

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting
Physical Location: Inter-Lakes Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
21 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH
Remote Access: <https://meet.google.com/fks-kafr-gnq>
May 12, 2020

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Moriarty read the following statement regarding electronic meetings of the Board:

As Superintendent of the Inter-Lakes School District I will announce that due to Covid-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Board is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note there is a physical location for the meeting for the public. Additionally, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are:

- a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means;*

We are utilizing the Google Meet platform for this electronic meeting. All School Board Members have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through the Google Meet platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen/participate to this meeting by contacting Marilyn Martell at 279-7947 for details

- b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting;*

We previously gave notice to the public of how to access the meeting through notice on the Inter-Lakes School District website.

- c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access;*

If anybody has a problem, please call Marilyn Martell at 279-7947.

- d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.*

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will adjourn the meeting and have it rescheduled at that time.

Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by a Roll Call vote. When each member states their presences, they will indicate if there is anyone else in the room with them during the meeting; as required under the Right-to-Know Law.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members and guests participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Mr. Richard Hanson
Mr. Mark Billings
Mr. Craig Baker
Mr. Charley Hanson
Ms. Lisa Merrill*
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*
Mr. Scott Currier, Principal ILM/HS*
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, Principal SCS*
Mr. John Martin, DoIT Director
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Director

Others Present:

Chris Mega, Video Recorder
Staff/Public

IV. INTER-LAKES STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Student Representative Raven Strother provided a learner's perspective on remote learning. While conceding that on-line learning was not ideal, Strother classified, the work educators in the Inter-Lakes School District have been performing, especially those teaching Advanced Placement courses as "amazing." The shift to remote learning has added to the many losses that the senior class has experienced, but teachers have adapted to an on-line format and moved their curriculum around to keep students engaged. She said she was heartened by the way the school and the community have come together in the wake of the pandemic.

Teachers created a music video for students that was well received and students in turn are working on one to share with the professional staff. Ms. Strother created an on-line forum that allowed students to share their thoughts with teachers and she told the Board many educators reached out to tell her how meaningful it had been to read. She said it was important to recognize that educators district-wide have been doing high quality work.

Mr. C. Hanson asked whether she felt that the majority of students would share her sentiments, and Strother said, she believed that they would.

Mr. R. Hanson asked whether she had received any feedback on the proposed plans for graduation. Ms. Strother said she thinks students are excited to have an appreciation ceremony but feel sad that graduates and their immediate family will be in their cars, which is unfortunate, but given the health crisis the fact that any celebration can be held is really special and represents a good compromise as many schools have not been able to host commencement exercises.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Mona Hoefs said that she wanted to thank the Administration and the School Board. Inter-Lakes was well ahead of other districts in planning the switch to remote learning. She also asked about the protocol staff should be following that are accessing the school buildings.

Superintendent Moriarty responded that the guidance from the CDC is that masks should be worn whenever a six-foot distance between people cannot be maintained.

VI. MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting – April 14, 2020

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, as corrected to show the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill; Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the payment of bills, manifest #3021.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill; Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

A. Enrollment

Student population district-wide has declined by two since the last report; one in Preschool and one in Grade Three.

B. Financial Report

Assistant Superintendent Temperino reported that the District's finances have improved by \$345,000 since the last report. Given the current circumstances unencumbered funds won't be used and as a result previously anticipated withdrawals from the Special Education and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trusts will not need to be made. Revenues have not changed since the last report. As a result of cost avoidance – reduced transportation, cancellation of the spring sports seasons etc. Ms. Temperino said, the district will end the year with a fund balance that will be returned to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation.

To date more than 25,600 Grab and Go Meals, including breakfast and lunch, have been prepared and delivered to 321 families district-wide. Continuation of the program through June 30th has been approved by the Department of Education.

C. Remote Learning Update

Superintendent Moriarty said teachers, para-educators and students have all been doing a wonderful job, although the stress level is different because they can't do the things that they have always done.

At the elementary level teachers will be doing a narrative report on student progress in language arts and mathematics. In the middle and high school assessments will be pass/fail. The school profile that is included with a student's transcript that is forwarded

to colleges will contain a notation about the spring 2020 semester. The grades from that semester will not be included in Grade Point Average because of equity issues.

The Superintendent publicly thanked the many staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly with little fanfare to keep the grab and go meal program running.

As part of future planning, the Superintendent said, she plans to reach out to host remote listening sessions to collect feedback and input from families regarding their remote learning experience and thoughts for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

D. Graduation/End of Year Events

Sandwich Central School Principal Jeremy Hillger said the tradition of 6th Grade Night will continue, drive-in movie style. Cars containing students and their families will park on the basketball court. Grade 6 teacher Justin Chapman, Mr. Hillger and Chief of Police Doug Wyman will be at a podium on top of the sledding hill. Students will be called to come up one at a time to maintain social distancing.

Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Principal Scott Currier reported that graduation for the Class of 2020 will also involve a procession of cars carrying students and their immediate family. The ceremonies will be held on the Middle/High School campus and include student speakers and a musical component. A stage will be set up in the south parking lot. Details of the traffic pattern are being finalized, but as each student has the chance to walk onto the stage and be awarded their diploma with their respective family having a front row seat in their vehicle.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. has received Inter-Lakes Middle/High Schools request for a Collaborative Conference Visit and has scheduled it for Tuesday, October 6, 2020 through Wednesday, October 7, 2020. This is a new step in the Accreditation renewal process.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Putting All the Pieces Together - Inter-Lakes School District's Design Principles, Practices, and Procedures for: Learning, Assessing Learner Progress, and Using Grades to Report Learner Progress

Superintendent Moriarty said the final of the four-part Learning Series had been postponed as a result of the pandemic. This part of the series focuses on the reporting/grading aspect and it is important that the School Board and the public circle back to it. The final session is being scheduled for late May; the School Board will be asked to vote to approve the final document in June.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Follow-Up: Use of Facilities by Outside Organizations During the Summer/Fall

Superintendent Moriarty suggested that the conversation be postponed until June until the state has issued more guidelines regarding the opening of various businesses.

B. Increase in School Lunch Prices for the 2020-2021 School Year

Assistant Superintendent Temperino explained the district evaluates prices for its breakfast and lunch program annually. The process is done in conjunction with Café Services using the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) tool. The methodology was created to help calculate the price increase needed to meet federal guidelines. The goal is to bring pricing of school meals closer to federal revenues received. She recommended the board adopt an increase of ten cents for all full price meals for the 2020-2021 school year, the minimum increase required.

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve an increase in school lunch prices for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2019-2020 School Year – End of Year Schedule

Superintendent Moriarty reported that June 2, 2020 is the last day of school for seniors and the final day for “new content” to be shared with grades PK-11. Graduation will be held on June 6, 2020.

The last day of school for other students will be rolling from June 3 – June 11 depending upon when students complete unfinished work. June 12 was the original last day of school for students. The Administration is requesting the School Board waive this day for students; teachers will complete final reports on learner progress on this day.

On June 15, teachers will collaborate on curricular adjustments needed for the coming school year. Teachers and Para-Educators will participate in professional learning.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the 2019-2020 End of Year Schedule as presented.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Inter-Lakes School District Administrators and Non-Bargaining Members Benefits Overview

Superintendent Moriarty said the proposed benefits for administrators and non-bargaining members was the same as last year and contained no changes.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Billings to approve the Administrators and Non-Bargaining Members Benefits Overview as proposed.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Nomination of Administrative Staff

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings to approve the Administrative Staff as nominated by the Superintendent.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Nomination of Professional Teaching Staff

The replacement of a retiring Elementary School Music Teacher at .8 FTE is proposed along with the hiring of a Special Education Teacher who has been working as a Long-Term Substitute since November at an additional cost of \$10,700.

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings to approve the nomination of Professional Teaching Staff as presented.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

G. Donations

- \$200 from "In the Round" Group of Sandwich to support enhanced internet service for families at Sandwich Central School.
- \$500 anonymous donation of Hannaford gift cards to help families of students through the Grab and Go Meals Program.
- \$125 from Meredith White Sylvania Trust to support field experiences at Sandwich Central School.
- \$620 from Carol J. Zinc to be held to help families of students through the Grab and Go Meals Program.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to gratefully accept the donations as presented.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the availability of internet service in Sandwich and options to be considered in upcoming elections. Ms. Starmer encouraged informing the NHEC Directors of broadband issues in the area. Mr. Billings stated that the School Board has a voice and suggested they use it. Mrs. Moriarty said that she could draft a letter to the NH Electric Cooperative Board of Directors.

XII. POLICY

A. First Reading – Policy #6161.1, Animals in the School

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve first reading of Policy #6161.1, Animals in the School.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Category II Policy Approval – Policy 5152, Wellness through Nutrition and Physical Activity

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve Policy #5152, Wellness through Nutrition and Physical Activity, as amended.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the Board

Chairman Hanson discussed proposed Board Committee assignments.

B. Members of the Administration

Mrs. Moriarty noted that Mr. C. Hanson took the lead to author a letter of appreciation to School District staff and suggested that fellow board members sign it before it would be mailed out. ~~Mr. C. Hanson~~ * Ms. Lindsey Weiner suggested that the Meredith News be asked to publish it as a letter to the editor so that the community could read it.

C. Student Tuition

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to allow the children of two school district staff members to attend Inter-Lakes Schools tuition-free, per the Contract Bargaining Agreement.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Chris Mega questioned whether the \$340,000 in savings spoken about by Assistant Superintendent Temperino during the financial report was the result of appropriations that were not spent this year? Mrs. Temperino explained that the funds are really not savings but rather as the result of cost avoidance as the pandemic has lowered busing and other costs with the cancellation of spring sports, etc.

As a member of the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra who used the high school auditorium to practice and perform, Mr. Mega said, it is important for the non-profit organization to know as soon as possible whether or not they will be able to use the facilities so that they can determine whether or not they can hold their season.

Chairman Hanson said he was reluctant to hold a future board meeting in the multi-purpose room at ILES as while the intent was to provide sufficient room for the public to attend while observing social distancing the acoustics were not good.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman who was attending remotely agreed that because of the acoustics he had been unable to serve effectively as a board member during the meeting.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Monday, May 18, 2020

SAU #2 Board Meeting – Remote via Google Meet, Physical Location TBD **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Inter-Lakes School Board – Remote via Google Meet, Physical Location TBD

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

The Board Secretary called the roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Baker; Mr. Billings; Mr. C. Hanson; Mr. R. Hanson; Ms. Merrill;
Mr. Porter-Zuckerman; Ms. Starmer

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bea Lewis Wheeler
School District Clerk

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