

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

**LONG ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

3:30 p.m. – Long Island Library Conference Room

NOTE: LOCATION MOVED TO THE TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE  
ROOM DUE TO CONSTRUCTION NOISE

**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 3:30. Also attending were Tammy Hohn, School Board member; Marci Train, Lead Teacher; Guests Jessica Mooney and Jacqui Lunt; and, Barbara Powers, Principal/Superintendent. Annie Donovan was unable to attend.

**2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Powers noted that the first policy to be approved following a second reading (EBD Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan) should be struck as it was already approved in January of 2018.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the April 4, 2018 minutes. Mrs. Hohn seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Powers reported that Asst. Superintendent Jeanne Crocker of Portland informed her that the Portland Public School Board ran out of time to approve the two MOUs

regarding Great Diamond Island students attending Long Island, and Long Island students attending Portland Public Schools, which was on the May 1 agenda. She said it will be voted on during the May 15 meeting instead.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Powers reported that the Maine DOE is currently entertaining public discussion about continuing the requirement for high schools in Maine to graduate students using a proficiency based diploma beginning with the Class of 2021. The public and school administrators are split on whether this requirement should continue and there is not yet indication from the Education Committee on where their recommendation will land before it is considered by the full legislature.

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

Mrs. Train reported that spring always brings heightened activity at the school:

- MEAs are now completely finished, including 5<sup>th</sup> grade science.
- Friday, May 11 she and grades 3-5 students will travel to Belfast to present their findings on the Beach Trash Study sponsored by the Maine Math Science Alliance
- Tuesday, May 22 is the grades 3-5 PSO field trip, while K-2 to class will be visiting the Children's Museum. The children will then come back to the island to meet with Perloffs, who donated the school's new 3D printer. Mrs. Train also noted that she recently attended a 3D printer workshop to gain new ideas about classroom applications.
- The end of school field trip plan is, after the Wednesday, June 13 graduation, to visit Eagle Island for the day. The last day of school will be Friday, June 15.

Professional development opportunities have also been useful:

- On April 10, Mrs. Train, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Powers attended a dinner presentation at Holiday Inn by the Bay featuring Dr. Ross Green, a child psychologist whose professional focus is on respectful communities of learners and how to best understand behaviors children may exhibit when they are challenged for a variety of reasons. Mrs. Train and Mrs. Norton will attend a follow up focus group with Dr. Green on May 22.
- Mrs. Norton and Mr. Murray, the new special education teacher, also recently attended Reading Round Up at the August Civic Center to hear the very latest news in children's literature.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Second reading and approval of the following policies:

- ~~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

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the adoption of these policies. Mrs. Hohn seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

b) Second reading of the following policies for deletion:

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

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the deletion of these policies. Mrs. Hohn seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

c) Approval of Lisa Fabiano's resignation as an Ed. Tech. III

Mrs. Powers read the board the resignation letter she recently received from Lisa Fabiano. She noted that Mrs. Fabiano's work with a wide variety of learners, as well as teaching Spanish and music, has been challenging to replace. Mrs. Hohn moved to accept her resignation with regret. Mrs. Kimball seconded the motion, which was approved 2-0.

d) Approval of a one year contracted service agreement with Jake Murray as part-time special education teacher

Mrs. Powers then shared the resume of Jake Murray with the board. She explained that eight candidates had responded to the ad. Five reluctantly withdrew once the financial package was shared with them in detail. Two of the remaining candidates were highly qualified, but she and the teachers felt that after interviews and classroom visits, Mr. Murray was the best match for the school at this time. Mrs. Kimball moved approval of his contract. Mrs. Hohn seconded the motion, which passed 2-0. Mrs. Powers noted that we were very lucky to attract such qualified candidates to a part-time, no benefits position on the island.

- e) Introduction to the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Consolidated SAU Plan – preliminary review of data

Mrs. Powers welcomed parent Jessica Mooney and community representative Jacqui Lunt to the needs assessment review panel. She then spoke about the need for confidentiality in the examination and discussion of data that was to be presented since, with such low numbers of students in the school and the disaggregation by grade level, it would be possible for community members to determine which particular students did or did not meet standards in the required report out areas of English Language Arts and math.

First, data related to school attendance was examined. Though the average daily attendance noted was 96-97%, the percent of students approaching too many absences as determined by research was a bit high, particularly in the class of 2015-16. It was suggested that parents be reminded of that research at the start of the next school year and individually when appropriate.

Student achievement data was next examined and trends noted. Time was then spent discussing:

- assessment strategies and data points used for the purposes of this report
- RTI planing
- special education direct instruction/consultation planning
- strengths of the school (agility, student ratios, individualization)
- areas for growth (choices and use of assessment data, communication, multi-cultural awareness in preparation for transition to King Middle School)

As the meeting adjourned, the group was asked to give some thought to section 8 on community involvement, while school staff would be prepared to share initial draft comments on sections 6 and 7.

## **10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Town Meeting: Saturday, May 12, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.

Final 2017-18 School Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 2018 @ 3:30 p.m.

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

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

