

LONG ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting

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.

Access for the Wednesday, December 2 meeting was offered made using a Zoom link.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Pierre Avignon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Also present were Board Members Sam Whitener and Paul Thornton, Lead Teacher Marci Train, and Superintendent Barbara Powers.

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Whitener moved approval of the November 4, 2020 minutes. Mr. Thornton seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Powers discussed her concern with safety protocols required but not enforced by the Casco Bay Lines. She let the Board know that she reached out both in writing and by phone with operations managers at CBL regarding inappropriate masking during dense commuter board trips. She further noted Mr. Murry's concerns about observing masks off for eating and drinking during a crowded commuter travel. She explained that she is currently avoiding the 7:45 a.m. ferry, while it's the one Mr. Murry must ride for his teaching responsibilities. Both Mr. Whitener and Mr. Avignon noted that they are choosing to ride outside when they need to commute on a busy boat. It was suggested that she share concerns with the GDI's new rep. to the CBL Board, James Luedtke,

especially since it's most often construction workers heading to GDI who are ignoring the mask mandate.

6. LEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

Mrs. Train reported that parent conferences went very well, with the gr. 3-5 children taking part in the conversations and helping to set their own learning goals. Mrs. Train said their goals are now laminated and available to them for easy reference. She explained that Mrs. Norton continued to hold conferences with parents only, but also focused on learning goals for their children.

Mrs. Train also noted that a clay mural project organized by Mrs. Brown is taking great shape, and was a featured activity during the two-day run up to Thanksgiving. Another featured activity was visiting author Patricia Fusch, who described the process of creating her book about sailing, WINDSONG.

Finally, she was very excited to announce receipt of a grant from Maine Environmental Education group, which allowed her to purchase snowshoes for every child and also science notebooks and resources about animal tracks.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

•Town of Long Island Audit Report

Mrs. Powers reported that she attended the Long Island audit meeting last week. All was well. She reported to the auditor as the meeting ended that the CARES Act funding was going to throw a bit of a wrench into end of year reporting, as those revenues will be coming in through the revenue stream while purchases are showing up in the regular budget lines, which will appear to be expended. With no direction from the Maine DOE, it's unclear how these purchases and reimbursements will need to be reported. The auditor noted that our Quick Books accounting system doesn't allow for any other alternative.

•CARES Act Funding Update

She the noted that the proposed for the second Cares Act funding of \$14,000 has been submitted to take care of air quality abatement costs as well as a replacement Smart Board for Mrs. Train. It is hoped that unspent funds will not need to be returned; apparently our congressional members are working on having that happen. For larger districts using CARES Act funds for important staffing needs, the end of this fund will be extremely detrimental.

•Superintendent Search – Candidates & Interview Timing

Finally, Mrs. Powers noted that four viable candidates have submitted applications. She encouraged board members to pick up confidential packets to begin their review of the applications to decide who might be good to interview.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Unless otherwise posted, School Board meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month:

January 6
February 3
March 3
April 7
May 5
June 9

PLEASE NOTE:

SPECIAL RULEMAKING FOR REMOTE SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:

§ 403-A. Public proceedings through remote access during declaration of state of emergency due to COVID-19

1. Remote access. Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal charter provision or ordinance to the contrary, during a state of emergency declared by the Governor in accordance with Title 37-B, second 742 due to the outbreak of COVID-19, a body subject to this subchapter may conduct a public proceeding through telephonic, video, electronic or other similar means of remote participation under the following conditions:

A. Notice of the public proceeding has been given in accordance with second 406, and the notice includes the method by which the public may attend in accordance with paragraph C;

B. Each member of the body who is participating in the public proceeding is able to hear and speak to all the other members during the public proceeding and members of the public attending the public proceeding in the location identified in the notice given pursuant to paragraph A are able to hear all members participating at other locations;

C. The body determines that participation by the public is through telephonic, video, electronic or other similar means of remote participation; and

D. All votes taken during the public proceeding are taken by roll call vote.