

ISLAND HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION

ISLAND HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, FEB 15, 2024

6:15 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE

2. ROLL CALL –

3. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY DISCUSS AN AGENDA ITEM AT THIS TIME. NEW BUSINESS MAY BE DISCUSSED DURING PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

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

January 10, 2024 – Regular Meeting

5. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FEBRUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024 AS FOLLOWS:

CURRENT ACCOUNT \$289,946.51

LUNCH ACCOUNT 2,263.51

6. 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 DECEMBER 31, 2023, WHICH ARE IN AGREEMENT.

7. 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 FEBRUARY 8, 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.

8. **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 FEBRUARY 8, 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.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

10. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

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

Attached

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting 6:15 pm

13. **UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS**

14. **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR**

15. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. APPROVE THE SECURITY & FIRE DRILLS FOR JANUARY 2024

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

2. MONTHLY REPORT: HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING INCIDENCES

Number of Incidences: Zero for January 2024

3. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the Audit for the 2022-23 school year as presented. There were no recommendations.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE 2024-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR AS PRESENTED

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the 2024-25 School Calendar as presented.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE UNIFORM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDUCATION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS (MOA) FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the Uniform Memorandum of agreement between education and law enforcement officials (MOA) for the 2023-24 school year.

6. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE BOARD RESOLUTION BETWEEN OCEAN FIRST BANK AND ISLAND HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE CHECK SIGNERS BOARD PRESIDENT AND SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the board resolution between Ocean First Bank and Island Heights Board of Education to authorize check signers as the Board President and School Business Administrator.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE STEVE CORSO AS INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR FROM FEBRUARY 16TH – JUNE 30, 2024

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve Steve Corso as interim business administrator from February 16-June 30, 2024 at a rate of \$750 per diem at a cost not to exceed \$16,500.

8. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE WAIVER OF BATHROOM FOR NEW PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the waiver of bathroom for new preschool classroom.

9. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SUBSTITUTE NURSE FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve substitute nurse Emily Olsen for the 2023-24 school year.

10. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CLASS TRIPS**

- 1st and 2nd grade to attend Johnson's Corner Farm on May 22, 2024 from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm at a cost of \$955 plus transportation.
- 6th grade to attend Broadway Show Back to the Future and lunch on March 27, 2024 at no cost to the district.
- School wide trip to Veteran's Park on June 5, 2024 at a cost of \$300 plus transportation and barbeque.

11. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS**

- Jennifer Wisniewski to attend Practical Early Intervention Strategies that work: supporting young children with developmental delays and challenging behaviors on March 11, 2024 virtual from 10:00 am- 4:30 p.m. at a cost of \$279.00.

12. **RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT \$250 FROM FRANK FRAZEE FOR HIS LAPTOP**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accept \$250 from Frank Frazee for his laptop.

13. **RECOMMENDATION TO REQUEST A WAIVER FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID INITIATIVE (SEMI) PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education request a waiver for special Medicaid initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2024-25 school year as it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid Eligible students totaling 6.

14. **DISCUSSION: Feasibility Study**

ADDENDUM 1
FEBRUARY 15, 2024

1. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE K.W. TO ATTEND HUGH J BOYD SCHOOL PER IEP AT A COST OF \$82.56 PER DIEM**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve K.W. to attend Hugh J. Boyd School per IEP at a cost of \$82.56 per diem.

2. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CLASS TRIP**

- 3rd grade to attend Monmouth Museum on March 28, 2024 from 9:00 am – 1:45 p.m. at a cost of \$300 plus transportation.

3. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE R.L. TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR AS PART OF IHTA AGREEMENT**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve R.L. to attend Kindergarten 2024-25 school year as part of IHTA Agreement.

4. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STEPHANIE KITZMILLER**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve professional development for Stephanie Kitzmiller to attend Foundation of Arts Integration using ETTC hours at Stockton University on Friday, April 26, 2024.

ADDENDUM 2 FEBRUARY 15, 2024

WHEREAS, the Island Heights School District and Central Regional School District are two neighboring school districts in Ocean County, New Jersey, that serve students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade and seventh through twelfth grade and, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Island Heights School District and Central Regional School District share a common sending-receiving relationship, as the Island Heights School District sends its students to the Central Regional School District for secondary education; and

WHEREAS, the Island Heights School District supports the interests and efforts of Central Regional School District in exploring the potential benefits and challenges of unifying their school districts into a single pre-K-12 regional school district; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services has established a grant program, known as the School Regionalization Efficiency Program, that provides reimbursement of costs associated with feasibility studies that look at school district regionalization or consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the Island Heights School District supports Central Regional School District's application for this grant funding to conduct a feasibility study that will examine the educational, financial, and operational implications of creating a unified school district; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study will be conducted by an independent consultant with expertise in school district regionalization, who will solicit input from various stakeholders, including school administrators, staff, parents, students, and community members; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study will result in a comprehensive report that will outline the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed unification, as well as the steps and requirements for implementing such a change; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study will not commit the Island Heights School District and Central Regional School District to any course of action, but will provide them with valuable information and guidance for making an informed decision; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on February 6, 2024, the Borough of Island Heights passed a resolution approving and expressing the support of the Mayor and Council of a proposed feasibility study to be undertaken by the Central Regional Board of Education of the unification of kindergarten through sixth grade schools in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to additionally express its support in the undertaking of a feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the final decision to pursue regionalization will be subject to voter approval in each of the affected school districts, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Island Heights School District, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The Board of Education hereby approves and expresses support of a proposed feasibility study to be undertaken by the Central Regional Board of Education for the furtherance of unification of kindergarten through sixth grade schools in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Central Regional School District, the Ocean County Superintendent of Schools, the New Jersey Department of Education, and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services.