

**Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Community Auditorium
1 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH
January 26, 2021**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:03 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. Scot Currier, ILM/HS Principal
Mr. John Martin, Technology Director
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Director

Others Present:

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

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Hanson stated that Public Input would be held until after the Athletic Proposal Presentation.

V. MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – January 12, 2021

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to approve the payment of bills manifest #3016. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT None

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Winter Athletics Update

Superintendent Moriarty said the District is prepared to stay the course noting two spectators from the same household as a basketball player are now allowed to attend home games. The boys' basketball team is awaiting more information before determining whether it will need to quarantine due to presumed positive case of COVID-19; awaiting results.

B. Proposed 2021-2022 Inter-Lakes School District Budget

Superintendent Moriarty indicated that the anticipated CARES Act funds could be used to offset the increase in the Technology budget (Electronic Access). Another option the Board could consider would be to use the \$75,000 remaining in the Health Insurance Expendable Trust to further reduce the proposed budget.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of utilizing Health Insurance Expendable Trust funds and reducing the proposed budget by \$35,000.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to approve the proposed 2021-2022 Operating Budget in the amount of \$28,465,330 for the Public Hearing on February 3, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Draft Warrant Articles for the 2021-2022 Public Hearing

Discussion and review of the Special Education Expendable Trust and Facilities Maintenance Trust was conducted.

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to recommend \$15,000 be deposited in the Special Education Expendable Trust – Warrant Article #7, and \$160,000 be deposited in the Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust – Warrant Article #6; with both such amounts to be funded from the June 30, 2021 unreserved fund balance for transfer on July 1, 2021 with no amount to be raised by taxation. The motion passed unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nomination – Stephanie Howard as Inter-Lakes Elementary School Assistant Principal for the 2021-2022 School Year

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Stephanie Howard as the Inter-Lakes Elementary School Assistant Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Funds to Support the Class of 2021

The Superintendent said students have been markedly resilient but have experienced a veil of COVID over everything limiting their ability to do those celebrations that have become part of tradition. The District also needs to be sensitive to the financial hardships that many area businesses that have typically donated to After Prom, are now experiencing.

Ashley Bullard, Sandwich, said she represents a small group of parents who are trying to get creative for an end of the year spring event for seniors as it now appears clear that there may not be a prom or after prom party. They have secured a tentative date of June 5, the week before graduation. The hope is to have a prom outside at the Sandwich Fairgrounds beneath a tent. The Fair Association has offered the use of the grounds at no cost. If a prom does happen, Bullard said, all COVID-19 mitigation guidelines would be followed. The group has secured a caterer and other rentals and the class has expressed interest in having a series of outdoor games set up at the fairgrounds. The seniors would also like to have the car parade with police escort that was held last year beginning at the fairgrounds and traveling through all three communities before arriving at the Meredith campus.

Ms. Bullard noted fundraising efforts to support student end of year celebrations and activities are no longer possible as a result of COVID; the class of 2021 has

raised some funds it is not sufficient to cover the cost of a spring celebration that will include gift bags for all seniors.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve up to \$15,000 from Co-Curricular Funds for the end of year celebration for the Class of 2021; provided expenses follow the adopted protocols and practices established by the School District. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Travel Quarantine and Close Contact Quarantine

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve maintaining a ten (10) day quarantine period for anyone who travels outside of New England or is considered close contact to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Emergency Leave Time for COVID-19 Related Issues for Employees

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve up to ten (10) days of emergency paid time for employees if needed relative to COVID-19; employees who previously used up to ten (10) days are not eligible. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Donations

- \$2,000 from Meadowbrook Charitable Foundation for Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Band and Chorus programs
- \$250 from Heart and Hands Thrift Shop to support the Inter-Lakes Elementary School Mind-Up Program

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to accept with gratitude, the donations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. POLICY _No action required.

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the Board None

B. Members of the Administration None

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Chris Mega, Meredith, stated that it would set a precedent if the District allows outside groups to use school facilities to hold Town Meetings, noting the School Board has previously denied use of the Community Auditorium by the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra as a result of the pandemic.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Inter-Lakes School Board @ ILM/HS Community Auditorium (Livestream)

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

B. Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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

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

C. Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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

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

D. Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Town Elections/School District Officer Elections

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

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to enter Non-Public Session under R.S.A. 91-A:2 (a) 6:59 p.m. The Board Secretary polled the Board. The motion to enter Non-Public Session passed unanimously.

Public Session

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to return to Public Session at 7:22 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Bea Lewis Wheeler
School District Clerk