

Monday, September 14, 2015  
**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**

The meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m. Ms. Hohn was unable to attend.

**2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no adjustments of the agenda.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- August 24, 2015

Ms. Kimball moved that the meeting minutes from August 24 be approved. Ms. Donovan seconded the motion. It passed 2-0.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- There were none.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Supt. Powers discussed the budget process with Joe Oldfield on 9.11.15. Due dates for various elements of the budget were described, including the CIP budget forecast which is due in mid-October. She let him know that there are currently 4 fifth graders who will be tuition students next fall and also discussed the need for long-term substitute teacher monies this year, as well as the need for pre-planning for teacher retirements.

- She also spoke at length with one of the developers of the Kindergarten Jump Start program. They will make a kit available for purchase that is modified for our student numbers and also noted that it can easily be modified for a

daily “center” in the afternoon pre-K/kindergarten enrichment program. Initial training can be through our literacy consultant, with full training in the spring. Both Ms. Train and Ms. Brown are very interested in learning more.

- The Gifted and Talented Educational Program Application for a One-Year Waiver for 2015-16 will be filed on 9.15.15.
- There will be an audit of our National School Lunch Program on November 9. In speaking with the director’s assistant, the required documents can be shortened given our relationship with the Portland Schools. All are due, however, by October 13. Ms. Rich will speak with the auditors ahead of time as well.
- Copies of the budget v. actuals through 9.11.15 were distributed and briefly discussed.
- Re facilities: Oil has now been delivered and paid for at a discounted rate thanks to the Town Treasurer’s quick attention. A humidifier for the basement is being purchased.
- October meeting agenda items will include: CIP projected needs and the LIS Emergency Plan update.

## **7. LEAD TEACHER’S REPORT**

- Ms. Johnson reported that Cindy Perkins was here last week and met with all the children. Ms. Perkins will return on October 15 for the day and also be available to parents and our tuition students after school, including one high school student by request. Her visits with children were very positive!
- She also reported that everything is going well. The heat was challenging but things are better now. Placement tests are completed. The Open House is the evening of September 28 – 6:30 – 7:25. It all takes place in the large meeting room. Different themes have been featured each year. It has been promoted as an adult event each year.
- Polly Crowell, the new special education director, will be coming to the island September 15. Ms. Crowell will come to the open house and is helping with the child find effort, in addition to reviewing any IEP requirements.

## **8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- MSMA Fall Conference, October 22 and 23

Both Ms. Kimball and Ms. Donovan found it helpful last year. Thursday looks like the best day for both to attend. Ms. Powers will forward the agenda as soon as it is ready.

•Island Institute Conference, October 29 and 30

Yvonne Thomas has indicated that there is a special networking meeting the next day for board members. Again, the agenda will be considered once it is finalized. Ms. Powers noted that the first day is being devoted to distance learning, which is a much greater issue for islands offering middle and high school programs. She would prefer to leave in time for the keynote on Thursday and then remain for Friday's offerings. Ms. Johnson suggested that perhaps a half-day of school should be reinstated in the calendar on Thursday, October 29.

Both conferences and the school day question will be resolved at the October 5 meeting.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

•Consideration of a project proposal -- Erin Love of the Island Institute

One idea: The Long Island, Chebeague, and Cliff are the East Casco Bay team. Ms. Love explained that we have \$5000 from the Island Institute available for our group. \$2100 is already committed for Weatherization Week. That goes towards subsidizing the contractors working with individual islanders. NOTE: With one slot remaining, she will investigate whether the school could be included. The remainder will be going to the special project.

Two ideas:

- 1) Energy audit: A commercial Level II audit is usually in the neighborhood of \$2000, which is quite expensive. It was suggested as a second option that we consider using an energy model that has been developed, where a consultant would come to the school, measure it, check on materials, check use, temperature, etc. Then if we want to put in storm windows, it can be plugged into a model to see how much money would be saved. His dollar estimates can be within 20% of actual cost as you decide between varying efficiency measures. OR a very basic audit is a third option, which would occur with a walk through and some recommendations.

The cost of the audit or energy model would only be a starting point regarding energy efficiency improvements. It's a moot point if there aren't monies available for energy efficiency work.

- 2) Demonstration solar panel project: The idea for this project came from the renewable energy feasibility study by Nate Johnson that's on the town website. The team found that solar was found to be the most promising renewable energy option for the island. One of the best locations is the roof of the school. The kids could become familiar with the panel, including how much energy is being created. If portable, it could be tried out in different locations. It has a teaching value and an educational value for both the students and the town. There is \$1700

available for a solar panel. The Island Institute did some research and the cost seems feasible.

The School Board discussed options. The building is relatively new and has good passive solar exposure. The 5-year CIP plan includes insulating the outside bookcase wall, which needs to happen. Ms. Johnson's preference was for the solar panels, which could be installed on the library roof, which is much newer. Children could then present to the town what they learned. Ms. Love will be asked to investigate costs further before a final decision is made.

- Consideration of potential for school lunch preparation -- Community Center kitchen

Ms. Johnson explained that she and others have done research over the past several years to find the most efficient way to offer lunch. A Long Island caterer said she is unable to present lunches at a cost effective price point, which is why East End Catering had to drop the island. A local caterer agreed that the cost would be substantially more. Without significant subsidy from island residents, for now the most cost efficient way to provide lunch is through the Portland Schools. However, if a commercial grade kitchen is installed at the new center, this option can continue to be investigated.

- Casco Bay Lines passes for Middle School Students

Ms. Kimball said that the potential for reduced costs for Middle School ferry passes is being explored formally by the island's representative to the Casco Bay Lines.

## **10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Ms. Kimball moved that the meeting adjourn at 4:45. Ms. Donovan seconded and the motion carried 2-0.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Open House: Monday, September 28**

**Next School Board Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2015**

### **2015-16 School Board Meetings:**

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings will be held at 3:30 on the first Monday of the month – if a holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Monday.

Upcoming meeting dates:

November 2, 2015

December 7, 2015

January 4, 2016

February 2, 2016

March 7, 2016

April 4, 2016

May 2, 2016

June 6, 2016