

Wednesday, June 7, 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**

Supt. Powers called the meeting to order at 3:30. Present were Lisa Kimball, Annie Donovan, Tammy Hohn, and Marci Train.

**2. ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR FOR 2017-18**

Ms. Donovan nominated Lisa Kimball as Chair for the 2017-18 school year, and Mrs. Hohn seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Donovan moved approval of the April 12, 2017 minutes. It was seconded by Mrs. Kimball and the motion passed 3-0.

**5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**•Special Education Audit Results**

Mrs. Powers briefly reviewed the strong findings as well as corrective actions required following our 2016-17 Special Education Audit. Some of the corrective actions were unclear so Wayne Dorr, the Special Education Director, planned to meet with a

representative of the Department of Education for clarification. The board will be updated once better information is available.

**•Portland Schools Tuition Agreement**

Portland Schools is having Drummond Woodsum review the terms of our current contract with Portland, which expires in 2018. A copy will be available for our review this fall.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**•REAP/SRSA Webinar**

Mrs. Powers reported listening to a webinar on line outlining new requirements for the federal REAP grant, which will not be referred to as the Small Rural Schools Achievement grant (or SRSA). The process looks to be much more complex than previously experienced.

**•DOE Grants Workshop**

She also attended the Department of Education's grant overview workshop. SRSA was again explained along with Title II. Those are the only grants currently received by Long island.

**•CCSA Supt. Meeting**

The final Cumberland County Superintendent's Meeting of the year was also held. Superintendents are all concerned about late notice on the total to be anticipated for General Purpose Aid. Other updates from the DOE were discussed.

**8. LEAD TEACHER'S REPORT**

•Children decided to respond to the SeaNet grant reduction issue. They wrote persuasive letters to the Senators and Representatives in DC. Mrs. Train then hand delivered them personally to Senators King and Collins as well as Rep. Pingree during a trip to Washington, DC at the invitation of a group focused on ocean planning. This group lobbied further for ocean quality with White House representatives, to whom she also gave a copy of the letter.

•Portland Water District sponsored a Water Festival workshop for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Mrs. Train reported that our students were polite and responsive, and they learned a lot working with students from another island.

•Body systems are currently being researched and reports are being written.

- The immigration unit has also been very engaging, as it's been pre-planned and the flow has worked very well. Mrs. Norton collaborated with her to create a booklet to organize their study. Resources have been rich and engaging, including the read aloud selections.

- This summer Mrs. Norton hopes to take a special education course and Mrs. Train will be taking a digital literacy class. She will also take an aquaponics workshop this summer as well as Vital Signs in support of the Gulf of Maine Research Institute experience our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending next fall.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

Lisa noted that an extra warrant will be added to the end of the fiscal year with an extra payroll for hourly people and all the final

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Review of DRAFT Strategic Plan for 2017-2020**

The plan was briefly reviewed and board members were in support of the goals upon this first review. In brief, the listed goals in the Strategic Plan are as follows:

***Students will read at grade level by the end of third grade.***

***Review math curriculum in grades preK-5 for three purposes: instructional content compliance with current math standards, differentiation options, and transitional strength into grade 6.***

***Review Spanish language program for transitional purposes into grade 6 as well as consider continuation of world language instruction following key staff departure after 2017-18.***

***Continue to improve the pre-K program to meet higher standards of quality pre-school programming; explore pathway to and costs of a certified pre-school.***

***Work with the Town of Long Island officials to determine most effective approach to facilities management***

***Support smooth transition of children from Great Diamond Island to Long Island School.***

A more complete review of the goal and action steps within the plan will be scheduled in the fall.

## **11. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Graduation Program: Monday, June 19, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.  
Long Island Library Conference Room

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

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

September 6, 2017

October 4, 2017

November 1, 2017

December 6, 2017

January 3, 2018

February 7, 2018

March 7, 2018

April 4, 2018

May 2, 2018

June 7, 2018