

ISLAND HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION

ISLAND HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY APRIL 10, 2024

6:15 p.m.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE
2. ROLL CALL
3. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL
4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Anyone wishing to speak before the Board shall indicate so during the Public Commentary portion of the agenda. The presenter shall give his/her name and address and make the presentation as brief as possible. Unless an extension of time is granted, each speaker should be limited to 3 minutes. The Board vests in its President or other presiding officer authority to terminate the remarks of any individual when they do not adhere to the rules established above. Members of the Public may discuss an agenda item at this time. New Business may be discussed during privilege of the floor.

5. APPROVE MINUTES

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

March 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting & Closed Session

6. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS APRIL 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024, AS FOLLOWS:

CURRENT ACCOUNT \$290,532.06

LUNCH ACCOUNT 1,469.01

7. APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE BOARD SECRETARY AND THE TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONEY, FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024, WHICH ARE IN AGREEMENT.

8. APPROVE BOARD SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION OF NO OVER EXPENDITURES

PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11@3 I, STEVEN CORSO, INTERIM SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, CERTIFY THAT AS OF APRIL 5, 2024, NO BUDGETARY LINE ITEM ACCOUNT HAS OBLIGATIONS AND PAYMENTS (CONTRACTED ORDER) WHICH IN TOTAL EXCEED THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, THAT THE DISTRICT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN RECONCILED AND ARE IN BALANCE.

9. **APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION**

THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION, WE THE ISLAND HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION, PURSUANT TO NJAC 6A22-2.11 (C) 4, CERTIFY THAT AS OF APRIL 5, 2024 AFTER REVIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT (APPROPRIATIONS SECTION) AND UPON CONSULTATION WITH THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DISTRICT OFFICIALS, THAT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO MAJOR ACCOUNT OR FUND HAS BEEN OVEREXTENDED IN VIOLATION OF NJAC 6A:22-2.11(C)4 1-vi AND THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

11. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

12. **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Attached

13. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – Public Hearing 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – Regular Meeting – 6:15 p.m.

14. **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

15. **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR**

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16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Student Information and CSA Goals**

17. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TENURED, NON-CERTIFICATED AND NON-TENURED STAFF

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the following list of personnel for employment for the 2024-25 school year.

Lisa Royer, Principal Tenured 7/2/2024
Lil Brendel, Board Secretary
Elizabeth Smutz, School Secretary
Dorothea Jansen, Secretary
Diane Caputo, Classroom Teacher
Kelly Torres, Classroom Teacher
Rebecca Connell, Classroom Teacher
Michael Bruner, Classroom Teacher
Elizabeth Major, Classroom Teacher
Lori Romano, Classroom Teacher
Michele LeBlanc, Special Ed Teacher, LDTC
Brooke Nelson, Special Ed Teacher
Megan Shoemaker, Classroom Teacher 3/12/2025
Evan Gingrich, Special Ed Teacher, (non-tenured)
Bailey Seltnerich, Classroom Teacher
Jennifer Wisniewski, Preschool Teacher 9/2/2024
Chrisie Stankowitz, Social Worker (non-tenured)
Tim Legendre, Physical Education Teacher
Pat Olsen, Nurse (non-tenured)
Emma Zermane, Guidance
Michelle Brick, Music Teacher/Instrumental Music
Stephanie Kitzmiller, Art Teacher, Aide (non-tenured)
Cynthia Wood, Lunch Worker
Doug Morone, Custodian
Tim Lawrence, Custodian
Ed Crawford, Facilities Manager
Kathleen Angellella, Aide
Giana Crosby, Aide
Lorraine Poling, Aide
Laura Fox-Molganri Preschool Aide
Domenica Bracco, Preschool Aide

2. APPROVE MONTHLY REPORT: HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING INCIDENTS

Number of Incidences: March – 1 Founded

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

HIB CASE NO. 2024-02

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received the Superintendent's report of an investigation into an allegation of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying ("HIB") assigned Case No. 2024-02; and WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(d), the Superintendent has informed the appropriate parents/guardians of the students involved in these incidents with the following information: (1) the nature of the investigation; (2) whether the District found evidence of HIB; (3) whether discipline was imposed; and (4) whether services were provided to address the incident of HIB; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent's recommendations with respect to the allegation of HIB and subsequent investigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Case No. 2024-02 for the reasons set forth in the Investigation and directs the Board Secretary/ School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

3. APPROVE FIRE AND SECURITY DRILLS FOR MARCH 2024

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the fire and security drills for March 2024.

4. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CLASS TRIPS

- School Wide trip to Veteran's Park on June 4, 2024 for Character Education at a cost of \$300 plus transportation and barbeque.
- 6th grade to attend Medieval Times on May 30, 2024 at no cost to the district.
- 4th grade to Popcorn Park Zoo on April 25, 2024 at a cost of \$350 plus transportation.

5. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS

- Diane Caputo to attend Virtual Workshop of May 8, 2024 "Practical Strategies Dealing with Disrespectful and Disengaged Students" at a cost of \$279.

6. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES PRESENTED BY STRAUSS ESMAY

- Policy 1140 Educational Equity Policies
- Policy 1523 Comprehensive Equity Plan
- Policy 1530 Equal Employment Opportunities
- Policy 1550 Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination Practices
- Policy 2260 Equity in School and Classroom Practices
- Policy 2411 Guidance Counseling
- Policy 2423 Bilingual Education
- Policy 2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
- Policy 3211 Code of Ethics
- Policy 5570 Sportsmanship
- Policy 5750 Equitable Educational Opportunity
- Policy 5841 Organizations
- Policy 5842 Equal Access of Student Organizations
- Policy 7610 Vandalism
- Policy 9323 Notification of Juvenile Offender Case Disposition

7. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES FOR SUMMER CAMP COACH
MICHAEL BRUNER LLC ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AT A COST OF \$700 FOR
RENTAL

- August 6-August 9, 2024
- August 13-August 16, 2024

ADDENDUM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

1. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE STUDENTS H.S. AND O.S. TO FINISH OUT THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR AT ISLAND HEIGHTS GRADE SCHOOL**

RESOLVED, That the Board approve students H.S. and O.S. to finish out the 2023-24 school year at Island Heights Grade School.