

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting
Humiston Building Conference Room
103 Main Street, Suite #2, Meredith, NH
November 12, 2019

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Howard Cunningham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Mr. Howard Cunningham, Vice-Chair
Mr. Mark Billings
Ms. Lisa Merrill
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman
Mr. Craig Baker (arr 6:15 p.m.)
Mr. Charley Hanson (arr 6:23 p.m.)
Ms. Raven Strother, Student Rep.

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Trish Temperino, Asst. Superintendent
Mrs. Elaine Dodge, Director of Student Services
Mr. Scott Currier, Principal ILM/HS
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, Principal SCS
Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director

Members Absent:

Mr. Richard Hanson (with notice)

Others Present:

Chris Mega (videotaping)
Press and Public

IV. PUBLIC INPUT None

V. MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting – October 8, 2019

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. The motion carried 5-0; with Mr. Cunningham abstaining.

B. Special Board Meeting – September 24, 2019

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2019 Special Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Special Board Meeting – October 22, 2019

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 Special Board Meeting. The motion carried 5-0; with Mr. Cunningham abstaining.

VI. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #3010. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve payment of bills, manifest #3011. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Billings asked if payments to Granite State Glass and Honeywell were attributed to the Safety Improvement Project and whether that was still underway. Mrs. Temperino responded that progress has been made, but the project will not be completed until late December. Upon completion of the project the Board will be asked to sign-off on the project completion; this document will be sent to the State for reimbursement.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Enrollment

November student population K-12 is down nine over October. Guidance is doing Exit Interviews with families who leave the District and have found they are happy with Inter-Lakes and the decision to leave is typically linked to employment, housing or the decision to take a different educational path.

B. Financial Report

Assistant Superintendent Temperino reported 97% of the budget has been spent or encumbered to date. That is up 2% over what is typical, and is being carefully monitored. Meredith and Center Harbor have set their municipal tax rates and Sandwich set their rate today. A Tax Rate and Revenue Analysis will be provided at the next regular meeting.

C. Transportation Ridership Update

More students are using bus transportation; student ridership is up 19% in the morning and up 8% in the afternoon.

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

Principal Scott Currier reviewed student test result data with the Board; it was noted that the results were snapshots of different cohorts to show different measures.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE – Superintendent, Board Secretary, Board Members

None

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Inter-Lakes Middle/High School International Club

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the Inter-Lakes Middle/High School International Club. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Trip to Peru April 24-May 1, 2020; as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the measures taken to ensure the safety of students and chaperones when traveling abroad.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-Curricular Proposal – Elementary FIRST Lego Robotics

The program was started with grant funds from the NH Department of Education and before the District had adopted a process regarding establishing new co-curricular activities.

Mrs. Moriarty noted that FIRST Lego Robotics is consistent with the current design for Destination Imagination and recommended one Coordinator/Level VI stipend for work between ILES and SCS and applying for related grants at a cost of \$1,258 and four Coach/Level IV stipend for each of four teams at a cost of \$2,306 per stipend totaling \$9,224. Fixed cost will amount to \$2,689 for a total request of \$13,171.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, second by Mr. Billings, to approve the Elementary FIRST Lego Robotics as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Moriarty extended thanks to Mrs. DeCamp for launching the Elementary FIRST Lego Robotics program three years ago with financial support only, through grant funding and donations. It was noted that stipends were not paid to staff involved with the program. Discussion regarding funding for stipends and the needs to review the stipend scale ensued.

B. Donations

- \$1,500 from the Inter-Lakes PTO to support the 8th Grade field experience to New York City.
- \$500 from the Friends of Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes Hockey to the Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Family in Need Fund.
- Whirlpool 3.5 cu. Ft. mini-refrigerator (value \$150) from the Lakes Region Flag Football League.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to accept the donations as presented with appreciation. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. POLICY – no action required

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the Board None

B. Members of the Administration

Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director shared the following information with Board members:

- A Suicide Prevention Program will be held on December 4th; six students who have been trained will participate along with a panel of experts.
- The Inter-Lakes Scholarship Committee is seeking new members to serve a two-year term, as many long-time members have chosen to retire. Those interested in serving can contact Holly Vieten or President Michelle Martin.
- The New Hampshire Higher Education Foundation came to Inter-Lakes to assist students with a free college application filing day. Thirty-six students filed eighty-six applications and all applications to New Hampshire colleges and universities were free. The Foundation also provided Inter-Lakes with a \$500 scholarship that will be awarded via a drawing.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Joan Eversole of Meredith, asked the Superintendent whether she could identify any schools that have been able to document improvement after adopting the competency-based learning theory of education. She maintained that two schools that

have adopted it, are in the bottom tier in the state and that she does not want to see that happened to Inter-Lakes.

Superintendent Moriarty shared with Ms. Eversole that shortly the District's web site will have a video from the last Learning Session that she may find helpful.

Don Crowell of Meredith, said he shared Eversole's concerns. Mr. Crowell feels competency-based education provided no deadlines or accountability. While the ability to reassess is not a bad thing, when put into practice it creates procrastination in students who learn they can come to class unprepared.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, November 19, 2019 – Humiston Building Conference Room

- SAU #2 Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – Humiston Building Conference Room

- Inter-Lakes Special School Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

C. Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – Ashland Elementary School – Cafeteria

- SAU #2 Budget Public Hearing & Board Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

D. Tuesday January 14, 2020 – Humiston Building Conference Room

- Inter-Lakes School Board Meeting -**6:00 p.m.**

E. Tuesday, January 21 2020 – Humiston Building Conference Room

- Inter-Lakes School Board – Budget @**4:30 p.m.**

F. Tuesday, January 28, 2020 – Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Auditorium

- Inter-Lakes Special Board Meeting (Learning Series Part 3) – **6:00 p.m.**

XV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

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

At 7:16 p.m. Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, 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.

Public Session

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, the Board return to Public Session at 7:44 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bea Lewis Wheeler
School District Clerk