

ISLAND HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
ISLAND HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

6:15 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE
2. ROLL CALL
3. RECOGNIZE UNSUNG HERO 2024 – SOPHIE BRODBECK
4. RECOGNIZE TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2024 – MICHELLE BRICK
5. RECOGNIZE BOARD MEMBER PRESIDENT MAUREEN DESANTO
6. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
7. APPROVE MINUTES

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

April 10, 2024 – Regular Meeting & Executive Session
May 1, 2024 – Public Hearing

8. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM MAY 1-31, 2024, AS FOLLOWS:

CURRENT ACCOUNT \$294,239.02
LUNCH ACCOUNT 1,430.59

9. 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 MARCH 31, 2024, WHICH ARE IN AGREEMENT.

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

PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11@3 I, STEVE CORSO, INTERIM SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, CERTIFY THAT AS OF MAY 3, 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.

11. 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 MAY 3, 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.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

14. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Attached

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – Regular Meeting 6:15 pm

16. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

17. PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

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.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION – STUDENT INFORMATION

19. MEETING ADJOURNED

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

1. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE MONTHLY REPORT: HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION & BULLYING INCIDENCES

Number of Incidences: April – 1 Unfounded

2. RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

HIB CASE NO. 2024-03

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. 2024-03 ; 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. 2024-03 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. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FIRE AND SECURITY DRILLS FOR APRIL 2024

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

4. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CLASS TRIPS

- 6TH Grade to attend Seaside Boardwalk (Coin Castle, Mini Golf, Omni VR) on May 21, 2024 from 10:30 am-2:30 pm.
- 5th Grade to attend Summit Beach seining trip on May 31, 2024 at no cost to the district.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE SECOND 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

6. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING STAFF FOR THE ESY PROGRAM 2024

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the following staff for the ESY program 2024.

- Evan Gingrich July 9-August 1, 2024 at a cost of \$1, 620
- Dawn Henninger July 9-August 1, 2024 at a cost of \$1,620
- Domenica Bracco July 9-July 25 at a cost of \$540

7. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING STAFF FOR THE NEW PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the following staff members for the new preschool classroom for the 2024-25 school year.

- Lisa Bowman the preschool teacher Step 3 Bachelors at a cost of \$57,503 for the 2024-25 school year.
- Raquel Dumplet as paraprofessional for the 2024-25 school year at a cost of \$18 per hour.

8. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SUMMER CURRICULUM WRITING JUNE 25-27, 2024 FOR THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve summer curriculum writing June 25-27, 2024 the following staff members:

Michele LeBlanc, Lori Romano, Kelly Torres and Jennifer Wisniewski at a cost of \$675 per teacher.

ADDENDUM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

1. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PROPOSALS FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL, PHYSICAL AND SPEECH THERAPIES FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, That the Board record proposals received for Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapies services as shown in Appendix I be it further resolved that the Board make the primary award to Jump Ahead Pediatrics and secondary awards will be to Advanced Educational Advisement and Oxford Consulting.

2. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE H.D. TO ATTEND TOMS RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, That the Board approve H.D. to attend Toms River School District for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year at a cost of \$\$2,574.68.

3. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE STEVEN CORSO FOR ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AT A COST OF \$3,750.

RESOLVED, That the Board approve Steve Corso for additional hours for the remainder of the school year at a cost of \$3,750.