

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inter-Lakes School Board Special Meeting Minutes
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School – Community Auditorium
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January 25, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

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Board Chair Merrill called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Ms. Lisa Merrill, Chair
Mr. Mark Billings, Vice-Chair
Mr. Craig Baker
Mr. Howard Cunningham
Mr. Charles Hanson
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman
Ms. Nancy Starmer
Mr. Riley Towle, Student Representative

Members Absent:

none

Administrators Present:

Ms. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Ms. Trish Temperino, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Elaine Dodge, Director of Student Services
Mr. Michael Bryant, Principal, ILES
Dr. Amanda Downing, ILM/HS Principal
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, SCS Principal
Ms. Erica Pappalardo, Curriculum Coordinator
Mr. Mark Parsons, Technology Director
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Director
Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director

Others Present:

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

IV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to enter Non-Public Session at 5:33 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (b)(c) – The hiring of any person as a public employee; and matters which, if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting.

Mr. Hanson called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker, Ms. Starmer, Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, Mr. Cunningham,
Ms. Merrill, Mr. Billings, Mr. Hanson

NO: --

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Session

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to move to Public Session at 6:26 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Merrill announced that Mr. Billings would like to make a statement prior to Public Comment. Mr. Billings addressed members of the Board, Administration and members of the public. "I sincerely apologize for the opening comment made two weeks ago, it was disrespectful, it was wrong and I am sorry. Anybody that knows me, knows that on occasion I get a little bit lit up, and that's what happened. I spoke up because just a few minutes

before I spoke, an amendment to the motion was being discussed that would make the contract for the field restoration and track resurfacing an American only contract - bells and whistles went off. In that short period of time, and the reason I spoke up is that I believe this mandate would have a significant and negative impact on the cost of this project. It could delay the project, with inflation where it is, pushing it out a year is going to make the number higher. Alternatively, simply let's let Brian Swanker do his job; he has years of experience in this, he understands the procedures involved in doing this. But to put an America only mandate on it, is something I cannot support."

V. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (Agenda Items Only)

No public comment.

VI. MINUTES

A. Regular School Board Meeting – January 11, 2011

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #3013. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Track and Turf Field Refurbishment

Ms. Moriarty reviewed Agenda attachment #3, providing a detailed review of the proposals received for the Turf Field and Track Refurbishment Project; and the recommendation brought forward by Mr. Swanker.

Mr. Swanker shared the renderings of the field and track, he noted that with the track we currently have we cannot resurface it with blue as shown in the rendering. We can anticipate 12-15 years use of the field; it is referred to in the proposal as an 8-year field.

Mr. Hanson asked if there were any anticipated surprises with the refurbishment; and how would we deal with any surprises – meaning any additional work that would have to be done. Mr. Swanker respond that we would have the option to use funds, if needed, possibly out of an unanticipated budget line item or revisit the Facilities Expendable Trust but the primary concern would relate to drainage on the field. The field has been heavily tested over the years, there has been no demonstrated issues related to drainage.

Ms. Starmer asked, because there are so many environmental concerns about artificial turf, what is the environmental quality of this product. Mr. Swanker was not sure what the percentage is, but the synthetics do have a percentage of post consumable products in it. The turf field cannot be reused, it is truly a demolition project. The contract is responsible for the shredding and recycling of the material. Synthetics is still better on the environment than what it takes to maintain a natural field with chemical treatments and such.

Ms. Moriarty reviewed the anticipated timeline for work on the field to begin May 16th and June 27th for the track. She noted that the track is safe to play on this spring, it is just worn and needs to be replaced.

Discussion ensued regarding funding of the project from the Facilities Expendable Trust Fund. Ms. Moriarty indicated if the Board approves moving forward with the project a Public Hearing would need to be held to approve remove funds from Facilities Expendable Trust. The hearing should be held as soon as possible, it could take place at the budget public hearing, to keep within the established timeline.

Mr. Billings moved, second by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the proposal as presented for the refurbishment of the track and turf field; with work anticipated to begin in May 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Proposed 2022-2023 Inter-Lakes School District Budget

Ms. Moriarty provided an overview of the information provided to the Board relative to the proposed budget; additional reductions and one additional increase totaling \$261,195; bringing a total increase to the proposed Operating Budget to 2.08% over the current year's budget.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve the proposed 2022-2023 Operating Budget in the amount of \$29,446,576 for the Public Hearing on February 2, 2022. The motion carried unanimously

C. Draft Warrant Articles for 2022-2023 for the Public Hearing

Ms. Moriarty reviewed draft Warrant Articles. There were no questions or comments from Board members.

D. Hiring Professional Staff – STEAM Teacher for Redesigned Industrial Arts

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the hiring of professional staff as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Wednesday, February 2, 2022

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

- Budget Hearing– **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, February 8, 2022

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

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary