

**Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting  
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Community Auditorium  
1 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH  
February 9, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Richard Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. RECORD ROLL**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Richard Hanson, Chair  
Mr. Mark Billings, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Lisa Merrill, Secretary\*  
Mr. Craig Baker\*  
Mr. Charles Hanson  
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman\*  
Ms. Nancy Starmer\*  
Ms. Raven Strother, Student Rep.\*

**Members Absent:**

None

\*Remote attendance

**Administrators Present:**

Ms. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent  
Ms. Trish Temperino, Asst. Superintendent  
Ms. Elaine Dodge, Director of Student Services\*  
Mr. Michael Bryant, ILES Principal  
Mr. Scott Currier, ILM/HS Principal  
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, SCS/ILVP Principal  
Ms. Sarah Dumais, Athletic Director  
Mr. John Martin, Technology Director

**Others Present:**

Mr. Chris Mega, Video Recorder  
Mr. Jason Cornelissen, Auditorium Manager  
Public

**IV. "A Day in the Life of the Inter-Lakes Elementary School Blue Wave and Sandwich Central School Fox Communities"**

Principal Bryant shared what it is like to be part of the Blue Wave and told School Board members that the goal at ILES is to support a strong school climate and culture and to address the academic, behavioral and social emotional needs of students. A recent addition is appearances by mascot "Willie the Wave." Principal Bryant shared that the school purchased 30 sleds from Aubuchon Hardware and that the store donated a like amount allowing students to enjoy the activity on the hills of the playground.

Principal Hillger shared a video presentation featuring student generated footage of daily life as SCS. Students in Sandwich are also enjoying vigorous exercise on the expansive playground including sledding and cross-country skiing.

Principal Hillger said the past year has been the most challenging of his 20 years as an educator and praised local families, students and faculty for helping the school community overcome multiple hurdles poised by the pandemic.

**V. PUBLIC INPUT     None**

**VI. MINUTES**

**A. Special Board Meeting/Budget Work Session Meeting – January 19, 2021**

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Special Board Meeting/Budget Work Session as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Special School Board Meeting – January 26, 2021**

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Special School Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. 2021-2022 BUDGET/WARRANT ARTICLES**

**A. Warrant Article #5 – 2021-2022 School District Operating Budget**

Superintendent Moriarty said following the February 3 Public Budget Hearing tonight's meeting presented the School Board with the opportunity to put forward a bottom-line budget that will go to voters at the Annual School District Meeting. There is time for at least one more meeting before the March 3<sup>rd</sup> session if the Board feels the need for an added opportunity to review, she said.

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve the 2021-2022 School District Budget in the amount of \$28,465,330 to bring forward to the Annual School District Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Warrant Article #6 – Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust**

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to raise up to \$160,000 from unreserved fund balance to be placed in the Inter-Lakes School District Facilities Maintenance Trust, with no amount to be raised by taxation. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Warrant Article #7 – Special Education Expendable Trust**

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to raise up to \$15,000 from unreserved fund balance to be placed in the Inter-Lakes School District Special Education Expendable Trust, with no amount to be raised by taxation. The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE**

**A. General Operating Expenses – No action required**

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**A. Enrollment**

Student enrollment is down four after three students transitioned to Home Schooling.

**B. Financial Report**

Assistant Superintendent Temperino reported that 94.8% of the budget has been spent or encumbered. The NH Department of Education will review the District's Nutrition Program on February 24<sup>th</sup> during a scheduled two-hour meeting. The Administration is working with Café Services to prepare for this review.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Winter Athletics**

Superintendent Moriarty reported that the Administration is recommending the District's winter sports teams participate in tournament play noting that mitigation efforts do seem to be having a positive impact.

Athletic Director Dumais said NHIAA is allowing open tournament play for Varsity teams with first round competition occurring regionally. Teams that advance to the second round will play teams outside their region. The State Nordic championships

will be held at Great Glen. Both the basketball and hockey teams will be allowed to have two parents per player attend their championship games during which all COVID-19 mitigation protocols will remain in place.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson to approve Winter Athletic tournament play using the same protocols for COVID-19 as in place for current play. COVID-19 conditions may result in tournament play being cancelled, just as is the case with current play. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Donation**

- \$500 from Exxon Mobile Educational Alliance Program for Inter-Lakes Elementary School Math and Science Programs.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to accept with thanks a donation made possible by Meredith Station. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Class Size Reduction Teacher – Grade 3 Inter-Lakes Elementary School**

Superintendent Moriarty said Grade 3 at ILES has no additional space to accommodate transitions from Virtual Pathways to In-Person Learning. Class sizes are 15/15/15/16. Maintaining class sizes around 15 provides physical distancing while in the classroom. Grade 3 is a critical milestone for literacy; the overall class has high needs and would benefit from this support.

Anticipated cost from March 1 – End of School Year approximately \$25,000. If approved, this is an expense that can be covered by ESSER II funds.

Chairman Hanson asked if there will be an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Test and was told yes. He also asked if there is space for another class. The administration said some staff who are now working remotely from a classroom could be shifted to other areas to make needed room.

Mr. Baker inquired what the plan was for next year. The Superintendent said the issue needed to be addressed globally with a survey of parents allowing the District to get a sense of where families are and provide an opportunity to prioritize those needs. She hopes to be able to bring forward a plan by the April meeting.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the hiring of a Grade 3 Teacher for Inter-Lakes Elementary School between now and the end of the school year; with the Superintendent having the authority to offer conditional employment prior to the March Regular School Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**XII. POLICY**

No action required.

**XIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**A. Members of the Board** None

**B. Members of the Administration** None

**XIV. PUBLIC INPUT** None

**XV. OTHER**

**A. Lakerbots Video Presentation**

Principal Currier said the Lakerbots are continuing to compete virtually and that the STEAM community in the District is continuing to grow.

STEAM Teacher Joe Derrick appeared virtually and told the School Board he was grateful for the community support by RemCon North and Meredith Village Savings Bank. Students have been selfless and hardworking and Derrick also praised the efforts of fellow STEAM staff.

The video depicted a robot that was being controlled automatically by student written code running a complex course weaving around a series of pylons. A student in the background can be seen raising her arms in celebration as the robot completes the course.

Principal Hillger stated that Mr. Derrick has offered to help run the Lego Program at SCS during February vacation.

**XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

Inter-Lakes School Board @ ILM/HS Community Auditorium/Gymnasium

- Annual School District Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

**B. Monday, March 8, 2021**

Inter-Lakes School Board @ ILM/H Community Auditorium (LiveStream)

- Regular School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

**C. Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

Town Elections/School District Officer Elections

**XVII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:2 (a)(c)**

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to enter Non-Public Session under R.S.A. 91-A:2 (a)(c) at 7:02 p.m. The Board Secretary polled the Board. The motion to enter Non-Public Session passed unanimously.

**Public Session**

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to adjourn the meeting... The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Bea Lewis Wheeler  
School District Clerk