

Wednesday, January 6, 2016  
**LONG ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
3:30 p.m. – Long Island Library Conference Room

**MINUTES**

Citizens in the audience are invited to speak during public comment and/or on a topic that is introduced during the course of the meeting under New Business. Each citizen is to be limited to one presentation per citizen, per topic, of not more than three minutes unless the chair gives special permission. Audience participation shall cease on a topic at such time as the chairman calls for board discussion.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Kimball, School Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:41. Present were Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Hohn, Mrs. Johnson, and Supt. Powers.

**2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Item 9.d. was added to New Business: Consideration of changing the next early release date from January 25 to February 1.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the December 2, 2015 meeting minutes. Mrs. Hohn seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

Supt. Powers notified board members that she had received notification that the Cumberland County Community Development Grant was moved to Pre-Approval status. The final grant proposal is due February 2, 2016. Mrs. Johnson will help prepare the application, which is requesting a \$50,000 grant to cover all material costs for the elevator.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- The Island Institute's OCEAN FRONTIERS DVDs are available to preview in consideration of offering a community viewing. They will be in the office to check out.
- Paul Graney has started his work facility and custodial work at the school, with an orientation by Jim Wilbur and Curt Murley.

## **7. LEAD TEACHER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Johnson explained that her next medical appointment is January 25. It is her hope to return to her classroom that week perhaps half time, moving to full time by February 1 at the latest depending upon the doctor's recommendation. She indicated that she's anxious to return to her teaching!

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Heating system update**

A CIP proposal was submitted to the Selectmen in December with an email update from Bill Bouchard of Pine State Energy regarding initial improvement steps he recommends to be taken attached as an exhibit. Once the review is completed, pricing can be determined through the RFP process.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Draft description of pre-school program**

Supt. Powers suggested that the board will need to decide whether pre-school certification is a goal, as the program will need further development and supervision by a certified early childhood teacher. Mrs. Hohn had concrete suggestions toward that goal, which she explained would initially differentiate the pre-school experience from kindergarten. All agreed that it is difficult to offer an appropriate pre-school social environment with such small numbers.

Adoption of Kindergarten Jump Start is a resource being seriously explored. Mrs. Hohn also suggested that Maine Roads to Quality from the Muskie School is a good option for resources for pre-schools.

Mrs. Johnson indicated that she has a copy of the island's projected enrollment so the school can best determine potential pre-school attendance in the next few years. Supt. Powers suggested offering the pilot again next year while it is determined whether or not a certified pre-school is the final goal.

### **b. Teacher evaluation pilot protocol**

Mrs. Kimball moved and Mrs. Donovan seconded a motion that the Maine DOE's National Board for Professional Teaching Standards protocol for teacher evaluations be adopted for Long Island School. Supt. Powers indicated she used it for several years in her previous district and found the rubric to be really helpful for professional growth. Board members were satisfied that this was an appropriate instrument to use for Long Island's required pilot and that teachers had been part of the review of the document and reached consensus on its adoption. The motion passed 3-0.

c. Budget development for 2016-17

Mrs. Kimball will work with Supt. Powers on the creation of the 2016-17 budget proposal. A presentation to the Finance Committee Chair, Al Hemond, will be scheduled for later in January.

d. Early release date change

As requested by Supt. Powers to accommodate Mrs. Johnson's return to full time teaching, Mrs. Donovan moved, and Mrs. Hohn, seconded that the date be changed from January 25 to February 1. The vote passed 3-0. Families will be informed in the next school newsletter.

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:25.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Martin Luther King Holiday** – No School Monday, January 18

**Early Release Day** – Monday, February 1

**2015-16 School Board Meetings:**

Upcoming meeting dates:

February 3, 2016

March 2, 2016

April 6, 2016

May 4, 2016

June 8, 2016

