

Wednesday, January 3, 2018
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

The meeting was called to order with all present: Lisa Kimball, Chair; Annie Donovan, Tammy Hohn, Lead Teacher Marci Train, and Supt. Barbara Powers.

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Supt. Powers asked that the Annual Approval of School Crisis Plan be added to the agenda as item 9.d).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the December 6, 2017 minutes. Ms. Donovan seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- Update from MSMA regarding the transfer of Child Development Services (CDS) from a state agency into the public schools

Mrs. Powers shared an update from the Maine School Superintendent's Association regarding an update from the study group created by Maine's Commissioner of Education. Their conclusion was that a switch from state agency services to school based programming for children ages 0-5 was not without considerable challenge (fiscally, facility-wise, and staffing-wise) and should not be implemented until 2019-20 at the very

earliest as a pilot effort. The Commissioner has now disbanded the study group but it is unclear how he plans to proceed.

- Portland Public School Draft Calendar for 2018-19

The draft calendar developed by the Portland Schools was also reviewed. Long Island details will be added and presented for a first reading at the February board meeting.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Maine Municipal Association Action Plan

Mrs. Powers reported that action items required of the school in the areas of Hazardous Communication protocols, a Bloodborne Pathogen Plan, and Personal Protective Equipment for custodial and food services positions is now fully updated and complete. She has informed Brian Dudley, Town Manager.

- Facility issues

Mrs. Rich was credited, along with library staff and other volunteers, with keeping a close eye on frozen/defrosting pipes in the kitchen during the long holiday cold stretch. A permanent fix is under consideration but not yet finalized. A redo of some plumbing will likely be needed.

Mrs. Powers also said she continues to work with Pine State Services on a final fix of the classroom uni-vents so that appropriate heat can be expected during all heating seasons.

7. LEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

Mrs., Train praised the effort of the humanities team in pulling together this year's Christmas Program. The children never performed more clearly or with greater energy! Also, she noted that the Maine Math Science Alliance is sponsoring a series of activities where students undertake and then report data. Currently it includes trash clean up --weighing and surveying the findings as true authentic data. She and interested students are heading to Fowler's Beach once a week before school starts. Having the kids from other districts Skype with each other has been an exciting add. Chellie Pingree then Skyped with the kids to thank them for their efforts, which was featured in the Island Institute publication.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Second reading and approval of the following:

- Bloodborne Pathogen Plan

Ms. Donovan moved approval of the Long Island School Bloodborne Pathogen Plan. Ms. Kimball seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

b) Proposed 2018-19 Budget

- Revised enrollment projections

Mrs. Powers noted that the enrollment projections for next year have been slightly revised to include one more kindergarten student from Great Diamond Island. If all four students from GDI remain active registrants in 2018-19, the anticipated tuition will increase by another \$17,000. To not over-anticipate these revenues, she explained that the budget projections would remain at 3 for now.

- Review of the School Board Goals for 2017-20 re Spanish Instruction

A review of the three-year plan was briefly summarized. One was to determine the best course of action for world language instruction once Mrs. Fabiano retires. It is the consensus of the board that language instruction continues with a focus on a technology-based solution. Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Train will consider options and report back later.

c) Long Island School Emergency Plan

Ms. Donovan moved approval of the 2017-18 Long Island School Emergency Plan. Mrs. Hohn seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
Long Island Library Conference Room

School Budget Presentation to the Finance Committee, Wednesday, January 31 at 5:15 pm, Community Center

2017-18 School Board Meetings:

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

March 7, 2018

April 4, 2018

May 2, 2018

June 7, 2018