

Wednesday, September 5, 2018
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 3:31. She welcomed Sam Whitener to his first meeting.

2. ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR FOR 2018-19

Ms. Donovan nominated Lisa Kimball to continue in her role as School Board Chair. Mr. Whitener seconded the nomination. Mrs. Kimball agreed to accept the nomination and the motion passed 3-0.

3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mrs. Kimball asked to include information regarding security doors as an item of new business.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

•July 23, 2018

Mrs. Kimball moved approval of the special meeting minutes from July 23, 2018. Ms. Donovan seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- Update regarding the Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Consolidated Plan

Mrs. Powers reported that she heard from the Maine DOE that two short sections of the needs assessment had not been completed. She then submitted a paragraph in answer to each prompt and the plan was given preliminary approval pending a deeper review. The two areas requiring additional information were asked and answered as follows:

8a. Describe how the program will coordinate with other programs such as Even Start, Head Start, or other preschool programs at the elementary level, or School-to-Work, Perkins, or other state programs at the secondary level.

Long Island does not currently offer any pre-school programs and no young children have attended Head Start on the mainland. When a private island provider moved off the island four years ago, an enrichment pre-school was added to Long Island School. Four year olds are now invited to attend during the school's afternoon K-2 session Monday through Thursday. The preschooler(s) eat lunch with the children, participate in read aloud, and are offered specially programmed choice time activities designed to enhance social, emotional and academic growth as well as art, music, and physical education class with their K-2 friends. Their transition into kindergarten is thus assured as the K-2 teacher is responsible for their school experience. An educational technician III when appropriate assists her. All island residents have accepted this offer to date.

9a. Describe the process your planning team will use to annually evaluate progress towards reaching each of the identified goals. Specify the evaluation process timeline and the method of reporting results to school staff, district administration, and families.

By policy, the Superintendent is required to update the board annually on student progress. This will now be done by cohort growth analysis including results of the fall and spring reading and math NWEAs as well as DRAs, writing prompts, Maine's standardized test results (though the delay in availability of results makes them less helpful), attendance records, and a repeat of the parent survey regarding school culture in the spring.

The teachers and the Superintendent will examine growth by trimester, fall, winter and spring citing the above along with teacher anecdotal and both summative and formative assessments.

The addition of Individual Learning Plans for each child will help capture all aspects of student growth for supervisory purposes as well as information sharing with families in the fall and spring during parent conferences.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

•Enrollment Update: Mrs. Powers distributed an updated enrollment list that noted 14 children in the K-5 elementary school, including four tuition students from Great Diamond Island; eleven 6-12 tuition students, and four other 6-12 students attending parochial school with no tuition assistance. Mrs. Powers further noted that the enrollment update from last year's budget projections (1 additional tuition student from Great Diamond Island and two less tuition students) had a positive impact on the school budget of +\$38,000.

- August 29 Staff Retreat: She then shared the agenda from the August 29 staff retreat including a close review of several policies that require annual approval including reminder videos about medical protocols.
- New software acquisitions: It was also noted that important new software is now available at the school, including Rosetta Stone for the children in grades 2-5 learning Spanish, and DreamBox, an individualized math program for enrichment and self-paced learning purposes.
- Facilities Update: It was noted that the new roof is a very important facility upgrade and much appreciated improvement. Mr. Whitener also explained the air quality testing he requested to check for any issues in the basement and ascending hallway area. Results should be available very soon.

8. LEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- Mrs. Train announced finished a special education law course over the summer in addition to preparing herself to offer the Rosetta Stone Spanish course in her classroom. She noted that the Perloffs or their representatives will be coming to visit again shortly and more technology purchases may be able to be funded, including a newly developed K-1 science program that Mrs. Norton thinks would be excellent for her children. October's annual Island Institute conference will be held again in Belfast the two days preceding the Columbus Day weekend.

For social studies and science curriculum topics, the teachers are beginning with energy learning goals and moving on to Native Americans later in the fall. Mrs. Train also explained that Fridays will be Nature Days, including opening meetings, science, and math to be held outdoors as often as possible, and then they will enjoy library and Spanish inside. Ms. Donovan or Mrs. Johnson will be here on Fridays for library time for the K-2 children.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Security door proposal from Norris

Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Tierney and Mrs. Johnson, representing the school, the wellness committee, and the library, met with a representative from Norris Security and a study was done about how to best secure the external and internal doors in the building, given increased library and wellness center access by non-school personnel.

Norris proposes a key fob system including the main door into the library, the door to the downstairs, the school's internal doors. The fourth door securing the school from the wellness center and library remains a puzzle as to how to best protect access to the children yet also allow for important egress from the basement in case of emergency.

Schylar Gagnon was the representative from Norris. Mrs. Kimball will inform the selectmen of this need and a special meeting with the Norris representative will be arranged as soon as possible to include all impacted parties.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned was at 4:33. Ms. Donovan informed the Chair that she will need to be absent for the October meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.
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2018-19 School Board Meetings:

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

November 7, 2018
December 5, 2018
January 2, 2019
February 6, 2019
March 6, 2019
April 3, 2019
May 1, 2019
June 5, 2019