

Monday, August 24, 2015  
**LONG ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
3:00 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**

Present: Lisa Kimball, Amy Hohn, Annie Donovan, Paula Johnson, Barbara Powers, and two new contracted services providers, Polly Crowell and Cindy Perkins.

The meeting was called to order at 3:12.

**2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

A New Business item was added to request approval for Ann Caliandro as the Gr. 3-5 substitute during Paula's absence.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- June 22, 2015
- July 13, 2015

Ms. Kimball moved, and Ms. Hohn seconded, that both sets of minutes were approved. The vote was 2-0 with Ms. Donovan not yet present.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- ED 279 – State Calculations for Funding Public Education Report

Supt. Powers shared the document and noted the final General Purpose Aid figure will be \$8,866.80.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

•Literacy specialist Joy Halligan consulted with the teachers on Wednesday, August 13. Reading resource options were discussed, including the Developmental Reading Assessment (which materials the Falmouth Schools contributed to Long Island); an on line phonetics program called Lexia; and, JumpStart, an intensive pre-reading program designed to help pre-school and kindergarten children master basic letter sounds and other foundational skills. All three will receive further discussion and review, including cost estimates. Also, a writing

resource for teachers by Lucy Calkins, called WRITING PATHWAYS, was discussed and ordered.

- Erin Love, the Island Institute representative, came to the school on Wednesday, August 20 and discussed project proposals available for the coming year, including a demonstration solar panel and an energy audit. The two proposals, supported by a \$5000 grant, will be ready for School Board review on September 14. She also will again be offering a science unit to the children, with this year's focus on aquaculture.

- Curt Murley, Long Island's technology support person, also met with Supt. Powers on Wednesday, August 20. They discussed website security, how he will assist with updating the standing portions of the website, and assistance going forward.

- The school bus annual maintenance has now been completed at the South Portland Schools maintenance garage.

- Oil for the upcoming school year has been ordered.

- Pine State Elevator promised a proposal for the elevator project during the week of August 24. The delay was based on need for an electrical bid. There was discussion about the installation timeline and Ms. Kimball offered to find out when the next bond will be issued.

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

- Ferry pass information will be mailed today and needs to be returned by next Wednesday.

- Smarter Balance Testing results were available as a grade report, and the results were explained. For a new and rigorous test, the results were very favorable. Parents will receive information about individual students as soon as it is made available to the school.

- Ms. Johnson will be taking an extended medical leave of absence starting in October for 6-8 weeks.

- Friday, September 4 will be the opening of school celebration. Two new children will be joining the class as first and fifth graders with eight full time students in the K-2 room (with one student attending in the afternoons for Pre-K) and eleven children in the 3-5 room.

- The Island Institute Conference will be on October 30 and 31 in Belfast.

## **8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Openings: Long Term Substitute, Gr. 3-5 Classroom (move to 9.c.)

- b. Island Institute Scholarship: It was reported that Carol White is starting a scholarship entitled the "Bump Hadley Scholarship Fund." It will be administered through the Island Institute. Ms. Kimball will send the information out to the community and place it in the LI newsletter.

- c. Due to her new position in the Town Office, Ms. Kimball can no longer sign warrants. Ms. Donovan and Ms. Hohn will both need to do so. A

selectman can also be recruited to assist with this weekly assignment if needed. The Superintendent also signs off on weekly warrants.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Request to approve Polly Crowell as the Long Island School Special Education Director:

Ms. Donovan moved to approve Polly Crowell as the new Long Island School Special Education Director, committing one day per month to this important oversight. Ms. Kimball seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

- b. Request to approve Cindy Perkins as the Long Island School Counselor:

Ms. Hohn asked for clarification about the position requirements for this monthly assignment. The position was described as overall cooperative team building, with some students needing personal grief support. Also, it may be that families would benefit from parent nights or even individual meetings with families as needed. Ms. Perkins would be accessible to all members of the school community, including those beyond fifth grade.

Ms. Hohn moved to approve with Ms. Kimball seconding. The motion was approved 3-0.

- c. Request to approve Ann Caliandro as the Gr. 3-5 long term substitute:  
After discussing the fortunate situation of having a certified and experienced teacher living on the island who was willing to substitute during Ms. Johnson's absence, it was decided that a vote was not needed to approve this temporary position. Ms. Johnson expressed relief that someone living close by was willing to help her with this important teaching assignment so that she could continue to closely monitor student progress during her recovery and assist with planning from home. She noted that she will be away from school for as little time as possible, but a several week absence is going to be needed.

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Ms. Kimball moved to adjourn at 4:07. It was seconded by Ms. Hohn and the motion passed 3-0.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**First day of school:**

Friday, September 4, 2015

**2015-16 School Board Meetings (Proposed):**

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.

September 14, 2015

October 5, 2015

November 2, 2015  
December 7, 2015  
January 4, 2016  
February 2, 2016  
March 7, 2016  
April 4, 2016  
May 2, 2016  
June 6, 2016