

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, duly called and held on Monday, December 19, 2016 in the Conference Center. Jack Vobis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 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	ROBERT COHEN, District Counsel
TARA BYRNE, Trustee	MARIE DONNELLY, School Business Official
KATHLEEN McDONOUGH, Trustee	MARIANNE DeCICCO, District Clerk

Absent: Matthew F. Paccione, Trustee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolution #216 -2016-2017 - Minutes of Regular Business Meeting dated November 28, 2016:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education accept the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting dated November 28, 2016. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Student of the Month Recognition (November 2016)

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: **Alex Michaels**
2nd Grade: **Matilda Zarcone**
4th Grade: **Coby Spiteri**

1st Grade: **Kayla Fonseca**
3rd Grade: **Ava Acovino**

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

5th Grade: **Emily Feil**

7th Grade: **Adam Santa Maria**

6th Grade: **Dylan Cantwell**

8th Grade: **Ben Upbin**

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.

Bond Proposal Presentation

Dr. Bovino reviewed the Bond Project Presentation. She stated that the presentation that was given on November 7th, is posted on the district's website. Dr. Bovino announced that with the January 24, 2017 vote date for the Island Park Public Schools' bond referenda approaching, the district has scheduled several informative events which residents can obtain more details and take a firsthand look at the facilities. The following dates are scheduled for building tours and a community forum which will provide an opportunity to have questions answered:

Community Forum - January 9 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Center

(Members of the Board, Administration, District's architect consultants will be present to answer questions and present on the scope of work and need for improvements.)

Tour of Francis X. Hegarty Building – January 10 – 6 PM Residents and 7 PM Parents

Tour of Lincoln Orens Middle School – January 12 – 6 PM Residents and 7 PM Parents

(The tours will provide opportunities for residents to see areas of the buildings that are showing significant damage from wear and tear that comes with age. Check district's website for further details)

Registration for the Vote and to check your voting status, the district will hold a **Districtwide Registration on January 17 from the hours of 10 AM to 2 PM and then again at 6 PM to 9 PM in the Conference Center.**

Bond Referendum Vote is scheduled for January 24 at the Lincoln Orens Middle School Auditorium Foyer from 7 AM to 9 PM

Watch for special district mailing and newsletter pertaining to the bond propositions or visit the district's website, www.ips.k12.ny.us.

Other Important Events scheduled for January 24 at the Lincoln Orens Middle School

Districtwide Blood Drive – 2 PM – 8 PM

6th Grade Physical Education Demonstration – 7 PM

At this time, Mr. Jack Vobis thanked everyone for coming. He announced that the Board of Education has discussed the offering of the Cold War Veterans Exemption and decided to approve this exemption that is being presented on this evening's Agenda.

PUBLIC BE HEARD:

Resident, Steven L. Foster, congratulated the Administration, staff and students for successful concerts and thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication to improving our schools. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Mr. Vobis thanked Mr. Foster on behalf of the Board and wished everyone in attendance a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Tara Byrne, resolved that the Board of Education waive the reading of Resolutions #216 through #227. Upon vote, motion to waive the readings unanimously carried. On a motion duly made by Tara Byrne, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board approve Resolutions #216 through #227. Upon vote, motion to approve unanimously carried.

Resolution #217 – 2016-2017 - 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 19, 2016. 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 #218 - 2016-2017 – Personnel – Salary Stipend:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the following salary stipend in accordance with the provisions in 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>
Peter Gillen	November 30, 2016	English Teacher	\$2,000

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #219 - 2016-2017 – 7th Grade Trip to New York City:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the **7th Grade Trip to New York City on May 19, 2017**. Cost is \$145 per student (based on 50 paying per bus) or \$160 per student (based on 35 paying per bus). Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #220 – 2016-2017 – Physical Education Leave Replacement Appointment:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary Placement</u>	<u>Duration*</u>
Jaime Friedman	Physical Education Teacher	BA Step 1(prorated)	1/3/17-2/17/17
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial and Health, Initial			

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

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #221 - 2016-2017 – LOMS Theater Arts Assistant Director Appointment:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ashley Nicastro as the LOMS Theater Arts Assistant Director for the 2016-2017 school year. Stipend for services as Theater Arts Assistant Director is \$1,500. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #222 - 2016-2017 - Recreation Winter Programs Staff:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the following employees to work the 2017 Recreation Winter Programs:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Peggy Leone	Coach	\$32.71/per hour
Dom Barone	Coach	\$32.71/per hour
Carmen Skrine	Coach	\$32.71/per hour
Keith Manginelli	Coach	\$32.71/per hour
Peggy Leone	Chaperone	\$25.00/per hour
Barbara DeLucia	Chaperone	\$25.00/per hour
Linda Rusnak	Audio Visual Aide	\$23.65/per hour
Alexa Alongi	Recreation Monitor	\$13.63/ per hour
Joe Klein	Recreation Monitor	\$10.91/ per hour
Nick Giovanelli	Recreation Aide	\$13.40/ per hour
Ricky Holodar	Recreation Aide	\$10.72/ per hour
Alyssa Giovanelli	Recreation Aide	\$10.72/ per hour
Nick Savarese	Recreation Aide	\$10.72/ per hour
Emily Wirtz	Recreation Aide	\$10.72/per hour
John Hornung	Student Worker	\$8.90/ per hour
Katie Cleary	Student Worker	\$8.90/ per hour
Kayla Kilduff	Student Worker	\$8.90/ per hour
Samantha Reichert	Student Worker	\$8.90/per hour

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #223 - 2016-2017 – Recreation Activity:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the Recreation Trip to Long Beach Ice Arena on Tuesday, December 27, 2016. This activity is offered to children in Grades 3-8. The cost for the Recreation Department is \$8/per child at a minimum of 20 participants with parent drop-off and pick-up. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #224 - 2016-2017 – Cold War Veterans Exemption:

Resolved whereas, Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) Section 458-b authorizes a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property owned by veterans or certain members of their family who rendered military service to the United States during the Cold War (defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991) based on a percentage of the assessed value of the real property; and

WHEREAS, the exemption is limited to ten years in duration except in the case of the disabled veteran exemption;

WHEREAS, the District has the option of deciding whether to grant the Cold War veterans exemption for the qualified veterans’ primary residential property;

WHEREAS, a qualified residential parcel may receive an exemption equal to 15% of its assessed value and where a veteran has received a service-connected disability rating from the Veteran's Administration or the Department of Defense, there is an additional exemption which is equal to one-half of the disability rating, multiplied by the assessed value of the property subject to the maximum exemptions established by the RPTL;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the District to offer this partial and temporary exemption to those veterans who served in the military during the Cold War and are not currently receiving either the Veterans Exemption or Alternative Veterans' Exemption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District adopts the exemptions provided for in RPTL Section 458-b(a) and RPTL Section 458-b(2)(a)(ii).

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #225 - 2016-2017 – Financial – Budget Transfers:

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the budget transfers dated December 19, 2016. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #226 - 2016-2017 – 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 7/1/16-11/30/16; Revenue Budget Status 7/1/16-11/30/16, Appropriate Status Report 7/1/16-11/30/16 and:

Warrant #9 – Payroll T&A Fund – November 19, 2016

Warrant #23 – General Fund – November 23 2016

Warrant #10 – T&A Fund – November 23, 2016

Warrant #9 – Cafeteria Fund – November 23, 2016

Warrant # 10 – Federal Fund – November 23 2016

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

Resolution #227- 2016-2017 – Personnel – Interscholastic Co-Coach Appointment:

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Matthew Tarasenko as Volleyball (Boys) grades 7/8 Co-Coach. Stipend for said duties as coach for the 2016-2017 school year is \$4,447 (shared with Ms. Gerbino). Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

On a motion duly made by Tara Byrne, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter and adjourn from the Executive Session. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried. Said public meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DeCicco, District Clerk