

Wednesday, November 2, 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

Chair Mrs. Kimball called the meeting to order at 3:32. Present were board members Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Hohn; also, Supt. Powers and Mrs. Train, Lead Teacher.

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the October 5, 2016 minutes. Mrs. Donovan seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Updated Bullying & Cyberbullying Prevention policy language has recently been distributed by the DOE; each school district must review and adopt these updated protocols and report forms and then submit them for approval. Any changes must still meet their rigorous new requirements. See more information below about next steps.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Powers

- a. Local Entitlement update

Information has recently come to light that we can submit invoices for special education related costs from last year for reimbursement this year. Our Spec. Ed. Director, Wayne Dorr, will be working on this. Also, Mrs. Johnson completed the end of year Local Entitlement report to allow for this invoicing to happen.

b. MEAs – no scores released yet

All districts have yet to receive the results of the Maine Educational Assessment administered last spring to all of the state's grade 3-8 and 11 students. There were so many issues with test administration, the spring 2016 MEA is apparently still under review to see if the results are valid enough to release.

c. Proficiency-based Diploma initiative

A survey regarding Long Island's progress was recently completed. Our goals for this year include on line documentation of ELA and math learning standards, implementation of a new standards-based report card, and a parent survey evaluation the helpfulness of information contained in the new report card format.

d. Bullying & Cyberbullying Prevention Policy

Included with the minutes will be the newly released proposed policy language documents. These will be discussed as a first reading at the December board meeting with a target for adoption in January.

7. LEAD TEACHER'S REPORT – Mrs. Train

An Ocean Frontiers film crew joined them at the tidal pool today with 4th and 5th graders involved in the filming. They demonstrated water quality testing and hypotheses about impact of both water quality and temperature on biodiversity. A goal for Long Island's work is to increase allowable zoning to include aquaculture for island residents. The kids are partnering with an elementary school in Dedham, MASS, who are studying a stream with similar measurement goals. The film crew plans to be done with filming in the region and mid-Atlantic in January and offered a community film night once it's completed. This was enthusiastically applauded as a library event!

Last week a lock down drill was held so the children will be aware of protocols should that response ever need to be utilized. It was previewed with the children in detail and then debriefed afterwards. A few changes to the protocol were implemented as a result. Mrs. Powers observed and also initiated the lock down.

NWEAs were administered last week as well. From second to third grade, the testing format changes and becomes more rigorous. A summary of results was reviewed, with

excellent progress for most students. Individual results will be shared at parent conferences.

One area that was relatively weaker was in language usage. Standard English conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation, complete sentences) will be a focus of upcoming writing conferences and an on demand writing prompt that will be administered in time for conferences as well. Mrs. Train also described how she and Mrs. Norton will be splitting writing and science planning so more in-depth experiences can be offered K-5.

The school nurse, Christina Truesdale, is due for vision and hearing screening on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Nov. 7 – PSO Youth Concert (gr. 3-5) or Ft. Williams Children’s Garden (K2)

Nov. 21 – Legoland Field Trip (all students and chaperones)

Nov. 22 - Parent Conferences

Nov. 23 – No school

Nov. 24 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 7 - Craft Day

Dec. 21 – Holiday Music Program

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Elevator installation – Pine State Elevator (Angus McDuffie)

The installation is now complete and we passed inspection! To close the grant funding cycle, the Community Block Grant organization has requested a photo of the elevator (done), a copy of the inspection (done), a statement from a town official that the project has been completed to their satisfaction (to be done), and a copy of the final invoice from Pine State Elevator (due next week).

b. HVAC Upgrade – Pine State Services (Sam Marcisso)

Heat throughout the building is currently well modulated! The hardware and software upgrades and nearly complete. One last bit of equipment (fresh air dampers) are due for installation next week, and Mike House from Trane will then be back out to complete all controls as well as orient both Curt Murley and Rod Jacobs to the system. It is a great relief to have this upgrade nearly completed and we are hopeful that the improvements will be long term! A final invoice from Pine State Systems has been received and will be forwarded for payment as soon as the final installation and training has occurred.

It should be noted that it was extremely helpful for both capital improvement projects to have key managers/owners in both companies with strong island connections. They truly cared about quality, cost-effective installations.

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Kimball adjourned the meeting at 4:10.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 3:30

2016-17 School Board Meetings:

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at 3:30 on the first Wednesday of the month.

January 4

February 1

March 1

April 5

May 3

June 7