzo, Mrs. Donnelly and I believe it is most fitting for us to include the children's art work in the Board of Education meeting room.

Surrounding you now are 10 pieces of artwork that Mrs. Horn selected from last spring's art show. The artists, themselves, gave Mrs. Horn permission for their work to be hanged. It seems appropriate for the artwork to be in this room where it reflects the children's presence – even when they are not with us. After all, it is here that we honor Students of the Month and here where we decide issues that are always meant to be in the best interest of our students. At the end of the year, we will return the work to the children and their parents. We would like to thank the following students for allowing us to share their artwork for the 2017-2018 school year: Diane Pucci, Fiona Braddish, Emily Laos, Ema Matijevic, Daniela Garcia Amay, Angelina Deik, Lily Stein, Jaime Rodriguez, Julia Stevenson and Ella Mele.

Dr. Bovino also thanked and recognized the following students whose artwork was showcased in the 2016-2017 school year: Jaiden Almodovar, Maria Gusman Amaya, Rylee Albanese, Jonathan Alonzo, Ellie DiGregorio, Emily Feil, Nicole Espallat Martinez, Jessica Vobis and Matilda Zarcone. This evening we are returning your artwork back to you.

Now in recognition of School Board Recognition Week, the following groups expressed gratitude to the Board. Representatives of the Administrators Association, Faculty Association, Secretarial Association and PTA provided board members with gifts in the form of scholarship fund donations, plants for the school members and Visa gift cards on the Board's behalf to the Island Park PTA's "In-Need" Committee.

Resolution #169 - 2017-2018 - Proclamation for School Board Recognition Week:

Whereas, the Superintendent of Schools and the Island Park school community recognize the importance of public education in our community; and

Whereas, the Superintendent of Schools and the Island Park school community appreciate the vital role played by those individuals who, as local school board members, establish policies to ensure an efficient, effective school system; and

Whereas, school board members serve as a voice that enables our community to preserve local management and control of our public schools; and

Whereas, school board members selflessly devote their knowledge, time and talents as advocates for our school children; and

Whereas, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Island Park school community recognize and salute the members of the Island Park School Board by acknowledging and observing Governor Cuomo's proclamation that October 23 – October 27 be School Board Recognition Week.

Upon vote, motion unanimously appreciated and carried.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

External Audit Report from RS Abrams & Co., LLP

Jennifer Bracco, CPA, from RS Abrams & Co stated that the firm audited the financial statement of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary funds of the District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. She stated that R.S. Abrams & Company states that the district received a AA+ bond rating by Standard and Poor's an unmodified opinion for the district, which are the best results possible and indicate very healthy financial reporting. Some recommendations to continue to strengthen financial controls were submitted to the District. Ms. Bracco stated that Mrs. Marie Donnelly, School Business Official, and staff were very cooperative during the audit and submitted the district's Corrective Action Plan in response to the external audit report. As required by law, these reports will be submitted to NYS Education Department Office of Auditing Services and the Office of the NYS Comptroller.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Rosmarie T. Bovino, Superintendent of Schools

- ◆ Superintendent's Report on Nassau County Planning Commission Meeting on October 19, 2017
Re: Sale of Long Beach Motor Inn
- ◆ RAVE (Nassau County Police Department Safety Program – smartphone based emergency alert system.)
- ◆ Superintendent's correspondence with Senator Kaminsky Re: LIPA Tax Certorari and a Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund.
- ◆ Dr. Bovino stated that Mr. Robert Cohen, Counsel for the District will report at the November 27th Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education with reference to the Board of Education of IP UFSD v. Long Island Power Authority.

Mr. Vincent Randazzo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

♦Common Core Learning Standards to be replaced by the Next Generation Learning Standards (NGLS). Mr. Randazzo provided an overview of the changes and the timeline for the implementation of the NGLS.

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

Members of the public directed questions and comments to the Board of Education with reference to the following:

♦Would appreciate it if the district would consider sending the community notification with respect to the district's litigation with LIPA and their filing a tax certiorari petition seeking a 90% reduction and the negative impact this case would have on taxpayers. Residents do not realize that a drastic reduction in taxes from LIPA would have a devastating effect upon the School District and Community. Please be aware that people do not go on the district's website or Facebook page. The district should be taking a more active role in informing the residents of this litigation and the process. Therefore, a mailing to the community would be appreciated.

Mr. Cohen, counsel for the district, stated that right now the case is in the discovery period (explained this process) and that depositions are being taken. He stated that he will report to the Board and the public with reference to the depositions and findings in the LIPA case at the November 27, 2017 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education at 7 pm in the Conference Center. Dr. Bovino encourage all to attend.

♦The Board was thanked for taking a pro-active role in pursuing this litigation and informing the community at the business meetings wherein politicians, community organization and residents were invited to attend to learn more about the proceedings thus far. It was also agreed that a community mailing would be a positive approach in informing more people.

♦Questions with reference to the mentioning of the district establishing a tax stabilization reserve fund? Would the establishment of this fund be voted on by residents? Is there any legislation to date about a fund of this nature?

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Old Business:

Resolution #133 - 2017-2018 – New Policy #3112.2 Reporting Student Progress (Grading System) and Regulation #3112.2 Reporting Student Progress (Grading System Regulations) (Second Reading/Adoption (revisions in red):

On a motion duly made by Kathleen McDonough seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education approve the second reading/adoption of revisions to Policy #3112.2 Reporting Student Progress and revisions to Regulation #3112.2 Reporting Student Progress to the Policies of the Island Park Schools Board of Education. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #141 - 2017-2018 - Personnel – Teacher – Family Medical Leave/Extended Sick Leave:

On a motion duly made by Kathleen McDonough seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education **amend Resolution #141**, approved at the September 25, 2017 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education as follows:

“approve a paid family medical leave for Employee #109 beginning September 5 through September 18, 2017 and then a paid extended sick leave from September 19 through September 27, 2017.”

Reading of the same being waived. 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 readings of Motions #170 through #189 under New Business. Upon vote, motion to waive the readings unanimously carried. On a motion duly made by Ray Miley, seconded by Tara Bryne, resolved that the Board of Education approve Resolutions #170 through #189 under New Business. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #170 - 2017-2018 – Financial – R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP Audit:

Resolved that the Board of Education, in accordance with the requirements of Section 170.2(r) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the independent audit for the year ending June 30, 2017, as prepared by R. S. Abrams and Company, LLP and the School District’s Response (Corrective Action Plan). Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #171 - 2017-2018 – District’s Participation in NC Police Department Safety Program – RAVE:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for the district to participate in the Nassau County Police Department’s new safety and security smartphone-based emergency alert system known as RAVE. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #172 – 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 October 23, 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. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #173 - 2017-2018 – Personnel – Teaching Assistant Leave Replacement Appointment:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the following Teaching Assistant Leave Replacement Appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Duration*</u>
Jaclyn Gaglione	Teaching Assistant	Step 1	11/2/17-6/22/18

Certification: Music, Initial

*On or about. Duration is contingent upon satisfactory performance and staffing needs of the District
Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #174 - 2017-2018 – Personnel – Substitute Teacher Appointment:

Resolved that the Board of Education appoint the following individual as a daily substitute:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date*</u>
Megan Bernth	Substitute Teacher	\$95.00 1 st 19 days \$100.00 20 th day on	10/24/2017
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Conditional Initial, Expires 1/31/2019			

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

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #175 - 2017-2018 – Personnel – Civil Service – UPK Level 1 Teaching Assistant

Resignation:

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the resignation from Phoebe Celano, UPK Level 1 Teaching Assistant effective September 19, 2017. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #176 - 2017-2018 – Personnel – Club Advisor Positions:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointments of Darlene Morales as Green Club Advisor at the Lincoln Orens Middle School, Matthew Bobko as a Homework Club (sub), Charles Appel as SADD Club Advisor and Meghan Walsh as the Grades 5/6 Art Club Advisor effective immediately. Stipend for said duties as Club Advisor is \$57.49 per hour for the 2017-2018 school year. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #177 - 2017-2018 – Personnel – Civil Service Termination:

Resolved that pursuant to Civil Service Law §73, the Board of Education terminates Employee #412 effective October 22, 2017. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #178 – 2017-2018 – Personnel – Civil Service Appointment:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dorothy Russo, as Account Clerk (pt/sub) on an as needed basis at the rate of \$40 per hour. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #179 – 2017-2018 – Personnel – Civil Service – Probationary School Bus Driver Appointment:

Resolved that in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of Nassau County Civil Service, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Heidi Krafchick as a full-time probationary School Bus Driver:

Position:	School Bus Driver (Heidi Krafchick)
Type of Appointment:	Full time Probationary (26-week probationary period)
Effective Date:	October 25, 2017
Salary Placement:	\$17.97/per hour

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

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #180 - 2017-2018 - Personnel - Civil Service – Appointments:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the following Civil Service appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Effective Date*</u>
Mary Ciorciari	Food Service (PT)	\$14.04	10:30 AM-1:30 PM	October 25, 2017
Domenica DeBellis	Food Service (PT Sub)	\$14.04	Substitute	November 1, 2017
Heather Nagy	School Monitor (PT)	\$10.54	10 AM-2 PM	November 1, 2017
Domenica DeBellis	School Monitor (PT)	\$10.54	Substitute	October 24 2017

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #181 - 2017-2018 – Appointment of Vendor for Laboratory Testing – Rabu Diagnostics:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Rabu Diagnostics as one of the vendors to be utilized for random drug and alcohol screenings as needed for the 2017-2018 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$500. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #182 - 2017 -2018 – Financial – Structural Slab Reinforcements at Francis X. Hegarty School bid:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Island Park UFSD reject all bids received on September 27, 2017 through the public bid process conducted by BBS Architects on behalf of Island Park UFSD as the bids received exceeded the budget monies allotted for this project. At the recommendation of BBS, this project will be rebid with a revised Base Bid and Add Alternate scopes. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #183 – 2017-2018 – Financial – Internal Claims Audit Report:

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the Internal Claims Audit Report for September 2017 as prepared by the Internal Claims Auditor, Stanley Packman. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #184 - 2017-2018 – Budget Transfer – Cafeteria Interfund Transfer:

Resolved that the Board of Education of Island Park UFSD approve the budget transfer of \$18,149 from A9030.800-10-0000 to A9901.900-10-0010 to offset the deficit in the cafeteria fund balance at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #185 - 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: Cafeteria Profit and Loss, General Fund Cash Flow, Trial Balance 7/1/17-9/30/17; Revenue Budget Status 7/1/17-9/30/17; Appropriate Status Report 7/1/17-9/30/17; and:

- Warrant 11 – General Fund – September 15, 2017
- Warrant 12 – General Fund (Medicare) – September 27, 2017
- Warrant 15 – General Fund – September 28, 2017
- Warrant 3 – Cafeteria Fund – September 15, 2017
- Warrant 4 – Federal Fund – September 15, 2017
- Warrant 5 – Federal Fund – September 28, 2017
- Warrant 3 – Capital Fund – September 15, 2017
- Warrant 4 – Capital Fund – September 28, 2017
- Warrant 2 – T&A Fund – August 28, 2017
- Warrant 3 – T&A Fund – September 25, 2017
- Warrant 4 – T&A Fund – September 15, 2017

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #186 – 2017-2018 – Personnel – FMLA:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve a paid family medical leave for the remaining 8 weeks of FMLA to Employee #109 beginning October 20 up to December 15 (on or about). 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. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #187 – 2017-2018 – Personnel – Teaching Assistant Level III Appointment:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the following UPK Teaching Assistant appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Placement</u>	<u>Effective Date*</u>
Ilkem Sevinc	UPK Teaching Assistant Level III	\$22/per hour	October 24, 2017

Certification: Teaching Assistant Level III

*Duration is upon the state funding of the UPK Program.

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #188 - 2017-2018 – Personnel – 2017-2018 Calendar Revisions:

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the changes to the districtwide 2017-2018 calendar as follows due to Administrative changes in Long Beach CSD and West Hempstead UFSD:

Whereas, the district calendar has the Long Beach High School 8th Grade Parent Visit as October 25, Long Beach CSD requested it be changed to Long Beach High School visit on November 6th in the AM for 8th grade students and November 6th in the PM for parents,

and 8th grade students will visit West Hempstead High School on November 28th in the AM, and the West Hempstead High School 8th grade visit for parents will be on November 29th in PM.

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #189 - 2017-2018 - Personnel - Civil Service – Appointment:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the following Civil Service appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Effective Date*</u>
Louise Cronolly	School Monitor (PT)	\$10.54	1:30 PM-4 PM	November 8, 2017

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

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried. Said public meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DeCicco, District Clerk