

Wednesday, April 4, 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. Also in attendance were Ms. Donovan, Mrs. Train, and Mrs. Powers. Mrs. Hohn was unable to attend.

**2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Powers asked that the first reading of Policy EBD Comprehensive Emergency Plan be struck as it was already approved in January of 2018.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the March 7, 2018 minutes. Ms. Donovan seconded and the motion passed 2-0.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- Request from Island Institute for use of our school bus on June 2, 2018

It was agreed that the school bus could be used for a tour of the island on June 2 for Island Institute board members and guests. Mrs. Rich has offered to drive.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Special education contracted services candidates are being screened and we have had one interview with a visiting candidate. Mr. Dorr, our special education director, will have the next interview and then the candidate will be invited

back for a school day to his interactions with the children can be further observed. He will also be asked to teach a short lesson.

- The public hearing on the budget went very well. All questions seemed to have been answered satisfactorily. Concerns about the go-forward tuition agreement with Portland re: Great Diamond were met with reassurance due to the pending five-year tuition agreement. Mrs. Powers suggested that \$5000 of carry forward funds at the end of the fiscal year be placed in the designated fund for tuition, which was designed for unanticipated costs during a fiscal year. Mrs. Kimball will check with the finance committee chair about that possibility.
- We were recently notified that health insurance increase for the 2018-19 school year will be 4.5%. (Maximum increase to districts was announced to be 9%.) We budgeted 5% so are all set!

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

Mrs. Train reported that MEA testing will be completed this week. There has been only one minor technology glitch, which is much better than other districts reported. Otherwise the children have worked hard to complete the tasks required.

School psychologist Ross Greene will be in Portland next Tuesday evening sponsored by the Island Institute to speak about the children with distinct challenges in their lives. Mrs. Train, Mrs. Norton, and Mrs. Powers will all be attending. The two teachers were also asked by Mr. Greene to participate in a compassionate classroom follow up focus group later this month.

In late May, Mrs. Train will be on a panel for the Maine Math and Science Alliance regarding the integration of science topics in the classroom.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Proposed changes to the 2017-18 School Calendar to accommodate snow days/end of school target date

Mrs. Powers presented an edited school calendar to show the six storm day interruptions to the school year, noting the return of March 23 to a school day (approved at the March meeting) and proposing to add April 13 as a school day. She explained that it would allow school to meet Maine's 175 required number of student days, ending the school

year on Friday, June 15. This would nicely accommodate families who have travel and other plans following that week. Mrs. Donovan moved approval of the proposal and Mrs. Kimball seconded her motion. It passed 2-0. It was further noted that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony has been scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, June 13.

b) Second reading and approval of the following policies:

- DA Fiscal Management
- DB Annual Budget
- DBG Budget Adoption Process
- DD Grants
- DN School Properties Disposition

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the five new policies. Mrs. Donovan seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

c) First reading of the following policies for adoption:

- ~~EBD Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan~~
- EBCF Automated External Defibrillators
- EEA Student Transportation
- EEAEAA Blood & Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers
- EEAEAA-R Blood & Alcohol Testing of School Bus Drivers Administrative Procedures
- EHB School Records Retention Policy

There was a brief discussion of these policies, which are recommended for inclusion by both Drummond Woodsum and the Maine School Management Association.

d) First reading of the following policies for deletion:

- EDC Use of School Computers
- EE Transportation
- EEAA Walkers and Riders

Copies of current policies were examined. They are recommended for deletion due to other updated policy language.

e) Approval of the 2018-2023 Tuition Agreement with the Portland Public Schools

Mrs. Powers explained that the tuition agreements she is recommending reflect what has been the practice with Portland in previous years for grades 6-12, and in the current year regarding Great Diamond Island students coming to Long Island. Mrs. Donovan moved

approval of both agreements. The Chair will sign both when the Portland School Committee votes approval in May and sends signed copies to us for signature.

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m.

Town Meeting: Saturday, May 12, 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.

June 7, 2018