

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting
Humiston Building Conference Room
103 Main Street, Suite #2, Meredith, NH
October 8, 2019

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. Craig Baker
Mr. Mark Billings
Mr. Charley Hanson
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman
Ms. Raven Strother, Student Rep.

Members Absent:

Mr. Howard Cunningham (with notice)

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Trish Temperino, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Scott Currier, Principal ILM/HS
Ms. Kathleen Hill, Principal ILES
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, Principal SCS
Mr. Mark Parsons, Asst. Principal ILM/HS
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Director
Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director

Others Present:

Chris Mega (videotaping)
Press and Public

IV. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION None

V. PUBLIC INPUT None

VI. MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting – September 10, 2019

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried 5-0, with Mr. Billings abstaining.

VII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #3008. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Enrollment

October student population K-12 is up one over September. October 2019 population is 1,021 a decline of seven compared to the prior year.

Mr. Billings commented that there has been a dramatic slowing in the decline in student enrollment, and that it appears the District population has stabilized as previously enrollment numbers had dipped below 1,000. Superintendent Moriarty said guidance is conducting exit interviews with families leaving the district and found most are happy with the schools and that the reason for leaving is a result of a change in employment.

B. Year-End Financial Report Summary for 2018-2019

Assistant Superintendent Temperino reported that the DOE-25 and MS-25 have been completed and reviewed by the N.H. Department of Education. The unassigned fund-balance is \$49,704.

Mr. Billings asked about the impact of the Medicaid change.

Assistant Superintendent Temperino said House Bills 3 and 4 signed into law on September 26 repeals Kindergarten grants that had been funded by Keno revenue. Those funds have been redirected to Adequacy Education Grants. The District had anticipated \$88,000 in Kindergarten Grant funds but doesn't qualify for Adequacy Aid. Last year the district received \$141,000 in Medicaid payments but as a result of recent changes the impact is not known yet. Ms. Dodge, Student Services Director and Ms. Temperino will be attending a workshop at the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services in two weeks and will learn more. The District conservatively budgeted \$25,000 in Medicaid reimbursements on the MS-24 Revised Revenues.

C. Middle/High (7-12) Data and Learning Presentation

Principal Scott Currier reported that here is a focused effort underway to build and grow our 7-12 community that successfully began on the first day of school. That community is not just about students but adults as well and that conversation has been underway since this summer. Those efforts have been kid-centered and inclusive of their ideas.

Principal Currier said there are four areas of focus from input received at the beginning of the school year from staff and students and provided examples that are already occurring.

- Fostering diverse academic opportunities for students
- Fostering some extra curricula activities outside the school day
- Fostering diverse professional development opportunities for staff
- Working to foster diverse academic extracurricular and professional development opportunities for students and staff

IX. CORRESPONDENCE – Superintendent, Board Secretary, Board Members

A. NHSBA Call for Resolution

The N.H. School Boards Association is now accepting submissions for their annual 2020 Delegate Assembly to be held Saturday, January 25, 2019 in Concord. Each member School Board is allowed to submit one proposed Resolution or may seek to amend any current NHSBA Resolution.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Moriarty reviewed information regarding the US News & World Report's ranking of high schools.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Inter-Lakes High School Trip to Peru April 24-May 1, 2020

Senora Jocelyn Judge who teaches Spanish at the Middle/High School took 12 students to Spain over April vacation two years ago. Those students and others have expressed interest in another class trip prompting Judge to explore traveling to Southern Spain or Peru.

The proposed trip for the 2019-2020 school year is to the Inca Heartland which will include Cuzco that has sites that are older than Jamestown, and Lima. The itinerary includes visits to several cathedrals, marketplaces with native weaving, a salt mine and conclude with several days at Machu Picchu.

The tour company is offering a \$600 per student discount for a total per person cost of \$3,250. The prior class did sufficient fund-raising to cover the cost of their transportation to Boston, to pay for daily lunches during the trip and to tip their guide, a total of about \$2,000. About 10 students have expressed an interest in the Peru trip. To be able to participate students must be taking or have completed Spanish II.

B. New Curricular Proposal -International Club

Senora Judge said student Gabby Bean has founded an International Club and that the group started fundraising at last night's volleyball game. They plan to celebrate the Day of the Dead at the end of October. The Club will allow all students to engage with exchange students and will offer in-school enrichment during office hours.

Mr. Billings suggested the Club do some community outreach noting there are a number of people in the area with an international background.

C. Budget Timeline and Direction for Budget Planning Purposes

The Board discussed the draft budget development calendar. The Administration will present an overview of the proposed budget to the School Board during their January 14 meeting. The School Board Budget Work Session will be held on January 21 at 4:30 p.m.

D. Appointment of School Physician for 2019-2020

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to appoint Belknap Family Health Care as the School District Physician for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Winter Conditions Maintenance: Snow Plowing and Sand/Salt Contract

Mr. Swanker, Facilities Manager reported that both bidders were qualified; his recommendation is to award the three-year contract to Stephen's Landscaping as the low bidder by \$2,950.

Mrs. Temperino indicated that there is a provision for contract reassignment in the event of poor performance.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve Stephen's Landscaping Professionals for Winter Conditions Maintenance; Salt Plowing and Sand/Salt Contract for the period November 1, 2019 through May 30, 2020; total contract \$73,500. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Donations

- \$1,300 from Sandwich Business Group to help cover transportation and lodging costs for the 6th grade class trip to Washington, D.C.
- \$1,000 from the Inter-Lakes Moultonborough Ice Hockey Booster Club to the Inter-Lakes High School Volleyball Team
- \$3,000 from the Alfred Quimby Fund to support the 6th grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to accept the donations as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. POLICY – no action required

XIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the Board

Chairman Hanson gave notice that he is unable to attend the November 12th meeting.

B. Members of the Administration None

XIV. PUBLIC INPUT

Joan Eversole of Meredith, told the Board she was grateful for the information the Superintendent provided regarding the U.S. News & World Report rankings and said she would review it.

She attended the Learning Session on competency-based education and her impression was that the language that was used made it more versed to educators than the general public. She questioned whether the presenter was paid and was told the District does contract with his company. Dr. Eversole noted that she remains uncomfortable with this theory of teaching, asserting that there is no evidence to support it.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – Sandwich Central School, Multi-Purpose Room

- Inter-Lakes Policy Review Committee – **5:00 p.m.**
- Inter-Lakes Special School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – Humiston Building Conference Room

- Inter-Lakes Policy Review Committee – **5:00 p.m.**
- Inter-Lakes Special School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

XVI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Student/Staff Personnel, R.S.A. 91-A:3 II(a)(c)

At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to move into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a)(c). The board secretary polled the Board and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Bea Lewis Wheeler
School District Clerk