

**Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting  
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Community Auditorium  
1 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH  
December 8, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Richard Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:04 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. Sarah Dumais, Athletic Director  
Mr. John Martin, Technology Director

**Others Present:**

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

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Input on Acceptance of Unanticipated Grant Awards from Coronavirus Aide, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); and Supplemental Public School Response Fund (SPSRF) to offset Unanticipated Expenses from the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Chairman Hanson opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. After no members of the public spoke, Chairman Hanson closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve acceptance of unanticipated grant awards from the CARES Act and SPRF to offset unanticipated expenses from the coronavirus pandemic. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. WINTER ATHLETICS PROPOSAL/PRESENTATION**

Athletic Director Sarah Dumais detailed the proposed protocols that would be followed if the School Board voted to allow a winter sports season.

- Follow all N.H. Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association COVID-19 safety protocols
- Follow all National Federation of High School Sports guidelines for Basketball, Ice Hockey and Nordic Skiing
- Follow all Inter-Lakes winter protocols
- Athletes, Parents/Guardians and coaches would be required to participate in a mandatory COVID-19 seminar provided by the Inter-Lakes School District
- Require a Student/Athlete and Parent/Guardian sign-off on Expectations/Guidelines
- All athletes, coaches and officials would be required to wear masks.

- No spectators would be allowed in the gym, but all games will be live streamed.

**Recommended Timeline:**

- **December 9-December 13:** Skill Building and Conditioning (small groups)- outdoor conditioning would be encouraged (weather permitting.)
- **December 14-January 12:** Full team practice—conditioning outdoors (weather permitting)
- **January 12:** Recommendation to School Board on “Level of Play” or “Continued Play”
- **February 9:** Recommendation to School Board on Post Season Participation
- **Ongoing:** The Athletics Sub Group would meet on a scheduled basis as well as on an as needed basis to determine if there was a need to modify our “level of participation.”

Superintendent Moriarty noted that the sports season could end very abruptly if COVID-19 infection rates continue to climb.

**VI. PUBLIC INPUT**

Mike Rathgeber, Varsity Boys’ Basketball Coach urged the School Board to let the team play. He stressed that if the season was cancelled athletes would pursue competing in Amateur Athletic Union events that would involve travel throughout New England to play teams outside the bubble increasing the risk of bringing COVID-19 infections back to Inter-Lakes.

A number of parents of student athletes spoke to the importance role sports plays in their children’s lives especially as a result of the pandemic and urged the board to allow the winter season to be held.

Reed Lieberman, Meredith, said student athletes should be allowed to play and prove that they can follow the protocols needed to compete safely.

Sara Anctil, Meredith, said she supports a winter sports season.

Crystal Ferney said kids need activity to remain fit and that she supports winter team play.

Kim Spencer asked what other schools in Belknap County were doing regarding the winter sports season and suggested that student athletes be subject to regular COVID-19 testing.

Superintendent Moriarty said she was only aware of one school in the region that had cancelled its winter sports season. Testing athletes is cost prohibitive and access to the needed materials remains limited.

Julie Hayward, Meredith, said she hoped that there would be flexibility to allow some spectators to attend basketball games, particularly the parents of senior athletes playing their last remaining games. She stressed that COVID-19 was crushing school culture and that students needed some relief.

Student athletes Jack Gintoff reminded the School Board that teams had proven this fall that they could follow the safety protocols put in place. If the season must be ended because of a surge in COVID-19 infections students will understand, he said.

Sarah Dumais explained the rational for no spectators in the gym noting the limited amount of floor space. If the bleachers are not pulled out there is additional room for the varsity and junior varsity players to spread out.

Chairman Hanson said he has been moved by the public comments about the human impact of adding something that is fun and enriching during the pandemic. He said he support the proposal and is sympathetic to the spectator issue but noted that if COVID-19 infection rates in the school increase the sports season will need to be stopped.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve winter athletics as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting – November 10, 2020**

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Emergency School Board Meeting – November 24, 2020**

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman,, to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 Emergency School Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE**

**A. General Operating Expenses**

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to approve the payment of bills, manifests #3013. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**A. Enrollment**

Student enrollment has declined by two over the prior month.

**B. District/School COVID-19 Update**

Superintendent Moriarty said in addition to about \$325,000 in CARES Act and SPSRF the District via Assistant Superintendent Temperino submitted a grant for \$88,000 and was awarded nearly \$60,000 that has already been disseminated to cover COVID-19 related expenses.

The District currently has 19 positive cases with 10 others pending test results. Thirty people are quarantining for close contact. The state has recently determined that in keeping with recommendations of the CDC that the quarantine period can be reduced from two weeks to 10-days.

The Superintendent said the administration is recommending that a teacher dedicated to assisting students in quarantine be hired for the remainder of the school year. A total of 37 students were in quarantine during the prior week.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE None**

**XI. OLD BUSINESS None**

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Approval of posting for the position of Quarantine Teacher for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year to provide support to students while in quarantine.**

Ms. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the posting for a Quarantine Teacher for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, to provide support to students while in quarantine. The motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. POLICY**

No action required.

**XIV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**A. Members of the Board**      None

**B. Members of the Administration**      None

**XV. PUBLIC INPUT**

Britney Waldrip commented that she felt her children were receiving an inconsistent education and that remote learning is difficult for younger children. She said she had chosen the in-person learning model for a reason and felt the quality of education was being compromised by regular shifts to remote classes.

Heather Gray asked when the minutes of the most recent COVID-19 Response Team meeting would be available. The Superintendent said they just needed to be typed up and would then be posted to the District's website.

Julie Hayward thanked the School Board for allowing the District to have a winter sports season. Those thanks were echoed by four student athletes.

**XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Tuesday, December 17, 2020 – Remote/LiveStream**

SAU #2 Board Meeting – Remote Access <https://meet.google.com/uqc-kqfz-btq>

- Budget Public Hearing – **6:00 p.m.**

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

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to enter Non-Public Session under R.S.A. 91-A:2 (a)(c) at 7:16 p.m. The Board Secretary polled the Board. The motion to enter Non-Public Session passed unanimously.

**Public Session**

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to enter Public Session at 8:07 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Bea Lewis Wheeler  
School District Clerk

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION I**

December 8, 2020

Members Present: Mr. R. Hanson, Mr. Billings, Mr. Baker, Mr. C. Hanson,  
Ms. Merrill, Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, Ms. Starmer

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Mrs. Moriarty, Mrs. Temperino

Others Present: None

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, the Board approve just two of the four request for early retirement with the retirement incentive; for Kay Marini and Cheryl Widman. The motion carried by majority vote 4-3.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION II**

December 8, 2020

Members Present: Mr. R. Hanson, Mr. Billings, Mr. Baker, Mr. C. Hanson,  
Ms. Merrill, Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, Ms. Starmer

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Mrs. Moriarty, Mrs. Temperino

Others Present: None

Mr. Baker moved, second by Mr. Billings, the Board approve the military leave extension request as presented for Gabrielle Hurd. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to enter Public Session at 8:07 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.