

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich
INTER-LAKES SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
August 26, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

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

RECORD ROLL

Members Present: Mr. Carty, Mr. Hanson, Sen. Johnson, Dr. Shlager, Mr. Howard Cunningham, Mr. Candage and Mr. Quinney

Members Absent: Mr. Dan Cunningham, with notice

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

Others Joining Ms. Kennelly, Mr. Smolnik, Mr. Wald
Adam Drapcho (Daily Sun)
Sarah Schmidt (Meredith News)
Erin Plummer (Laconia Citizen)
3 citizens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:31 p.m., it was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Candage to move into non-public session for matters of staff and student personnel (RSA 91: A-3; IIc). The Board was polled. Vote was unanimously in favor.

At 6:58 p.m., it was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Hanson to return to public session. Vote was unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC INPUT

Lisa Merrill, Meredith, stated that she has done a great deal of research relative to videotaping school board meetings. She spoke with the Meredith town manager and found that the town spent about \$19,000 on equipment and that the community center is available to the school board to use the equipment on a fee sharing basis. Their computer tech, Erik Furland, videotapes the meeting for them for a fee of \$10/hour. Broadcasting cannot be tracked as to how many people view it, but she has heard from many in the community, all with positive feedback. She also contacted the towns of Pelham and Northwood to see how they videotape their meetings. Public Access fees for the Town of Meredith are \$15,000 per year. She suggested that each Board member view the Pelham site to see how it is done and the quality.

Carole Baggaley, Center Harbor, updated the board on the Spirit Committee. She stated that the third week of school will be Laker Pride Week there will be an event each day ending with a dance on Friday evening.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF

Mr. Carty, on behalf of the school board, recognized Wally Smolnik and presented him with a parting gift as he will be retiring on August 29th. Wally thanked the Board and stated that he will be more than happy to answer any questions after he leaves. Mr. Smolnik introduced his replacement, Mr. Chris Wald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A. Regular Meeting,
August 12, 2008**

In the minutes of August 12th, page 3, Additional Business, "conserving" should be "conservation."

The minutes of the regular school board meeting of August 12, 2008 were approved, as corrected, without objection.

CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

It was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Dr. Shlager to approve the payment of bills, Voucher #3005, #3006, and #3007. Vote was unanimously in favor.

**SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. McCormack stated that the teachers started today and everyone was very upbeat.

Dr. McCormack gave an update on fall sports participation as follows:

168 students participating (out of 425) in fall sports
Girls Soccer – 17 JV, 16 Varsity
Boys Soccer – 17 JV, 20 Varsity
Spirit – 11
Golf – 6
Cross Country – 9
Volleyball – 9 Freshmen, 9 JV, 16 Varsity
Football – 38

PUBLIC INPUT

Carole Baggaley, Center Harbor, stated that, although the numbers for soccer are good, it is less than predicted – they thought there would be three teams. They lost 10 kids on Varsity for one reason or another. It would be nice to know where they went and why.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Television Coverage

Mr. Candage stated that pod casts are less expensive than video. They reach out to all via the Internet. It is just audio, but could evolve over time.

Mr. H. Cunningham stated that he'd like to continue to pursue broadcasting. He is uncomfortable going forward without more information relative to the cost to the district. He is reluctant to take resources away from education. We also have to think about alternative energy costs in the near future. He is not opposed to being televised, but wants costs before committing.

It was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the broadcasting on Lakes Region Public Access TV during this school year under the current budget where funds are not allocated. Vote was 0-5-1 with Dr. Shlager, Sen. Johnson, Mr. H. Cunningham, Mr. Candage and Mr. Carty opposed; Mr. Hanson abstained.

A. Television Coverage (*cont'd.*)

It was moved by Mr. H. Cunningham and seconded by Dr. Shlager to continue to gather information relative to televising Board meetings, and develop a Warrant Article for the March, 2009 District Meeting, outlining specific costs for 2009-2010. Vote was unanimously in favor.

B. Parent Action Groups

Ms. Kennelly updated the board on the parent action groups.

Athletics: This is the most active committee with the most participants. They have completed their mission statement and program goals, and they have two sets of recommendations -- short and long term. They are all listed on the website. Some are guidelines, fundraising, commitments, weight room, athletic trainer, recognition of athletes, equipment needs, program recommendations, system for recommendation of athletes, recognition of coaches, Athletic Director's position being fulltime, advisory board consisting of parents, coaches and administration.

Discipline: A bullying statement has been added to the handbook, split break/homeroom, handbook insert with addendum-character counts listing 30 traits which will be highlighted each week, daylong freshmen orientation, dress code changes.

Communications: specific process for parent involvement, i.e. Parent Council to meet monthly.

Spirit/Morale: to move into a Booster's Club.

Block Scheduling: cancelled last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**A. District Maintenance Projects**

Mr. Smolnik reviewed the list of current and future projects for the district.

- Roof – working on new drains, have finished curbing on edges, added insulation and flashing, auditorium leak repaired (leaks were due to the driving rains getting up under the flashing).
- Next year to replace roof sections of gym, library and music room.
- Moving dumpster at Sandwich – sent out for bid to 3 companies with no responses. Chris Wald to call companies to get estimates.
- Fences at SAU to be replaced this fall.
- Two large pumps at ILES being replaced.
- Purchased small shed by track.
- Paving at ILES – playground by Kindergarten-First Grade end and fire road that goes around building that buses now use.
- Walk-in cold storage and freezer at ILES to be completed by October 1.
- ILES kitchen – 2 electrical panels for walk-ins – panels ordered, need to be installed.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Sen. Johnson asked if Dr. McCormack met with Honeywell. Dr. McCormack stated that the Honeywell representative had to reschedule the meeting to this Thursday, August 28th.

Sen. Johnson asked if there were programmable thermostats in each room. Mr. Smolnik stated that there are sensors in each room, they are read by the computer and readings can be accessed from any computer in the district. If something happens with the boilers, the alarm company gets notified and then the administration.

Following a discussion related to a conflict with the September 9th Board meeting (it is also Primary Election Day), it was decided that the Board meeting would be held as scheduled. Mr. H. Cunningham and Sen. Johnson noted that they will be at the polls and will not be able to attend the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inter-Lakes Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 6:30 p.m.
(Policy Review Committee to meet at 5:30 p.m.)
Humiston Building Conference Room, Meredith

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 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, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Candage, Dr. Shlager, Sen. Johnson, and Mr. H. Cunningham

Members Absent: Mr. D. Cunningham, with notice

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

At 6:31 p.m., Dr. McCormack updated the Board on the status of a grievance.

Approved:

Board Secretary

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II

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

Members Absent: Mr. D. Cunningham, with notice

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

At 6:45 p.m., Dr. McCormack informed the Board of a tuition waiver request submitted.

Dr. Shlager moved, Mr. H. Cunningham seconded, that the Board deny the request pending additional information received. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Mr. H. Cunningham moved, Mr. Hanson seconded, that the Board return to public session at 6:58 p.m. Vote was unanimously in favor.

Approved:

Board Secretary