

Wednesday, October 3, 2018
LONG ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
3:30 p.m. – Long Island Library Conference Room

AGENDA

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 3:40. Present were Board Member Sam Whitener, Lead Teacher Marci Train, and Superintendent Barbara Powers. Board Member Annie Donovan was traveling and absent.

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mrs. Powers added two agenda items:

- 9. c) Consideration of appointing a delegate to the annual MSBA meeting
- 9. d) Consideration of Policy DN School Property Disposition

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- September 5, 2018

Mrs. Kimball moved approval. Mr. Whitener seconded and the motion passed 2-0.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- Approval of our Gifted and Talented Waiver

Mrs. Powers noted that once again the Maine DOE approved the school's request for a waiver from Gifted and Talented program requirements given the size of the school and the 1:1 differentiation already in place.

- Nutrition Review

She also noted that the school lunch program will be reviewed again this year. A member of the DOE staff will be visiting the school the week of November 13. Mrs. Rich has been in touch and will be completed the necessary paperwork and preparing for the visit.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Next steps regarding the Individual Learning Plans

Mrs. Powers explained that teachers are very comfortable with the goal of submitting progress reports the weekend before November conferences are scheduled. Parents will then be asked to jot down ideas for their own child or children's learning priorities. Their ideas will then be discussed along with the teacher's perspective with a partnered Individual Learning Plan in place for November through March progress reporting and beyond.

- Request to postpone the next School Board meeting by one week

Mrs. Powers also explained that she will be out of state during the next scheduled board meeting, but will be present in the school earlier that week. It was agreed that a postponement to November 13 would be acceptable. Ms. Donovan will be informed of this change immediately.

- Piano repair and tuning – gift from Neil Tyson

Finally, she will thank Neil Tyson on behalf of the board for paying to have the piano in the great room repaired and tuned.

7. LEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- Mrs. Train reported that the Island Institute is this weekend. Both she and Mrs. Norton will be attending. The Northwest Educational Assessment, or NWEA, which is administered on line, will be given in late October. This will provide important performance data in reading and math for students in grades 1-5.

Also, the school is scheduling a Harvest Lunch on Wednesday, October 24. Vegetables raised in the school garden will be featured and families will be invited to attend. Finally, she is looking to book a speaker from the Abbe Museum on Nov. 19 to enrich student learning around the Native American Wabanaki tribe.

8. OLD BUSINESS

-Next steps re: security door proposals—Joe Donovan is seeking a second proposal on the learning center's behalf.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Facilities updates:

-Plumbing issues – There was a discussion about the school's frustration with high plumbing costs and repeated issues even after assurance of a fix. Part of the issue is Pine State Services sends a different plumber every time assistance is requested so there is no knowledge of the facility's system from visit to visit. Frustration with the Trane monitoring contract was also discussed. The current heating system is married to the Trane software so there is no easy way to end the relationship. For now, a more effective relationship with Pine State is the goal. Mrs. Powers will contact Sam Marcisso to arrange a meeting with Mr. Whitener, Mrs. Rich and her to discuss concerns.

-Air quality report/basement area – The air quality report prepared by Northeast was reviewed. Unhealthy levels of mold were detected in a confined basement area not impacting the classrooms. High humidity in the summer along with high humidity likely contributed to the issue. Mrs. Train noted that air quality testing occurred once before with no issues noted. The recommendation is a thorough cleaning and a commercial grade dehumidifier. Mrs. Rich indicated she has the correct products to use and is familiar with personal air ventilators to keep herself protected for the day when cleaning occurs. Mr. Whitener will assist with fans, etc. He will also order the appropriate dehumidifier for that area at a cost of approximately \$800.00.

NOTE: The selectmen determined that professional cleaning is the better option for the school and they will assist with the cost.

b) Approval of 2018-19 Emergency Response Plan

Mrs. Powers reviewed the highlights of the emergency response plan and noted the updates with new staff contact info. Otherwise protocols remain unchanged from last year. Mr. Whitener moved approval of the plan with Mrs. Kimball offering a second. The motion passed 2-0.

It was noted that the remaining security issue is the door leading up from the Wellness Center. (Note the Old Business minutes.) It was suggested that the Wellness Center construction budget might have funds remaining to pay

for that security measure on behalf of the school. Once the proper fix is determined, this funding option will be pursued.

- c) The Maine State Superintendent and School Board Annual Conference will be held October 24 and 25. Mrs. Kimball nominated Mr. Whitener to be the Long Island School Board delegate this year. Mr. Whitener seconded the motion, which passed 2-0. Mrs. Powers will submit a registration form along with the delegate information.
- d) Referring to Policy DF, Mrs. Powers will be posting the availability of an outdated but still functioning desktop computer using the Long Island list serve. Sealed bids will be welcomed.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

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2018-19 School Board Meetings:

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

December 5, 2018

January 2, 2019

February 6, 2019

March 6, 2019

April 3, 2019

May 1, 2019

June 5, 2019