

**CARLE PLACE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
High School Auditorium  
7:00 p.m. Thursday – January 8, 2015**

**Pledge: Vice President LoCurto**

**Prayer: Trustee Zaino**

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<b>Ser. 14</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>01/08/15</b>
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**ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

**15. Resolution In Opposition to Proposed Casino (VLT) Location**

**15.1 WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has learned that the Regional office of Off-Track Betting has chosen the vacant Fortunoff Store site located in Westbury for the placement of a proposed Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has expressed concerns regarding the selection of the aforementioned site and the process by which such selection has progressed; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Carle Place School District Board of Education (“Board of Education”) takes no position with respect to gambling and/or casino activities, the Board of Education is extremely concerned regarding the potential for a dramatic negative impact on the school community from a proposed video lottery casino with 1,000 video lottery terminals at the old Fortunoff site, 1300 Old Country Road, Westbury, NY; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed casino is within three-quarters of a mile of the Cherry Lane Elementary School, which houses 307 elementary school age children, and within one mile of the Rushmore Avenue Elementary School, which houses 408 elementary school age children, and Carle Place Middle/High School, which houses 636 students and is also within one-third of a mile from a community park where District children play; and

**WHEREAS**, the casino will likely bring additional traffic that could impact and pose a risk to the safe and efficient travel of our students, staff, and school buses especially if patrons of the casino leave the area driving under the influence of alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has a responsibility to consider the health, safety and welfare of the school community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education is extremely concerned that casinos may bring an increase in crime to an area, drain money out from a community and compete with local stores for disposable income, as well as have a long term negative impact on property values and the community’s tax base.

**RESOLVED**, that the Carle Place Board of Education strongly opposes any attempts or proposals by the New York State Gaming Commission to bring casino gambling into the immediate vicinity of the Carle Place community and school district, and calls on our elected officials to seek an alternate location for the 1,000 Video Lottery Terminal casino, which is not located near schools or residential neighborhoods.