

Wednesday, January 2, 2019  
**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 Lisa Kimball called the meeting to order at 3:34. Present also were Board Members Annie Donovan and Sam Whitener, Lead Teacher Marci Train, and Supt. Barbara Powers.

**2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

No adjustments were proposed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

•December 4, 2018

Ms. Donovan moved approval. Mr. Whitener seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

•December 12, 2018

Ms. Donovan moved approval. Mr. Whitener seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Powers noted that she received the opportunity to review Long Island's School Report Card prior to its release, along with all Maine Schools, to the general public. It

captured academic performance, staff and student data, and anecdotal information prepared locally with accuracy.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- The Budget to Actual report dated December 18 was distributed and reviewed. Expenditures appear to be on track for this time of the year with special note that the first tuition invoice from Portland Public Schools has not yet been received.

There was a brief discussion of REAP reimbursement funds, which caused the technology line to appear overspent. Two computers were included in the budget for \$2100, but two costly long-term software licenses were added to the line (Dreambox and Rosetta Stone) using REAP funds. Mrs. Train and Mrs. Norton will decide what hardware needs to be purchased as priorities for this year. \$2500 is budgeted for next year as well.

- Mr. Whitener agreed to explore the Trane service contract for the school's heating system in more detail along with Selectman Donovan to determine if we continue to spend \$4000/year on a service contract.

- Cumberland County Superintendent Association (CCSA) meeting highlights were then described, including continuing interest in moving Child Development Services into elementary schools but with appropriate piloting and financial support. Mrs. Powers noted that the new Commissioner of Education, Pender Makin, has been a long time member of CCSA and she believes Ms. Makin will bring a fresh and progressive eye to DOE matters. She is also very committed to equitable educational opportunities throughout the state.

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

Mrs. Train announced that three new students have joined the school – one pre-school child, and one each K-2 and 3-5. As summer residents, they were already well known to the children. The first day was very comfortable and successful from her perspective, with one child reporting that school... “Is more like summer camp than school!”

She also described that her students enjoyed face time with students at North Haven School face time just before the break. They have been conducting a joint project regarding ocean water temperatures as well as light access at different depths. Children created hypotheses based on their readings. The connection was very engaging for the students. It turns out that water Down East is surprisingly warmer than in Casco Bay, and also learned that currents have changed within the last two years given climate changes. UMaine Professors are ready to weigh in during the next discussions. Mrs. Train further reported that all the data was rounded to manipulate the data in order to

determine mode, median, and mean. S'MATH was truly highlighted and authentic using science data instead of more abstract problems.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Whitener got a price from ServPro for mold abatement in the basement. They are quoting \$4,048 and that includes barge fees, water taxis, ceiling tile removal, and wall/floor cleaning. This information will be passed along to the Town Selectmen.

NOTE: Mrs. Powers was notified by the Town Manager that he will file an insurance claim for cost assistance.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Approval of Policy DJE – Purchasing and Contracting Code of Conduct**

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of Policy DJE with no further questions. Ms. Donovan seconded the motion, which then passed 3-0.

### **b) Long Island School Nutrition Program Review & Findings**

The review findings were explained and the minor remediation steps were presented. These will be submitted promptly and well ahead of the 30-day required response.

Mrs. Rich, the Lunch Program Director, then discussed options she is considering:

Her first option is to stay with Portland and continue to receive federal money from the USDA. The menus now show how she's enriching each meal with the additional funding. She noted that the 10 hours of annual required trainings she attends have helped with her knowledge base. She explained that it's likely not a good idea for Long Island School to do "our own thing" (Option 2) v. being in the federal school lunch program due to high cost and daunting paperwork.

"Full Plates/Full Potential" is a group Mrs. Rich has learned about that helps schools beef up their menus. Their consultant would like to come see what we have going on and make recommendations.

Finally, as Option 3, the Wellness Council also has asked about meal programs for seniors. Adult/child food programs can be federally funded following similar income guidelines. Qualifying senior citizens on Long Island could qualify for free or reduced lunches prepared by the Portland kitchens along with the children. To be determined are best food delivery options, from lunches in the community center to a "meals on wheels" initiative.

The School Board welcomes further conversation about supporting Wellness Council initiatives as long as the limited capacity of the school is recognized. Mrs. Rich was invited to return for further discussions at a later date.

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Wednesday, January 30, 5:30 p.m. --  
Presentation of the Proposed 2019-20 School Budget to the Finance Committee

**2018-19 School Board Meetings:**

School Board meetings will occur on the first Wednesday of every month unless otherwise indicated.

February 6, 2019  
March 6, 2019  
April 3, 2019  
May 1, 2019  
June 5, 2019