

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School – Library
March 22, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent of Schools Mary Moriarty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., noting as this is the reorganization meeting of the Inter-Lakes School Board, she is required to open the meeting until the Chair is nominated and successfully voted to office.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Ms. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Ms. Trish Temperino, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Michael Bryant, ILES Principal
Dr. Amanda Downing, ILM/HS Principal
Mr. Mark Parsons, Technology Director
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Director
Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director

Others Present:

Mr. Chris Mega, Video Recorder
Public & Guests

Members Absent:

None

IV. REOGORNIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

A. Chairman

Superintendent Moriarty opened nominations for the Chair of the School Board.

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to nominate Ms. Lisa Merrill for Chair of the School Board. No further nominations were made.

The motion to nominate Ms. Merrill as School Board Chair passed 7-0.

B. Vice-Chairman

Ms. Merrill assumed control of the meeting and called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the School Board.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to nominate Mr. Mark Billings for Vice-Chair of the School Board. No further nominations were made.

The motion to nominate Mr. Billings as School Board Vice-Chair passed 7-0.

C. Secretary

Ms. Merrill called for nominations for Secretary of the School Board.

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to nominate Mr. Charles Hanson for Secretary of the School Board. No further nominations were made.

The motion to nominate Mr. Hanson as School Board Secretary passed 7-0.

V. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mrs. Moriarty welcomed the 2022 Destination Imagination Teams, commending them for their creativity and hard work.

Mr. Bryant, ILES Principal provided an overview of Destination Imagination – DI 2022 thanking all those involved for their continued effort and time. Mr. Bryant introduced the ILES Destination Imagination Team Coaches and their teams:

Team Science: Coach Natalie Lyons, Aubrey O'Neil, Henry Tichy, Vivian Freeman, Ashtyn Hibbard, Levi Geib

Blue Lazer Tigers: Coach Craig Carpenter, Cooper Hayman, Own McGurkin, Addison Neidhardt, Wyatt Turgeon, Eva Larson, Elin Stevensen, Beatrice Cartier

Mrs. Currier's Team: Coach Mary Kate Currier, Kaya Ort, Wesley Clapp, Declan McCann, Logan Currier, Brielle Richards, Caleb Geib, Violet Fader

Mr. G's Team: Coach Chris Gonzalez, Harper Yolda, Alex Graper, Kasey Paquin, Wyett Fry, Noah O'Neil

Fuzzy Purple Dinos: Coach Rebecca Siek, Athena Burr, Evie Champagne, Taylor Miles

Dr. Downing commended the DI Teams for their work and creativity, providing a review of the teams' DI 2022 challenges. Dr. Downing introduced the ILM/HS Destination Imagination Team Leaders and their teams:

Mrs. Dubois' Team: Coach Kaitlyn Dubois, Thea Wright, Hannah Nesbitt, Gracie Archand, Katie Scadova, Riley Jordan

JETPAK: Coach Tianna Szarka, Peyton Hoyt, Kami Lamarre, Alexis Dow, Jayda Wesson, Eloise Moore, Olivia Kimball

Mr. Bryant and Dr. Downing thanked the parents, coaches and students for being leaders at their schools.

VI. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

A. Committee Assignment Interests

Chair Merrill asked Board members to inform herself or the Superintendent of what Committee assignments interest them prior to the next meeting.

B. School Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the School Board Meeting Schedule May 2022 through April 2023 as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (Agenda Items Only)

None

VIII. INTER-LAKES STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Riley Towle thanked all Principals for the information they shared, he appreciates knowing what is going on around the entire District. Updates from Inter-Lakes Elementary School - the 6th grade is gearing up for their annual trip to Camp Merrowvista; this provides a unique opportunity for students moving up to the Middle/High School to get to know each other better. This opportunity also provides a time for Sandwich Central School and Inter-Lakes Elementary School students to get to meet before their first day of school next year.

Sandwich Central School was visited by the Plymouth State University TIGER Collaboration last week. This theater group is dedicated to helping students, parents and teachers deal with social issues, they are a very enthusiastic group that performs for schools all around New England. SCS 6th grade is planning for their trip April 12-15 to Washington, DC and Philadelphia.

Inter-Lakes Middle/High School will start SAT and PSAT testing this week. Rehearsal has been ongoing since early February for the upcoming production of The Wizard of Oz; the show includes students 4th grade through 12th. The show is scheduled for April 1 & 2; everyone is very excited, this is the first full show since COVID (January 2020). The Spring Athletic Programs have begun, everyone is super excited and motivated about upcoming games. The amazing Lakerbots are preparing for their competition April 1-3 at Pease International Tradeport; they have already competed in Salem and did very well. Lakerbots teamed up with the ILES Lego Robotics Team to go to SCS to help their Lego Robotics Team get started; it was a great collaboration among all the schools.

ADDENDUM (Agenda Item moved up from Old Business on the Agenda Addendum)

A. International Field Trip to Spain, April 2022

Mrs. Moriarty provided an overview of the planning for this trip, indicating that participants families and organizers feel comfortable with travel abroad as planned.

Senora Jocelyn Judge was in attendance, she provided a detailed itinerary and reviewed it with the School Board. Senora Judge indicated that the trip was to southern Spain, geographically as far away as can be from Russia while still in Europe. The company, Students Love to Travel, has people bringing groups with them also following the same itinerary.

Discussion ensued regarding trip insurance and refunds as well as COVID-19 testing protocols that are in place.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the trip to Spain in April, 2022 as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Senora Judge will present experiences from the trip to the School Board in May.

IX. MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing – February 8, 2022

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing. The motion passed 7-0.

B. Special Board Meeting – February 11, 2022

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 Special Board Meeting. The motion passed 6-0-1; Mr. Baker abstained.

C. Special Board Meeting – March 6, 2022

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2022 Special Board Meeting. The motion passed 6-0-1; Mr. Hanson abstained.

X. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #3018.

Mr. Baker asked if the payment for solar system maintenance was a yearly contract. Mrs. Temperino responded that the invoice was for repair to solar water system, a one time expense.

The motion on the floor passed 7-0.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Staffing Update

Mrs. Moriarty reported that there are still two teacher openings - Laker Learning Lab and Reading Teacher. Schedules and courses have been revamped to ensure students are receiving services. There are currently twelve Paraeducator positions open; two custodians; and two First Student Bus Drivers.

Discussion ensued regarding current recruitment efforts and anticipated collaboration with PSU to fill positions.

B. School Student Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together (School-SPIRIT) Program

Mrs. Moriarty discussed the need to address with students, families and faculty those difficult topics to talk about. The importance to raise awareness and help families recognize that a phone provides a great deal of access to social media.

Dr. Downing provided details of the School SPIRIT Program and the work being done with the Department of Justice. The program provides support to learn how to accept diversity and release tension. To get a broad representation of the student body recruitment of 40-50 is needed. The first meeting of this group is planned for Saturday, May 21st where students will talk out issues and identify goals for the Site Council work next school year. Dr. Downing noted that it is a multiple year process.

Discussion ensued regarding support for the full day training and the need to identify community partners that will come in to facilitate group discussions. The Department of Justice will provide free training for community partners as facilitators. Updates will be provided to the School Board monthly.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Temperino shared a letter that went home to parents from Fresh Picks Café regarding the potential impact of the significant cyberattack recently experienced by H.P. Hood. Although work is underway with other milk vendors, there may be a need to substitute 100% juice and/or water due to supply shortages.

Mr. Hanson recognize Riley who voted for the first time in Center Harbor.

Mrs. Moriarty shared a thank you note to the Board from a teacher.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021-2022 End of Year Calendar

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the proposed end of year schedule for this school year; it was noted that the District exceeds required hours with proposed waived snow days.

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve the Superintendents recommendations for the 2021-2022 end of school year calendar as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

B. 2022-2023 School Calendar

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the proposed calendar, noting that vacations align with surrounding districts. The calendar will be brought to the April meeting for approval.

C. American Rescue Plan – Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds III (ARP-ESSER III) Proposal for Use of Funds for 2022-2023

Mrs. Moriarty provided an in-depth review of the proposed additional staffing considerations funded through ESSER Funds for 2022-2023 (*Agenda Attachment #10*). No decision is needed at this time, the information and review were to make the School Board aware of the staffing needs and support for students and families.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the impact of the pandemic, issues related to accessing therapy in the community, and support needed to help close the learning gap for many students. More information will be provided at the April School Board Meeting, for review and consideration.

D. Exchange Students 2022-2023 – Cultural Homestay Exchange

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the application admittance for two exchange students as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

E. Donations

Donations to Sandwich Central School and Inter-Lakes Elementary School

- \$2,000 from White Sylvania Trust in Sandwich for program enhancements and field experiences at Sandwich Central School
- \$489.66 from Inter-Lakes PTO to purchase Ellison SureCut Dies for the Ellison Die Cutting Machine at Inter-Lakes Elementary School

Donations for the Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Robotics Team:

- \$500 from Moultonboro Lions Club
- \$500 from Meredith Rotary Club
- \$500 from Community Foundation of St. Clair County
- \$2,000 from Meredith Village Savings Bank
- \$2,000 from Trinity Episcopal Church of Meredith

Donations for the Inter-Lakes Middle/High School After Prom:

- \$300 from Meredith Farm Growers, LLC
- \$250 from Hayward & Company
- \$250 from Thomas & Son Artesian Well Company
- \$500 from Meredith Rotary Club

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to approve the donations as presented with thanks. The motion passed 7-0.

XIV. POLICY - No action required.

XV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the Board None

B. Members of the Administration None

XVI. PUBLIC INPUT

Karen Sticht, Meredith – Hopeful that the After-Prom Fundraiser Auction link will go out on the internet, there are many great prizes. Ms. Sticht suggested other options for the proposed Mental Health Worker position using ESSER Funds. Not everybody connects the same with one individual; approach should be as a team with options available for support.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Inter-Lakes School Board @ TBD

- Policy Review Committee – **5:30 p.m.**
- Regular School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Inter-Lakes School Board @ TBD

- Policy Review Committee – **5:30 p.m.**
- Regular School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

Discussion ensued regarding possibly moving School Board Meeting locations to each school library or return to the Humiston Building Conference Room.

XVIII. NON PUBLIC

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to enter Non-Public Session at 7:26 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 (b)(c) – To discuss 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 the public body itself, unless such a person requests an open meeting. Board Secretary called for a roll call vote as follows:

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

NO: --

The motion passed 7-0.

Public Session

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to enter Public Session at 8:12 PM. The motion passed 7-0.

Exchange Students 2022-2023 – Exchange Rotary Youth Program

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the application admittance for one exchange student from the Exchange Rotary Youth Program as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Nominations of Professional Teaching Staff

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the nomination of Professional Teaching Staff for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

Nomination of Administrative Staff for 2022-2023

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the nomination of Administrative Staff for the 2022-2023 school year as amended. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Hanson suggested scheduling a School Board Work Session in April or May to talk about budget goals.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary