

Wednesday, September 6, 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**

School Board Chair Lisa Kimball called the meeting to order at 3:35. Also present were Board member Annie Donovan, Lead Teacher Marci Train and Supt. Barbara Powers. Board member Tammy Hohn was unable to attend due to a work commitment.

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

**3. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

•Supt. Powers asked the Chair to delete the election of the School Board Chair, as that election occurred in June following the town meeting.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

•June 7, 2017  
•August 15, 2017

Mrs. Donovan moved approval of the June 7, 2017 and August 15, 2017 minutes. Mrs. Kimball seconded the motion, which passed 2-0 with no discussion.

**5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

Supt. Powers reviewed the agreement reached with with Cliff Island's teacher and two students for cooperative learning experiences at Long Island School. They will be attending two afternoons per week in order to access greater socialization opportunities as well as special instruction in music and art. Portland Schools have once again agreed to contribute to the cost of these activities.

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **•Enrollment Update**

Mrs. Powers noted that there are currently 3 kindergarten children, 2 first graders, 2 second graders, 2 third graders, 4 fourth graders, and 5 fifth graders for a total of 18 full time students and 1 pre-school child. Two children are tuition students from Great Diamond Island. A third Great Diamond Island kindergarten child will begin attending as soon as his family relocates from out of state upon completion of their new home later this fall.

### **•Summer Professional Development**

It was also reported that another collaborative work day occurred between our teachers and Chebeague Island staff. The focus this summer was writing instruction and assessment. Both schools administered the same writing prompt so that they could arrive at appropriately calibrated scoring standards. A second writing scoring day is proposed for a professional day in March.

The Long Island school staff also enjoyed a professional day on August 30, when relevant school policies and medical protocols were reviewed, evaluation efforts were discussed, the new daily schedule was introduced, and curricular planning for fall was described for purposes of integration with specialist instruction.

### **•Status Update: Review of School Board Policies**

Mrs. Powers also described her summer work project, which included a review of all current policies against a list of required policies furnished by Drummond Woodsum. She plans to review one section of policies per month with board members as time allows in order to have the entire policy manual up to date and available for on line review.

Finally, she noted that individual students reports from the Maine Educational Assessment administered in the spring will be available for parent review by month's end. She added that the results of this rigorous standardized assessment were quite strong upon her initial review of results.

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

- New daily schedule

Mrs. Train distributed a copy of the new daily schedule. She made special note of the change in timing for Spanish and physical education – 30 minutes twice a week. All specials will occur in the last hour of the day, while Fridays will involve tech. and library activities, rotating K-2 and 3-5 week by week.

- Initial curriculum focus

Mrs. Train further explained that the Next Generation Science Standards offers the guiding learning targets for the science curriculum, which is planned as a three-year sequence. The first units of study will involve insects and then earth science. There's also now an aquaponics aquarium in the class that is working well, with goldfish and leaf lettuce in a cooperative habitat.

Social studies will begin with colonization and hopefully include a well-planned field trip to Norlands.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

- Heat control issues/path to resolution

Mrs. Powers reported that she is most appreciative of the efforts of Curt Murley and Joe Donovan as temperature sensors are upgraded for better temperature control.

- Other facility maintenance contracted work

Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. Powers also met with a local contractor arranged by Mrs. Rich. He proposed a fix to the unsafe floor bulge in the great room, which will take care of that tripping hazard and allow for contraction/expansion, and will also replace gutters protecting the back entry area off the playground. This represents one day's worth of work.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

- Formal approval of full time Educational Support position: Bus Driver, Lunch Coordinator, and Custodial Maintenance Person

Following discussion about the merging of multiple budgeted tasks into a single support position, it was decided to table a final vote of approval so that all board members can be present.

•Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Non-resident Tuition with Portland Schools

The new Memorandum of Understanding has not yet been forwarded for review. This will be discussed as soon as it is available. No significant changes are anticipated. The current Memorandum of Understanding expires in June of 2018.

**11. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mrs. Donovan moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30. Mrs. Kimball seconded and the motion passed 2-0.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Next School Board Meeting Anticipated Date: Wednesday, October 4, 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.

November 1, 2017  
December 6, 2017  
January 3, 2018  
February 7, 2018  
March 7, 2018  
April 4, 2018  
May 2, 2018  
June 7, 2018