

**Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Community Auditorium
1 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH
September 14, 2020**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Hanson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Mr. Richard Hanson, Chair
Mr. Mark Billings, Vice-Chair
Ms. Lisa Merrill, Secretary
Mr. Craig Baker
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman
Ms. Nancy Starmer
Ms. Raven Strother, Student Rep.

Members Absent:

Mr. Charles Hanson

Administrators Present:

Ms. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Ms. Trish Temperino, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Elaine Dodge, Student Services Director
Mr. Michael Bryant, Principal ILES
Mr. Scott Currier, Principal ILM/HS
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, Principal SCS
Mr. John Martin, DoIT Director
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Director
Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director

Others Present:

Chris Mega, Video Recorder

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Lindsay Weiner, Meredith, stated that the Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Meeting did not include her question to Facilities Director Brian Swanker inquiring how long his current stockpile of disinfecting chemicals would last. His reply was early December.

V. MINUTES

A. Special School Board Meeting – August 25, 2020

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Special Board Meeting as amended. Superintendent Moriarty said on Page 4, the seventh paragraph should read that Elaine Dodge said students with IEPs would receive the same level of services not some level. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman to approve the payment of bills, manifests #3006, #3007. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Enrollment

Mrs. Moriarty reported that there are currently there are 725 students attending classes 100% physically in-person; 167 students are participating in virtual learning and 36 are using a hybrid learning pathway. There are 51 students enrolled in Kindergarten in both elementary schools. Last May, enrollment PreK-12 was 1,006. It is currently 928.

Mr. Billings asked what the previous history of moves and transfers was in the district. The superintendent said that information was being gathered and that she would continue to provide a monthly update to the board. Mr. Billings said enrollment is down substantially since last May.

Ms. Starmer said she would like to know how many students have transferred in to the district. The Superintendent said a small number of people have decided to stay year-round at their second homes. She will do more analysis and get that information to the board.

Mr. Billings said the question of residency will be an issue for some families. The Superintendent said certain documentation is needed to prove residency to qualify for enrollment in district schools.

B. Summer School and Summer Wellness Summary

Guidance Director Vieten, Principal Currier and Student Services Director Dodge gave an update of the academic highlights of summer school including the credit recovery program for 7th and 8th grade.

Ms. Alesia Parks organized both summer sessions and transportation. The summer programs provided an opportunity for families have options with learning pathways and try out the new traffic pattern. Many students were very happy to be back at school.

Principal Currier commended Dr. Michelle Robinson and the middle school teaching staff for their work with summer sessions. A total of 24 students participated in Math, Science and English Language Arts and were able to recover 94 competencies.

Ms. Vieten said at the high school level 70 students participated and 33 students completed 46 courses for credit. She thanked the teaching staff and high school registrar Mrs. White for their work.

Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Bickford detailed the outdoor experiences they shared with students as part of a social emotional wellness program that kept kids physically distant, but socially together, safely outside having fun. The administration said the program brought some joy to what had been a very dark spring. The administration praised both educators for giving up their summer to run the program.

C. School Opening Updates

Mr. Jeremy Hillger, Sandwich Central School Principal said there are 60 students enrolled and that they are really happy to be back as is the staff. The new traffic pattern is in place and social distancing is extending onto the playground. Mr. Hillger is also in charge of Virtual Learning Pathways for grades K-12. Students participated in their first day of virtual learning of the fall semester today. The families of students learning in Virtual Pathways have been contacted to ensure they have the needed technology and can connect with Schoology.

Mr. Michael Bryant, ILES Principal said the staggered start helped ease the transition back to school. Students are adapting well to wearing masks and a video is being produced to show how they should be worn properly. Teachers are taking

advantage of the great weather and using the outdoors as their classrooms. He thanked his staff for their extra efforts.

Mr. Scott Currier, Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Principal said the phased in opening benefitted 7th graders who were making their first trip to the high school as they had missed out on the traditional transition day that was scuttled by the pandemic. Today was the first in-person learning day putting the new traffic pattern into effect that includes provisions for parent pickup, bus transportation and student drivers. He thanked the Board for supporting the phased opening.

Chairman Hanson asked about spacing distances between desks. Depending on classroom size the distance ranges from three to six feet. Mr. Swanker demonstrated the desk shields that have been given to students that are portable and provide an added layer of protection especially when students remove their masks to eat lunch. Mr. Swanker said stadium seats have also been issued district-wide that can be used in outdoor settings for lunchtime seating and learning.

D. COVID-19 Decision Making Team Update

The team has met three times and its membership on the recommendation of Mrs. Starmer now includes two public health experts, Ken Hill and Cindy Stanton. The team will base its decisions on data points along the way that consider cleaning supply stocks, mitigation efforts, social distancing and health screening efforts among others.

When the plan was written, the expectation was that the team could look out a month or more. Things can change so quickly it is hard to forecast more than a week or two ahead. Information about the team and the factors they will consider as part of the decision-making process will be posted on the district's web site.

There are four learning pathway tiers ranging from full in-person to full remote. The team will look at the data and determine whether a change in tier is warranted. If a change is recommended the School Board will be asked to hold an emergency meeting.

E. Updates to the Approved School Opening Plan

Superintendent Moriarty recommended the Board consider amendments to the School Opening Plan. The first would address transportation contractor First Student's decision to use Signet instead of Zoono as the daily disinfectant for school buses. The second amendment details that the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School is a supplemental resource, as the District has built its own Virtual Learning Pathways.

F. DOE-15 Financial Report for the 2019-2020 School Year

Assistant Superintendent Temperino said the DOE-25 Financial Report has been completed and uploaded to the N.H. Department of Education and the Department of Revenue Administration. The report includes a fund balance of \$333,580 to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation. A breakdown of the financial information contained in the report in a more digestible format will be available for the Board at the October meeting.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE None

Chris Mega, Meredith commended the Auditorium Manager Jason Cornelissen, DoIT Director John Martin and staff for arranging the facilities for this evening's meeting maintaining social distancing while also providing remote access to the public.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Bea Lewis Wheeler
School District Clerk