

Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
POSTPONED TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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**

Chair Lisa Kimball called the meeting to order at 3:40. Also present were board members Annie Donovan and Tammy Hohn as well as Supt. Barbara Powers and Lead Teacher Marci Train.

**2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the January 3, 2018 minutes. The motion was then seconded by Mrs. Hohn and passed 3-0.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no specific communications to share.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

•Supt. Powers stated that it is time to renew the tuition relationship with Portland Public Schools, as the current agreement will expire at the end of this school year. This agreement covers both Long Island students attending Portland Public Schools beginning

in Grade 6, and Great Diamond Island students attending Long Island from grades K-5. A new agreement has been proposed by Portland. Following answers to a few clarifying questions, the proposed agreement will be brought before the board at the March meeting.

- Needs Assessment guidance from the Department of Education was finally received. Data collection will begin immediately and then a small representative group will work on improvement targets. The report is due July 1, 2018. Supt. Powers proposed that the improvement targets be included for discussion at the May board meeting with others invited to join the board's conversation per DOE requirement for stakeholder involvement.

- Staffing ideas for 2018-19 continue with consideration of hiring someone for special education instruction and consultation through contracted services agreements. An ad will be prepared shortly for placement on Serving Schools, the most widely used on line platform for those seeking education positions.

There was further discussion about the overall town budget goals and how that sets a context for the school's deliberations.

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

Mrs. Train reported that they face timed with a volcanologist from Hawaii. He taught all the children about volcanoes. Along with a visit by the Perloffs, a 3-D printer was donated by their foundation -- classroom uses are still being explored. Korean culture in keeping with the 2018 Winter Olympics has been the social studies focus as February vacation approaches. In the Shadow of the Sun by Anne Sibley O'Brien has been a read aloud for the children. This author will face time with the children this week as well. Anne Sibley O'Brien grew up in South Korea and presents a very different perspective of the Korean people. Mrs. Train explained that it has been of high interest for the children.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

a) First reading of the proposed calendar for 2018-19

The proposed calendar mirror's Portland's 2018-19 calendar. Two proposed changes from the current year were noted: The first student day of school will be the Tuesday after Labor Day, as is also the case in Portland, instead of the Friday before that weekend. Also, early release days will be moved to Wednesdays for two reasons: Mondays have been difficult both for continuity of instruction as well as reminders to parents; and, with

Supt. Powers usually present on Wednesdays, she'll be able to more easily participate in this important opportunity for information sharing and professional development.

b) Proposed change to 2017-18 calendar – March 23 to a school day

Mrs. Powers noted that with the number of snow days experienced so far, it seems prudent to change March 23 back to a student day. Mrs. Kimball moved approval and Ms. Donovan seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Parents will be informed immediately.

c) World Language Update

Rosetta Stone has now been purchased for three years beginning in the fall. Mrs. Train is interested in learning the system and supervising the children in the use of this language learning software program.

d) First reading of the following policies:

- BBAA School Committee Member Authorization
- CHD Administration in the Absence of Policy
- CM School Department Annual Report

Each proposed policy was briefly reviewed. They represent no change in current practice but formalize important policy considerations.

## **10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30. Supt. Powers said that a close review of the budget proposal will once again occur so that board members will be able to answer citizen questions when they arise.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.  
Long Island Library Conference Room

Public hearing on the budget: Saturday, March 17, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.

### **2017-18 School Board Meetings:**

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

April 4, 2018

May 2, 2018  
June 7, 2018