

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich
INTER-LAKES SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Carty.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Mr. Howard Cunningham, Mr. Candage, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Dr. Shlager and Mr. Hanson

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice
Robert Drenkhahn, Student Member

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, Mr. DiCecca, Ms. Kennelly, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Hill, Mr. Hale

Ms. Plummer (Laconia Citizen)
Ms. Schmidt (Meredith News)
Mr. Drapcho (Daily Sun)
Ms. Baggaley (Resident)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:33 p.m. it was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Dr. Shlager to move into non-public session for matters of staff personnel (RSA 91-A:3; 11c), negotiations (RSA 91-A:3; 11e) and student personnel (RSA 91-A:3; 11c). The Board was polled. Vote was unanimously in favor.

At 7:04 p.m. it was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Hanson to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Meeting,
April 22, 2008**

In the minutes of April 22, 2008, page 3, "Hout Center" should be "Huot Center."

The minutes of the April 22, 2008 regular school board meeting were approved, as corrected, without objection.

**APPROVAL OF CURRENT
BILLS PAYABLE**

It was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. H. Cunningham to approve the payment of bills, manifests #3039 and #3040.

Mr. Burke notified Ms. Temperino that the Outing Club charter bus company was purchased by Custom Coach & Limousine and they do not accept purchase orders. Payment of \$2,195 is required by Friday.

**APPROVAL OF CURRENT
BILLS PAYABLE** *(cont'd.)*

It was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Dr. Shlager to amend the motion to include a payment of \$2,195 to Custom Coach & Limousine. Vote was unanimously in favor.

It was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. H. Cunningham to approve the amended motion for the payment of bills, manifests #3039 and #3040, and to include payment to Custom Coach & Limousine in the amount of \$2,195. Vote was unanimously in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Temperino gave a year-to-date overview of the budget expenditures. She stated that the administrators are reviewing their budgets for year-end. She also referenced the electricity and fuel oil reports. Ms. Temperino added that our Primex insurance contract is up for renewal and, if we sign a 3-year contract, our premium will be reduced an additional 5% for the first year of the contract and will be revisited in subsequent years as it is performance based.

It was moved by Mr. Hanson and seconded by Mr. H. Cunningham to authorize the administration to enter into a 3-year contract with Primex for the district's property and liability insurance. Vote was unanimously in favor.

**SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. McCormack noted that the Destination Imagination team is going to the global competition. He added that, as one of their fund raising efforts, they will be hosting a spaghetti dinner prior to the Middle Tier concert on May 15th. Mr. Bennett added that George's Diner donated the spaghetti, bread and meat sauce and Café Services donated the salad.

Dr. McCormack stated that the grades 7-12 Art Show starts this week and encouraged Board members to stop by and view the students' artwork.

Dr. McCormack stated that the NHIAA is aware of the impact that time out of class has on student athletes and that the golf and ski teams have the most conflicts. The NHIAA golf committee reduced next year's season by one week and six matches.

Dr. McCormack added that, with House Bill 1330 (teacher non-renewal), if a Board decides to non renew a tenured teacher, it would go to arbitration. He gave testimony against this bill, but it appears it will pass.

Dr. McCormack stated that the final determination of the district's health care premium rate is an increase of 12.6% which was what was budgeted. In years past, the budgeted rate was higher than the actual. The rate is based on claims.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Middle Tier

Mr. Bennett stated that the Destination Imagination team received generous donations from Amoskeg, American Legion, Rotary, NHEC, and individuals; \$2,500 has been raised thus far.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS*(cont'd.)*

Mr. Bennett stated that the Celebration of Learning and Spaghetti Dinner will be Thursday, May 22. The Environmental Expo is also scheduled for Thursday, May 22.

Mr. Bennett commented that, after implementing rules for cell phone usage, there have been no issues in the last two weeks.

Secondary

Ms. Kennelly stated that the senior class play, *Snow White*, was quite fun. The students did a fabulous job. In response to a question raised by Mr. H. Cunningham, Ms. Kennelly explained that a proposed band trip will be to New York City and Six Flags. The band will perform and awards will be given at Six Flags. The class may visit Ground Zero and see a play. Ms. Kennelly added that Parent Forum minutes and meeting dates are posted on the website under Info for Parents, Parent Forum.

Guidance

Ms. Gribben will attend the Downtown Excellence Award Presentation on May 19 to accept an Excellence Award for the Career Partnership Program. It is a huge success. There are nine students placed on internships. Another Inter-Lakes student is working at the Inns at Mill Falls (not an internship) through the special education program, learning through an on-site program.

Ms. Gribben stated that, in SY 2007-2008, 5 students returned from private schools and, for SY 2008-2009, 5 additional students will be returning.

Ms. Gribben explained the rationale relative to class rank. She stated that last year was the first year without class rank. The top ten students were asked if any would like to speak at graduation. Four students expressed an interest in speaking and wrote essays. Of those four, two were chosen. This year was done the same way. She added that, in schools with class sizes of 100 or less, class rank can be misleading. With regard to GPA's, colleges look at them differently; some break them down to academic GPA's and non-academic GPA's. She added that competition is alive and well at Inter-Lakes High School. Ms. Kennelly added that, with regard to GPA's, Honors and AP courses are worth a whole point more than college courses.

PUBLIC INPUT

Carol Baggaley, Center Harbor, requested a meeting to discuss reasons why students are returning from private schools and to discuss the research she has done. It was suggested that she meet with Ms. Gribben.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NELMS Update**

Mr. Bennett made a presentation to the Board on Focus Area B. There were 32 recommendations from the NELMS report. They were broken down into three levels:

1. District-wide Implementation/Decisions
2. School-wide Implementation/Decisions
3. Grade Level Implementation/Decisions

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *(cont'd.)*

Level I is 64% complete; Level II is 69% complete; and Level III is 100 complete. Overall, the recommendations are 72% complete.

World Language

Spanish will be implemented for the 2008-2009 school year in grades 1-8. The “best of the best” of area models was chosen. Teachers will have training in Spanish so they can reinforce the Spanish instruction. Signage and announcements will also be done in Spanish and English.

It was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the implementation of the K-8 Spanish curriculum for SY 2008-2009, as presented. Vote was unanimously in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Food Service Proposed Price List for 2008-2009

Due to the increase in the wholesale cost of food, coupled with wage adjustments for next year, Café Services is recommending price increases for the lunch program for SY 2008-2009. Breakfast costs will not increase. Lunch will increase 6% or \$0.10 for students and \$0.75 for adults at the elementary school. Lunch at the junior/senior high school will increase 13% or \$0.25 to \$2.25 for students and \$0.75 to \$3.00 for adults. Ala carte milk will increase to \$0.50.

It was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. H. Cunningham to approve the increase in the lunch prices for SY 2008-2009, as recommended. Vote was unanimously in favor.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Authorization for Superintendent to Hire

It was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. D. Cunningham that the Board authorize the Superintendent to hire professional staff from now through the summer in anticipation of the Board's election at a subsequent meeting. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. H. Cunningham suggested that the Board look to the future and discuss energy alternatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inter-Lakes Special School Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
Humiston Building Conference Room, Meredith

Inter-Lakes Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
Policy Review Committee, 5:30 p.m.
Humiston Building Conference Room, Meredith

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 9:01 p.m. it was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. D. Cunningham to move into non-public session for matters of staff personnel (RSA 91-A:3; 11c), negotiations (RSA 91-A:3; 11e), and student personnel (RSA 91-A:3; 11c). The Board was polled. Vote was unanimously in favor.

At 9:19 p.m. it was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. H. Cunningham to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:19 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Carty.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karla J Cashman
School District Clerk

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION I

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Candage, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Howard Cunningham

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 6:33 p.m., Dr. McCormack addressed the Board regarding a request for a tuition waiver continuation.

The parents joined the non-public session at this time and addressed the Board regarding their request.

Mr. H. Cunningham moved and Mr. Candage seconded to reconsider the Board's previous action relative to the tuition waiver. Vote was 5 in favor; Mr. Carty was opposed. Motion to reconsider passed.

The parents left the non-public session at this time.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Candage moved and Dr. Shlager seconded that the Board approve a tuition waiver for April 1 through May 5, 2008. Vote was unanimously in favor.

At 7:04 p.m. it was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Hanson to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Candage, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Howard Cunningham

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 9:01 p.m., the Board discussed a foreign exchange student request for 2008-2009.

Dr. Shlager moved and Mr. Hanson seconded that the Board approve a tuition waiver for a foreign exchange student to attend Inter-Lakes High School for the 2008-2009 school year, as presented. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION III

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Candage, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Howard Cunningham

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 9:02 p.m., the Board discussed a tuition waiver request.

Mr. H. Cunningham moved and Dr. Shlager seconded that the Board approve a tuition waiver for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, as requested, with the understanding that transportation to and from school will be provided by the parents. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Candage, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Howard Cunningham

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 9:05 p.m., Dr. McCormack announced the upcoming retirement of Wally Smolnik, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, effective August 31, 2008.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION V

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Candage, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Howard Cunningham

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 9:06 p.m., Dr. McCormack addressed the Board regarding requests submitted for additional personal days.

Mr. D. Cunningham moved and Dr. Shlager seconded that the Board approve a request from Rosemary Locke, para-educator, for an additional, unpaid personal day. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. Hanson moved and Mr. Candage seconded that the Board approve a request from Jaye Hickey, para-educator, for two additional, unpaid personal days. Vote was 4 in favor; Mr. Hanson and Mr. D. Cunningham were opposed. Motion passed.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION VI

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Candage, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Howard Cunningham

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 9:12 p.m., Dr. McCormack addressed the Board regarding nomination of staff.

Mr. Candage moved and Mr. Hanson seconded that the Board elect the following staff for the 2008-2009 school year: Laurie Desmarais, grade one teacher, Inter-Lakes Elementary School; and Rebecca Damm, grade one teacher, Inter-Lakes Elementary School. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION VII

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Candage, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Howard Cunningham

Members Absent: Sen. Johnson, with notice

Others Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, and Mr. DiCecca

At 9:14 p.m., the Board discussed negotiations with the Inter-Lakes Education Association.

Mr. Carty moved and Mr. D. Cunningham seconded that the Board approve the ILEA Compression Schedule Hiring Guide for 2008 through 2011, as proposed. Vote was unanimously in favor.

At 9:19 p.m., Mr. D. Cunningham moved and Mr. H. Cunningham seconded that the Board return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary