

**INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Inter-Lakes School Board Special Meeting Minutes**  
*Physical Location: Humiston Building Conference Room*  
**103 Main Street, Meredith, NH**  
**March 19, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Richard Hanson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and announced that as a result of the COVID-19 crisis the board was practicing social distancing and would be conducting the meeting remotely. As a result, all votes must be taken via roll call.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. RECORD ROLL**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Richard Hanson  
Mr. Mark Billings  
Mr. Charley Hanson  
Ms. Lisa Merrill  
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman  
Ms. Nancy Starmer

**Administrators Present:**

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent

**Others Present:**

Chris Mega, Video Recorder

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Craig Baker\*  
(\*with notice)

**IV. PUBLIC INPUT   None**

**V. BUSINESS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Chairman Hanson said the main business of the meeting was to approve the nominations of professional teaching staff as brought forward by the Superintendent. Approving the nominations will allow teacher contracts to be mailed out much sooner to meet the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and should help relieve some of the anxiety being felt by teachers who have been faced with switching to remote learning.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE   None**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2020-2021 Nomination of Professional Teaching Staff**

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the nomination of professional teaching staff as presented.

Superintendent Moriarty said she was very appreciative of the staff and how incredibly hard they have been working. If the School Board approves the nominations it will help Human Resources meet the 15-day deadline from the Annual Meeting to issue contracts and should help reassure staff.

Discussion ensued regarding the contractual agreement and the importance of the Board helping District employees by giving them assurance through approval of nominations for next school year.

Chairman Hanson called for a roll call vote, as follows:

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

NO: None

The motion on the floor passed unanimously.

## **B. Update on Remote Learning**

Superintendent Moriarty reported that remote learning began March 18<sup>th</sup> and that the teaching staff with the assistance of paraeducators have been stellar. The offices in each of the school buildings remain open to support families and staff. Some staff members prefer to come into their classrooms and work alone with ready access to their teaching tools.

The generosity of the Inter-Lakes Community has been incredible. A total of 232 food deliveries were made March 18<sup>th</sup> using the District's bus contractor as courier. Got Lunch and Café Services have really swung into action. Got Lunch has donated \$20,000 in Hannaford vouchers; families are receiving two \$10 gift cards a week to help fill their grocery gap.

An anonymous donor went to some areas of town and set up hot spots so that students without Internet access can participate in remote learning. Another donor who earlier gave food donations to help has agreed to give more to assure kids and families are cared for.

The Superintendent said this is an unsettling time for kids and that in an effort to normalize things each school is continuing to do morning announcement to connect with students.

Ms. Merrill offered her thanks to Superintendent Moriarty and Assistant Superintendent Temperino for their work with Got Lunch adding that it is helping feed a lot of kids.

Ms. Starmer said she has fielded phone calls and emails from people asking how they can volunteer to help. Superintendent Moriarty said she would get a link out on the Sandwich board noting that school closure will likely last beyond April 3<sup>rd</sup> and that additional volunteers will be needed to sustain the food distribution.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman said he had been overwhelmed by the caliber of the on-line learning that SCS Principal Jeremy Hillger and his team are doing and offered thanks to them for their efforts.

Superintendent Moriarty said the Thursday and Friday teacher work sessions really helped and praised Technology Director John Martin and Curriculum Coordinator Erica Pappalardo for putting all the training together.

Ms. Merrill expressed concern about the stress level students were experiencing especially seniors.

The Superintendent responded that Guidance Director Holly Vieten and her staff are reaching out to students, their families and staff them to take care of themselves. She agreed that the stress level around rites of passage for seniors is high. Teachers are checking in with kids and are to report back to Guidance if they have concerns. The Guidance Department and staff are very active in trying to promote wellness for students and faculty and to be cognizant if someone is not doing well.

**VIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**A. Members of the Board**

Chairman Hanson commented that the Board is very fortunate to have Superintendent Moriarty noting she took up the challenge of switching to remote learning long before other districts considered it. It is a herculean task and the magnitude of the transformation led by Mrs. Moriarty and the Administrative Team is worthy of on the record recognition.

Mr. Billings said it is apparent that a lot of thought went into some very, very hard decisions. The task ahead is being able to sustain it.

Superintendent Moriarty agreed that sustainability is key explaining that she is looking out four weeks, six weeks, and two months in planning.

Mr. Billings suggested that since two signatures of the board are necessary on the manifests to allow the District's bills to be paid, that the School Board consider voting to allow an electronic signature system to be put in place.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to allow electronic signatures on District Manifests to avoid a delay in the payment of bills. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Members of the Administration** None

**IX. PUBLIC INPUT** None

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Tuesday, March 24, 2020 - MEETING POSTPONED**

Reschedule date to be determined.

**B. Tuesday, April 14, 2020 - MAY BE REMOTE**

Inter-Lakes School Board @ Humiston Building – Conference Room – 6:00 p.m.

- Regular School Board Meeting

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bea Lewis Wheeler  
School District Clerk