

ISLAND HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
115 SUMMIT AVENUE
ISLAND HEIGHTS, NJ 08732
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
March 19, 2025

1. Pursuant to the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was of the Board of Education was provided in the following manner.
On March 10, 2025 advance written notice of this meeting was delivered to the Asbury Park Press and posted at the Island Heights Grade School. The meeting notice was published in the Asbury Park Press on March 13, 2025.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
February 12, 2025 – Regular Meeting, Closed Session
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
6. **PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**
7. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**
8. **Open to Public Comment for Agenda Items Only**

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
Consent agenda items 9-19

9. **ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET 2025-2026**

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement
2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Island Heights Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1000.00 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$5,000.00 for all staff and board members.

Adoption of Tentative Budget
2025-26

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025-2026 School Year and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025-26 Total Expenditures	3,199,760	508,279	188,663	3,896,702
Less: Anticipated Revenues:				
State Aid	389,235		64,145	453,380
Special Revenues		508,279		508,279
Miscellaneous	35,150			35,150
Surplus	131,594		1	131,595
Taxes to be Raised	2,643,781		124,517	2,768,298
Total Revenues	3,199,760	508,279	188,663	3,896,702

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public hearing be held at the Island Heights Grade School, Island Heights, New Jersey on May 1, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. for conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2025-26 School Year.

10. MONTHLY REPORT: HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING INCIDENCES

Number of Incidences: February – Zero

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

HIB CASE NO. 2024-05-02

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. 2024-05-02 ; 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. 2024-05-01 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.

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

HIB CASE NO. 2024-05-03

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. 2024-05-03 ; 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. 2024-05-01 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.

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

HIB CASE NO. 2024-05-04

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. 2024-05-04 ; 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. 2024-05-01 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.

11. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE SECURITY & FIRE DRILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the fire and security drills for February 2025.

12. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PRESCHOOL BUDGET FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the Preschool Budget for the 2025-26 school year.

13. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TEACHER WORKSHOP FOR LORI ROMANO

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the following teacher workshop for Lori Romano to attend NJAGC Conference on April 11, 2025 at a cost of \$249.

14. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TEACHER WORKSHOPS FOR STEPHANIE KITZMILER

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the following teacher workshop for Stephanie Kitzmiller at no cost (ETTC hours) mileage reimbursement only on March 28, 2025 and April 3, 2025.

15. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE FOLLOWING MANDATED POLICIES

- Policy 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
- Policy 5512 Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying
- Policy 5516 Use of Electronic Communication Devices
- Policy 5533 Student Smoking
- Policy 7441 Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
- Policy 8500 Food Services
- Policy 9320 Cooperative with Law Enforcement

16. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES

- Policy 5516 Use of Electronic Communication Devices
- Policy 5701 Academic Integrity

17. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE LIEP PLAN FOR THE 2024-27 SCHOOL YEARS**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve LIEP Plan for the 2024-27 school years as presented.

18. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISED CURRICULUMS FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the following revised curriculums for the 2024-25 school year.

- English Language Arts: NJSLs 2023
- Mathematics: NJSLs 2023
- Science: NJSLs 2020
- Social Studies: NJSLs 2020
- Visual and Performing Arts: NJSLs 2020
- Computer Science & Design Thinking: NJSLs 2020
- Career Readiness, Life Literacies, & Key Skills: NJSLs 2020
- Comprehensive Health & Physical Education: NJSLs 2020
- Gifted & Talented (SAIL) Program: Revised Summer 2024
- World Languages: NJSLs 2020

19. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMANDA BERARDI AS SPEECH PATHOLOGIST FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve Amanda Berardi as speech pathologist for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Consent agenda items 20-23

20. **Financial Reports:**

Accept the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the period ending January 31, 2025 as reconciled.

21. **Certification of No Over-expenditures:** Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.22 (c) 3-4, accept and certify the Budget Appropriations Report for the month ending January 31, certifying no line item account has been over-expended through payments or contractual orders in violation of NJAC6A:23-2.22 (b) and sufficient funds are available to meet the financial obligation of the Island Heights Board of Education.

22. **Board Certification:** Recommend acceptance that through the adoption of this resolution, the Island Heights Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (c) 4, certifies that as of March 14, 2025 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 c(4) i.-vi and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

23. **RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE BILLS LISTS**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the March bills list:
Current Account March 1-31, 2025: \$310,466.11
Lunch Account February 2025 \$3,179.88

24. New Business

25. Old Business

26. Board Comment

27. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

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.

28. Announcements: Next Meeting Regular Meeting April 9, 2025 at 6:15 p.m.

29. Executive Session: Personnel & Legal

30. Motion to Adjourn