

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich
INTER-LAKES SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Carty.

RECORD ROLL

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Candage, Mr. Dan Cunningham, Mr. Howard Cunningham, Sen. Johnson, and Mr. Quinney (arr. 7:05)

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Dr. McCormack, Ms. Temperino, Mr. DiCecca, Mr. Hale, Ms. Kennelly, Ms. Gribben, Mr. Bennett, Ms. Hill, Dr. Kelley, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Wald

Administrators Absent: None

Others Present: 5 Citizens
Ms. Lisa Merrill (videotaped meeting)
Mr. Drapcho (Daily Sun)
Ms. Plummer (Laconia Citizen)
Ms. Schmidt (Meredith News)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 5:32 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Shlager and seconded by Mr. Candage to move into non-public session for matters of staff and student personnel (RSA 91-A:3; 11c). The Board was duly polled. Vote was unanimously in favor.

At 7:03 p.m., it was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Dr. Shlager to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

Mr. Candage addressed the board stating that he has submitted his letter of resignation from the Board due to work and home needs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A. Budget Public Hearing
February 5, 2009**

On page 3, first paragraph, should end with a "?".

The minutes of the Budget Public Hearing of February 5, 2009 were approved, as amended, without objection.

**B. Regular Meeting
February 10, 2009**

On page 3, second paragraph, it should be stated that it was the consensus of the board that the administration develop a plan to address student performance and to increase NECAP scores for 2010-2011.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2009 were approved, as amended, without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*cont'd.*)

**C. SB 2 Public Hearing
(Center Harbor)
February 16, 2009**

The minutes of the SB 2 Public Hearing in Center Harbor on February 16, 2009, were approved without objection.

**D. SB 2 Public Hearing
(Meredith)
February 17, 2009**

The minutes of the SB 2 Public Hearing in Meredith on February 17, 2009, were approved without objection.

**E. SB 2 Public Hearing
(Sandwich)
February 18, 2009**

The minutes of the SB 2 Public Hearing in Sandwich on February 18, 2009, were approved without objection.

**APPROVAL OF CURRENT
BILLS PAYABLE**

It was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Candage to approve the payment of bills, manifests #3024, #3025, #3027, and #3028. Manifest #3026 had been previously approved. Vote was unanimously in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Temperino updated the Board on the financial reports of the district. She stated that the MS22 form needs to be signed by all Board members and will be filed with each town in the district and the State.

**SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. McCormack commented on the Economic Stimulus Package and what it may mean for the State of New Hampshire and the Inter-Lakes School District. There is potential for the State to receive nearly \$300 million toward a Stabilization Fund, Title 1-A Grants to LEA's and IDEA, Part B. He further stated that, out of that \$300 million, the Inter-Lakes School District has the potential to receive \$206,000 for Title 1-A and \$290,000 for IDEA, Part B. He added that this money cannot be counted on until the check is in hand.

Dr. McCormack informed the Board that a community member contacted him regarding Inter-Lakes becoming involved in the Robotics FIRST competition. Dr. McCormack attended the New England regional competition last month and had a chance to speak with Dean Kamen about starting a team at Inter-Lakes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Secondary

Ms. Kennelly stated that Inter-Lakes High School will be participating in the LifeSmart competition at Southern New Hampshire University on March 10th.

The Boys' varsity basketball team is in the preliminary round of the basketball tournament.

The Boosters' Club will meet on March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Curriculum

Ms. Hill stated that there was an extended faculty meeting for K-8 where NECAP and disaggregated group scores were discussed. Groups that met will look at NECAP scores. She also noted that the Middle Tier will be putting on *Seussical, Jr.* next month.

ILES

Dr. Kelley stated that this is "Read Across America Week" and there are different activities going on daily. Friday is the principal's challenge. The theme this year is "Reading Will Take You Places." The EDies (School of Excellence) Committee will visit ILES Thursday morning.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (cont'd.)**Guidance**

Ms. Gribben updated the Board on the block scheduling.

Middle Tier

Mr. Bennett stated that two Destination Imagination teams participated in a competition this past weekend, and Mrs. McGourty's 7th grade team will go on to the state finals. Mr. Bennett added that there is still one 6th grade team that has not competed yet. He added that the Middle Tier is also participating in "Read Across America." Next week there will be a parent night for the upcoming trip to Merrowvista.

Sandwich Central School

Mr. Hansen stated that "Read Across America" is held later this month in Sandwich. Sandwich Central School is participating in the "Reading Rainbow Contest" through NH Public Television. Sandwich Central School also celebrated Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday.

CORRESPONDENCE**Board Secretary**

Mr. H. Cunningham received a letter from Mr. Anthony Candage informing the Board of his resignation for personal reasons and increased demands at home and work.

PUBLIC INPUT

Nancy Frederickson, Sandwich, spoke to Policy 6151, Class Size, stating that Sandwich, with its multi-age structure, should be taken into consideration before the policy is finalized.

Barbara Clark, Meredith, commented on the Economic Stimulus Package and highlighted that what monies come in the first year, may not be there in future years. Dr. McCormack stated that he is sensitive to this issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Second/Final Reading of Policy #4220, Call-In Pay for Custodians and Maintenance Personnel**

It was the consensus of the Board to clarify the policy by adding "time and a half pay" to the policy. It will be presented for a third/ final reading at the March 24th Board meeting.

B. Second/Final Reading of Policy #5117, Suspension of Pupils

It was moved by Mr. Hanson and seconded by Dr. Shlager to send this policy back to the Policy Review Committee for further review. Vote was unanimously in favor.

C. Second/Final Reading of Policy #6151, Class Size

It was the consensus of the Board to send this policy back to the Policy Review Committee for rewrite. Mr. H. Cunningham will assist in the re-writing of this policy.

D. Discussion of Annual School District Meeting Held March 4, 2009

Mr. H. Cunningham stated that he has attended a number of district meetings and, when there is not a large turnout, it is assumed that things within the district are operating in a manner that is acceptable to most citizens. He asked for input on this assumption.

E. Adoption of Technical Standards

It was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Hanson to adopt the Technology Standards, as presented. Vote was unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

Lisa Merrill, Meredith, stated that a lot of people weren't aware of the district meeting. She felt it was poorly attended and not communicated well.

PUBLIC INPUT (*cont'd.*)

Carole Baggaley, Center Harbor, commented on input she has received from parents stating that they see change coming, but it's rather slow. They wish changes could be made faster.

Steve Merrill, Meredith, stated that he has attended many of these meetings, both for school and town, and finds that, if there are controversial issues, there would be a better turnout; yet, the Board should not just assume that it is doing a good job when there is a small turnout.

Nancy Frederickson, Sandwich, stated that she did not attend this year's district meeting and she always attends. She's not sure how or why she missed it. She added that there were no controversial issues this year and the budget was stable.

Diane Mega, Meredith, stated that the annual school district meeting is more of a financial meeting, nothing problematic. The parent meetings at the school are for school issues. There is a difference in what meetings are about and are handled in different forums.

Mr. Quinney, school representative, stated that there is no opportunity for high school students to state their opinion at the district meeting unless they are 18 years old. Dr. McCormack stated that the moderator may allow student input; it just needs to be asked of him.

Steve Merrill, Meredith, commented on test scores and the need to do a better job.

NEW BUSINESS**A. First Reading of Policy #4218.1, Long-Term Substitutes**

It was moved by Dr. Shlager and seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve policy #4218.1, Long-Term Substitutes, with the addition of, "... for the duration of their employment in the specific position," to the last sentence. Vote was 6 in favor; Sen. Johnson was opposed.

B. First Reading of Policy #5131.6, Student Drug and Alcohol Policy

It was the consensus of the Board to send policy #5131.6, Student Drug and Alcohol Policy, back to the Policy Review Committee for further review, with input from Ms. Kennelly.

C. School Board Member Vacancy

Dr. McCormack reviewed the process for the Board appointing a member to replace Mr. Candage. He stated that, by statute, this is at the discretion of the Board. The Board may choose to place an advertisement and conduct interviews, it may recruit, or it may choose to look at who wasn't elected in the election on March 10th. In accordance with the law, the vacancy (for Center Harbor) will be filled until the next election (March, 2010).

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inter-Lakes Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Humiston Building Conference Room, Meredith

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 8:42 p.m., it was moved by Mr. D. Cunningham and seconded by Dr. Shlager to move into non-public session under R.S.A. 91-A:3; 11c for matters of staff and student personnel. Board was duly polled. Vote was unanimously in favor.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION *(cont'd.)*

At 8:50 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Candage and seconded by Mr. H. Cunningham to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:51 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, Sen. Johnson, Mr. D. Cunningham, Mr. Candage,
Mr. H. Cunningham and Mr. Hanson

Members Absent: None

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

At 5:32 p.m., Dr. McCormack and the administration addressed the Board relative to the teacher evaluation process.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Sen. Johnson, Mr. D. Cunningham, Mr. Candage,
Mr. H. Cunningham and Mr. Hanson

Members Absent: None

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

At 6:46 p.m., Dr. McCormack updated the Board on a student personnel issue involving residency. The student had graduated prior to the administration being notified of this issue. No action was taken.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION III

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Sen. Johnson, Mr. D. Cunningham, Mr. Candage,
Mr. H. Cunningham and Mr. Hanson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. McCormack

At 6:50 p.m., Dr. McCormack addressed the Board regarding the Superintendent evaluation process.

At 7:03 p.m., Mr. H. Cunningham moved and Dr. Shlager seconded that the Board return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Dr. Shlager, Sen. Johnson, Mr. D. Cunningham, Mr. Candage, Mr. H. Cunningham and Mr. Hanson

Members Absent: None

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

At 8:42 p.m., Dr. McCormack addressed the Board regarding leave requests. Some discussion ensued.

Mr. Candage moved and Dr. Shlager seconded that the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for Linda Ristaino, paraeducator, from August 25 through December 23, 2009, in order that she may complete her student teaching responsibilities toward a degree in elementary education. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. Hanson moved and Dr. Shlager seconded that the Board approve two unpaid personal leave days (April 3 and 6, 2009) for Angela Puorro (paraeducator) in order that she may attend a one-time family event. Vote was 5 in favor; Mr. D. Cunningham and Sen. Johnson were opposed. Motion passed.

At 8:50 p.m., Mr. Candage moved and Mr. H. Cunningham seconded that the Board return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary