

**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, May 22, 2017 in the Conference Center. Jack Vobis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 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	ROSMARIE T. BOVINO, Superintendent of Schools
DIANA CARACCILO, Vice President	ROBERT COHEN, School District Attorney
TARA BYRNE, Trustee	MARIE DONNELLY, School Business Official
KATHLEEN McDONOUGH, Trustee	MARIANNE DeCICCO, District Clerk
MATTHEW F. PACCIONE, Trustee	

At this time, Mr. Jack Vobis introduced and welcomed newly elected Board Member, Raymond (Ray) Miley to the Board Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Resolution #352 - 2016-2017 – Minutes of Regular Business Meeting dated April 20, 2017:**

On a motion duly made by Matthew F. Paccione seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting dated April 20, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #353 - 2016-2017 – Minutes of Special Business Meeting dated May 3, 2017:**

On a motion duly made by Matthew F. Paccione seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Business Meeting dated May 3, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #354 - 2016-2017 – Minutes of Annual District Voting May 16, 2017:**

On a motion duly made by Matthew F. Paccione seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Annual District Voting dated May 16, 2017. Reading of the same being waived. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

### **Student of the Month Presentation (April 2017)**

#### **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 April:

Kindergarten: Noah Sanchez

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Benjamin Torres

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gavin Horvath

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Marisa Curtis

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: John Weber

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

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Fabiana Boncina

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Robert Adler

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Scott Perez

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Madison Rivera

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.

#### **Tenure Recognition**

Recommending an administrator and/or teacher for tenure to the Board of Education is perhaps the most important decision that a Superintendent of Schools makes. A responsibility that Dr. Bovino takes seriously and to which she has given a great deal of thought. The following three teachers will receive tenure recognition this evening having served three years' probation during which time each has proved to be the consummate professional. They are:

Ryan Walter – Music Teacher

Theresa Augello – Health Teacher

Jennifer Spitz Wing – Special Education Teacher

Dr. Bovino stated that we will take a 10-minute break so we may congratulate the students and teachers on their achievements.

## **Robert Cohen, School District Attorney**

On May 17, 2017, Dr. Bovino, Marie Donnelly and I, met with LIPA executives and its Chief Executive Officer, Thomas Falcone. We had requested the meeting to discuss the future of the Barrett Power Plant and the studies which LIPA had commissioned recommending against repowering.

The meeting began by our reiterating the extent of the District's financial hardship if the taxes from the Barrett Power Plant are substantially reduced because Barrett represents 49% of the District's tax base. We also expressed our disappointment that LIPA was endorsing studies which recommend against a repowering and modernization of Barrett.

We have been advocating on behalf of the Island Park School District and community with respect to the real property taxes paid on the Barrett Power Plant for at least seven years (2010 to present), since LIPA filed a tax certiorari petition seeking a 90% reduction. Such a drastic reduction in taxes on Barrett would have a devastating effect upon the School District and community. Because of this, we have held numerous meetings with LIPA as well as the County and have made our position known vigorously opposing LIPA's tax certiorari requests. While school districts do not have standing in tax certiorari proceedings, we were allowed a "seat at the table" to monitor and provide input to these proceedings. In late 2015, we also commenced litigation against LIPA, National Grid and Keyspan seeking to enforce written and verbal promises made not to aggressively seek tax reductions through court proceedings.

In 2012, the power plants at Greenwood Landing along Hempstead Harbor and in Far Rockaway were decommissioned and closed. However, Barrett continued operating as before. Then at the end of 2013, there was a positive development when National Grid filed an application with the Public Service Commission to repower Barrett. The District filed a position paper in support of National Grid's application and even made a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Proposal. Unfortunately, LIPA, who is financially responsible for the repowering, never signed onto National Grid's application. At the meeting, it was explained to us that LIPA would have to pay for the cost of repowering and that the economics are just not there for them to do it because their latest study shows no increase in electrical use on Long Island.

The good news is that the Barrett Power Plant, as it is currently running, has been well maintained and LIPA foresees its use for Barrett through the end of 2028 when their contract with National Grid expires. LIPA sees Barrett as having value because of existing gas terminals and transmission units. Thus, there are no current plans or projections to close and decommission Barrett.

The Barrett plant is made up of steam turbines and combustion turbines. The steam turbines are mainly located in Island Park and the combustion turbines in Oceanside. LIPA has concluded that while it is not cost efficient to build a new modern steam combustion plant, it may be cost efficient to add "peaking units" and that they have commissioned a study on the need for building more of these peaking units, which can be quickly put online to provide electricity during peak usage times over the summer. During our meeting, LIPA's CEO indicated that there is a real possibility that they would build new peaking units in the portion of Barrett that lies within Island Park, because there is room to do so in the existing facility.

LIPA presented a settlement proposal at the meeting which they indicated they have reviewed with the County and would be reviewing with the other school districts that have LILCO generation power

plants. The proposal is to waive all claims to tax refunds for prior years and to reduce taxes going forward by 50% over an eight-year period. When questioned how they arrived at eight years, they pointed to the New York State formula for mitigating the tax consequences for a plant closing which spreads the tax reductions over seven years. Dr. Bovino then, very eloquently, explained how the economic realities of Island Park are different from the other school districts in terms of the values of homes and the average homeowner's ability to afford tax increases, as well as the lingering devastation of Hurricane Sandy. She asked whether Island Park can be given any special consideration because of those factors and Mr. Falcone responded that while he was sympathetic, it would be difficult for him to explain and justify different settlement terms for different parties.

We will continue to keep a dialogue open with LIPA, but we will also, with the assistance of Dr. Bovino, the Board of Education and the school community as a whole, keep pursuing our current litigation and advocacy on behalf of the District's taxpayers.

After Mr. Cohen's report, Mr. Jack Vobis, Board President, opened the floor to questions from the public.

#### **REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT:**

Dr. Bovino reviewed the following personnel resolutions on this evening's Agenda:

Principal Resignation to accept the appointment of Assistant Superintendent  
Appointment of Assistant Superintendent  
Teacher Resignations for Personal Reasons and Retirement Purposes  
Teacher Aid Resignation for Retirement Purposes  
Bus Driver Resignation for Retirement Purposes

#### **PUBLIC BE HEARD:**

Mr. Schurin thanked Mr. Randazzo and the Board of Education for permitting the Grade 7 New York City trip and stated that it was a successful from a parent's point of view.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

On a motion duly made by Tara Byrne, seconded by Diana Caracciolo, resolved that the Board of Education waive the reading of Resolutions #355 through #373. 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 #355 through #373. Upon vote, motion to approve unanimously carried.

#### **Resolution #355 - 2016-2017 – Board of Registration for the 2017-2018 School Year:**

Resolved that, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2014(1) of Education Law, the Board of Education approve the appointment of a Board of Registration consisting of the following voters. These individuals will serve until thirty (30) days after the Annual Voting that will take place during the 2017-2018 school year: Anna Silvio, Blanche Bua and Ann Genduso. Alternates: Frank Bua, Andrea Ragusa, Suzanne Snipp and Kathleen Jensen. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #356 - 2016-2017 – Resignation of Principal:**

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Vincent Randazzo as Principal of the Island Park Schools effective June 30, 2017 so he may accept the offer made by the Board of Education to become Assistant Superintendent of the Island Park Schools effective July 1, 2017.

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #357 - 2016-2017 – Appointment of Assistant Superintendent:**

Resolved that the Board hereby appoints Vincent Randazzo as Assistant Superintendent of Schools, in the tenure area of Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the probationary period of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021 with salary and benefits outlined in the Employment Agreement between Vincent Randazzo and the Island Park Board of Education. Mr. Randazzo has NYS Education Department Certification as a School District Leader. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #358 - 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 May 22, 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 #359 - 2016-2017 – Independent Contractor Services Agreement:**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the contract with Andrew Kent, MD and the Island Park UFSD for professional services for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #360 - 2016-2017 – Instructional - Special Services Provider Agency Services Contract:**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the contract with Access 7 and the Island Park UFSD for professional services for the 2017-2018 school year, subject to the approval from the Attorney for the District. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #361 - 2016-2017 – Instructional - Special Services Contract with Levittown Public Schools:**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the contract with Levittown Public Schools and the Island Park UFSD for professional services for the 2017-2018 school year, subject to the approval from the Attorney for the District. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #362 - 2016-2017 – Instructional - Special Services Provider Agency Services Contract:**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the contract with MKSA, LLC and the Island Park UFSD for professional services for the 2017-2018 school year, subject to the approval from the Attorney for the District. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #363 - 2016-2017 – Instructional Professional Services Contract with Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc.:**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the contract with Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc., and the Island Park UFSD for professional services for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #364 - 2016-2017 – Personnel – Summer School Teachers (Middle School):**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following as the 2017 Summer School Teachers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade/Subject</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jillian Betancourt	Grade 5 ELA/Math	\$50/per hour
Margaret Costello	Grade 6/7 ELA/Social Studies	\$50/per hour
Lorraine Drago	Grade 6/7 Math/Science	\$50/per hour
Stacy Berkowitz	ENL Elementary	\$50/per hour
Mary Gaynor	ENL Middle School	\$50/per hour
Kevin Denis	Substitute Teacher	\$50/per hour
Jennifer Wilkinson	Substitute Teacher	\$50/per hour

Program commences July 5, 2017 through August 8, 2017, 5 days per week from 8 AM to 12 Noon.

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #365 - 2016-2017 – Personnel – Special Education Summer School Appointments:**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following Special Education Summer School appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jennifer Spitz	Special Education Teacher	\$50 per hour
Debra Kraut	Special Education Teacher	\$50 per hour
Jannine Sarrocco	Special Education Teacher	\$50 per hour
Laurie Goldschlag	Speech/Language Therapist	\$50 per hour
Brittany Cohen	Teaching Assistant	\$25 per hour
Dale Friedler	Teaching Assistant	\$25 per hour
Jillian Solano	Teaching Assistant	\$25 per hour
Susan Mazzone	Monitor (1:1)	\$14.54 per hour*
Chrisoula Spirou	Monitor (1:1)	\$14.54 per hour*
Maria Rizik	Monitor (1:1)	\$14.54 per hour*
Nancy Ehrman	Monitor (1:1)	\$10.72 per hour*
Susan Sandberg	Monitor (1:1)	\$10.54 per hour*

\*2016-2017 rate.

Program commences July 5 through August 15, 2017, 5 days per week from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #366 - 2016-2017 – Personnel – Teaching – Elementary Teacher Resignation:**

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the resignation from Jennifer Weiss, Elementary Teacher, with appreciation for 30 years of dedicated service, effective June 30, 2017 for personal reasons. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #367 - 2016-2017 – Personnel – Teaching – Teaching Assistant Resignation:**

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the resignation from Kimberly Keane, Teaching Assistant, with appreciation for years of dedicated service, effective September 1, 2017 for personal reasons. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #368 - 2016-2017 – Personnel – Civil Service Resignation:**

Resolved that the Board of Education accept a resignation from Barbara DeLucia, Teacher Aide, with appreciation for 26 years of dedicated service, effective July 1, 2017 for retirement purposes. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #369 - 2016-2017 – Personnel – Civil Service Resignation:**

Resolved that the Board of Education accept a resignation from John Lento, Bus Driver, with appreciation for 22 years of dedicated service, effective June 24, 2017 for retirement purposes. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #370 - 2016-2017 – Financial – Approval of Contract with Country Fair**

**Entertainment Park:**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the enclosed contract with Country Fair Entertainment Park for admission for the recreation program participants on July 17, 2017 to the Country Fair Entertainment Park. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #371 - 2016-2017 – Financial - Recreation Vendors:**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve the following vendors to provide programs to the Island Park Schools Recreation Program for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

**NY Party Works**

45 Jefryn Boulevard, Deer Park, NY 11729  
631-501-1414

**Wave Slide - \$715 on August 8, 2017 (4 hours)**

Other proposals: Amanda Bear Party Rentals – Waveslide \$1700 (No Bounce)  
Jump and Slide – Waveslide \$1898

Donald Papa, ERYT, RYT500

**dba: Into the Light Yoga**

**15 @ \$70 (per group session/10 sessions)**

59 Roosevelt Blvd. 3C, Long Beach, NY 11561  
516-647-4975

**Andrea Wool (Zumba Instructor)**

985 Middle Bay Drive  
Baldwin, NY 11558  
516-510-9566

**\$75/per one hour (group session) for 10 weeks**

**Party Train Entertainment Company**

(DJ Services)

1675 Newbridge Road  
Bellmore, NY 11710  
516-442-0972

**DJ/MC \$400 for 4 hours, extra \$50 for outdoor events**

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #372 - 2016-2017 – Financial – Budget Transfers:**

Resolved that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the budget transfers dated May 22, 2017. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

**Resolution #373 - 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 for March 31, 2017, Appropriate Status Report 7/1/16-4/30/17, Revenue Budget Status 7/1/16-4/30/17, Trial Balance 7/1/16-4/30/17 and:

- Warrant 51 – General Fund – April 27, 2017
- Warrant 52 – MR Surch General Fund – April 27, 2017
- Warrant 22 – Payroll T&A Fund – April 22, 2017
- Warrant 19 – Federal Fund – April 27, 2017
- Warrant 23 – T&A Fund – April 27, 2017
- Warrant 18 – Cafeteria Fund – April 27, 2017
- Warrant 15 – Capital Fund – April 27, 2017

Upon vote, motion unanimously carried.

On a motion duly made by Diana Caracciolo, seconded by Matthew F. Paccione, resolved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon vote, motion unanimously carried. Said meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DeCicco, District Clerk