

Wednesday, April 5, 2017
POSTPONED TO: Wednesday, April 12, 2017
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 3:35. Board member Annie Donovan was also present along with Marci Train, Lead Teacher, and Barbara Powers, Superintendent. Tammy Hohn, board member, was unable to attend.

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the March 1, 2017 minutes. Ms. Donovan seconded and the motion passed 2-0.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

•The Maine Department of Education reminder of reports that are currently due was reviewed – Finance and Compliance heads the list. Mrs. Kimball will review the requirements and seek assistance as specified.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mrs. Powers had a long meeting with Mr. Michael Pulsifer, Supt./Principal of Chebeague Island School. Several items of interest were discussed including the

proposal for another collaborative planning day with teachers from Chebeague. This will be discussed with staff members at the respective islands. One possibility is to administer the same writing prompt this spring so that scoring and expectations of proficiency can be calibrated.

- TRANE sent a service representative to the school today to help sort out overheating issues in the classroom. Adjustments were made but a follow up email to the school will be forthcoming, which will describe a hardware adjustment we may wish to make.

- Our fall Great Diamond Island student has been attending school 3 x week since April 1st. His integration into the school has been very smooth and he enjoys being with Mrs. Norton. The second student who age qualifies for kindergarten with us won't be moving to this area until summer. He will be invited to take part in kindergarten screening.

7. LEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- Both teachers attended a conference on Executive Function at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport. There were several concrete suggestions and key ideas to explicitly help kids with internal organizational efforts and expectations, which strategies were also shared with the ed. techs. Mrs. Train explained that it was very worthwhile having the recent early release afternoon to organize all the materials the following week.

- Mrs. Train also attended the Island Institute workshop on teacher leadership. She spoke about her appreciation for the school board here as well as the mentoring provided by the superintendent as various leadership challenges across the island schools were discussed.

- New studies on immigration have begun and the nutrition unit begins tomorrow with USM nurses. A series of wellness small group activities will be available for the kids.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of 2017-18 School Budget

The budget articles that will be presented for approval at the May 13 Town Meeting were distributed and reviewed. Ms. Donovan then moved approval of the 2017-18 school budget in the amount \$494,835.00. Mrs. Kimball seconded the motion, which passed 2-0. Mrs. Kimball moved approval of \$264,030.13 of the school budget that exceeds the

Essential Programs and Services model suggested by the Department of Education's funding formula. Ms. Donovan seconded the motion and it passed 2-0.

b. Approval of change to 2016-17 School Calendar

Supt. Powers requested that the board formally vote that March 24 in the 2016-17 school calendar was changed from a full day parent conference release to a regular school day in recognition of the high number of snow days. Ms. Donovan moved approval and Mrs. Kimball seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

The last day of school with a count of 176 student days will now be Tuesday, June 20. Mrs. Train will include this date in the Friday notes home so parents are aware of the final day of school, which will be an early release day.

c. Approval of 2017-18 School Calendar

The board then reviewed the proposed calendar for 2017-18. Highlights were described along with the match points with Portland Schools along with a very few points of difference. Mrs. Kimball moved that the calendar 2017-18 calendar be approved and Ms. Donovan seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, April 12 -- Potluck Dinner and Ocean Frontiers documentary movie at the Community Center

Monday, April 17-21 -- Spring Break – no school

Wednesday, April 26 -- Student Art Show Opening

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
Long Island Library Conference Room

2016-17 School Board Meetings:

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at 3:30 on the first Wednesday of the month.

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