

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School – Community Auditorium
Livestream Access: <https://youtu.be/Rp65zjN8E8U>
May 11, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent of Schools Mary Moriarty called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., noting as this is the reorganization meeting of the Inter-Lakes School Board, she is required to open the meeting until officers are nominated and voted in.

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
Ms. Raven Strother, Student Rep.
Mr. Craig Baker (arr 6:08 p.m.)

Administrators Present:

Ms. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mr. Michael Bryant, ILES Principal
Mr. Scott Currier, ILM/HS Principal
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, SCS Principal
Mr. John Martin, Technology Director
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Manager
Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director

Others Present:

Mr. Chris Mega, Video Recorder
Mr. Jason Cornelissen, Auditorium Manager
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. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to nominate Mr. Richard Hanson. No further nominations were made. The vote was 6-0 in favor.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Vice-Chairman

Mr. R. Hanson assumed control of the meeting and asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the School Board.

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to nominate Ms. Lisa Merrill. No further nominations were made. The motion passed 6-0.

C. Secretary

Chairman Hanson asked for nominations for Secretary of the School Board.

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to nominate Mr. C. Hanson.

Mr. R. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to nominate Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman.

Mr. C. Hanson was elected by a vote of 4-0.

V. BUSINESS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

A. Committee Assignment Interests

Chairman Hanson asked Board members to inform him or the Superintendent of what Committee assignments interested them prior to the next meeting. Mrs. Moriarty noted there are no teacher negotiations this year; Policy will continue to have a large work load.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Input on Acceptance of Unanticipated Grant Awards from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II (ESSER II)

Chairman Hanson called the Public Hearing to Order at 6:06 p.m.

Superintendent Moriarty said the purpose of the hearing was to allow the public to comment on the District's receipt of \$821,304 in unanticipated (ESSER II) grant funds.

As there were no public comments the public hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to approve acceptance of unanticipated grant awards from ESSER II to offset unanticipated expenses from the coronavirus pandemic. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. STUDENT RECOGNITION

- **Annalee Thorndike Scholarship Competition**

Ashlin Hird was the first-place winner and will be presented a certificate honoring her accomplishment at school on May 12.

- **Huot National Technical Honor Society Inductee Automotive Technology**

Nick Curran is the first Inter-Lakes students to be inducted in the Technical Honor Society at Huot. He has enlisted in the Coast Guard and will be leaving shortly for Cape May, N.J.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT None

IX. MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting – April 13, 2021

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as written.

The motion passed 5-0; with Mr. R. Hanson and Mr. Porter-Zuckerman abstaining.

X. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Ms. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #3021. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Enrollment

Superintendent Moriarty said there have been no significant changes. There were previously 167 students participating virtually. There are now 126, requiring a lot of transitions for teachers.

B. Finance Report

Superintendent Moriarty said that a good projection of the end of year fund balance will be provided at the June 8th School Board Meeting.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. ConVal Related E-Mail

Superintendent Moriarty said the ConVal School District has extended the deadline until May 18 for school districts to join in the legal challenge to the State's adequacy formula.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. World Language Department Field Trip During April Vacation 2020

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to approve the World Language Department Field Trip to Spain during April 2022, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Exchange Students 2021-2022 – Cultural Home Exchange

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

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Electric Mini Bus Information/Discussion

Mr. Bill Johnson of NH Electric Cooperative joined the meeting virtually to discuss the District's interest in possibly acquiring small buses that would be available for transporting sports teams or field trip participants. Mr. Johnson provided a detailed review of positive benefits of electric buses, to include financial and environmental impact.

Superintendent Moriarty recounted that the District was considering small buses because they can be driven without obtaining a commercial driver's license. Gasoline powered version now cost approximately \$60,000 to \$65,000. Voters have approved setting aside \$120,325 towards the purchase.

Johnson said he has been working with Anderson Motors based in R.I., that is the Bluebird bus franchise holder. A full sized electric powered bus now cost approximately \$350,000 while a so-called Micro Bird, a 14-passenger miniature version cost about \$100,000 less.

Vehicle to Grid technology Johnson said, would provide offsetting revenue but electric buses will also require an additional outlay of \$50,000 to purchase the needed charger.

While electric powered buses are the greener option and have less impact on air quality, Johnson agree with Mr. Billings observation that the District would be unable to determine whether coal was the source of the energy used to produce the electricity to charge the vehicle.

B. Suicide Prevention Plan

Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director and Guidance Counselors Mr. Nick Connell and Ms. Stacey Gagnon detailed the Districts Suicide Prevention Plan.

State law requires schools to have such plans in place and the document codifies what has already been practice and protocol.

C. COVID-19 Updates

Infection rates and hospitalizations continue to trend down. Children ages 12 and up are now eligible to be vaccinated.

D. General Assurances

Superintendent Moriarty said the assurances need to be signed to receive Title I, Title IIA, Title, 4, 5 and 6 federal entitlement funds.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to authorize the School Board Chair and the Superintendent to sign the FY 2022 General Assurances, Requirements and Definitions for the District's Participation in Federal Programs. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) Fund Grant Program Assurances and Grant Application

Superintendent Moriarty gave an overview of ESSER Funding noting there is \$156,594 available in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES); \$821,304 in Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations and \$1.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding.

The purpose is to present, prepare and respond to COVID-19. At least 20% of the \$1.9 million must be spent to address learning loss. Some students have not been in class since March 2020 and much of the funding will be earmarked for recovery learning.

Discussion ensued.

The administration recommended that that board consider authorizing the hiring of four key positions: four class size reduction teachers; a high school math teacher; technology support and an eighth-grade math and science teacher.

Ms. Starmer spoke of the school districts in the state who are suffering financially and said she wished Inter-Lakes that is on firm financial footing could direct some of these grant funds to those districts most in need.

Mr. Baker expressed his concern about legacy spending and the prospects of having to reduce staffing and other services once grants funds expire.

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to support the administration's recommended hiring. The motion passed 6-0 with Mr. Baker opposed.

F. American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER III) Fund Overview/Draft

Superintendent Moriarty gave a detailed overview of the federal grant funds available to the District and a preliminary spending plan to address a number of COVID-19 related needs.

G. Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Master Schedule/Course Proposal for 2021-2022

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to approve staffing and scheduling for the 2021-2022 school year as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Mr. Swanker, Facilities Manager shared the core recommendations for reducing airborne infectious aerosol exposure issued by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. Federal grant funds could be used to make ILM/HS completely climate controlled improving air quality.

I. Roofing Replacement Contract

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to accept the contract proposal from Therrien Company for roofing replacement as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Site Work and Paving Contract for Sandwich Central School

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to accept the contract proposal from SKR Sites Services for site work and paving at Sandwich Central School. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Donations

- \$9,200 from the Inter-Lax Foundation for the Inter-Lakes Girls and Boys Lacrosse Program

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to accept the donation as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

L. End-of-Year Celebrations and Events

Principal Currier said ILM/HS Graduation will be held on June 12 at 10 a.m. in the lower parking lot overlooking the turf field with the mountainous backdrop. There will be a predetermined number of tickets issued to maintain social distancing. The Senior Celebration/Prom will be held on June 5 at the Sandwich Fairground and mitigation practices will be followed.

On May 19, 26 students were inducted into the National Honor Society.

The Class of 2021 Car Procession will be held on May 22 beginning at the Sandwich Fairgrounds and routing through Center Harbor to the Inter-Lakes campus.

Principals Bryant and Hillger also detailing their schools respective end of year celebrations and the mitigation efforts that will be observed.

XV. POLICY - No action required.

XVI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the Board None

B. Members of the Administration None

XVII. PUBLIC INPUT None

XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, May 18, 2021

SAU #2 Board Meeting – Location TBD at 6:00 p.m.

B. Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Inter-Lakes School Board – ILM/HS Community Auditorium
(Livestream Access Available)

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

C. Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Inter-Lakes School Board – ILM/HS Community Auditorium
(Livestream Access Available)

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

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Leave of Absence Request

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the request for military leave of absence for GH, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Teacher Nominations

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the nomination of: Susan Bousquet, Special Education Teacher; Maria Capone, Special Education Teacher; and Shannon Martin, Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion passed unanimously.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bea Lewis Wheeler
School District Clerk