

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inter-Lakes School Board Special Meeting Minutes
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School – Community Auditorium
Livestream Access
September 28, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Merrill called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Grade 6 & 7 at Inter-Lakes Elementary

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Ms. Lisa Merrill, Chair
Mr. Mark Billings, Vice-Chair
Mr. Howard Cunningham
Mr. Charles Hanson
Ms. Nancy Starmer

Members Absent:

Mr. Craig Baker*
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman*
*with notice

Administrators Present:

Ms. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Ms. Trish Temperino, Asst. Superintendent
Mr. Michael Bryant, ILES Principal
Dr. Amanda Downing, ILM/HS Principal
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, SCS Principal
Mr. Mark Parsons, Technology Director
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Director

Others Present:

Mr. Chris Mega, Video Recorder
Mr. Jason Cornelissen, Auditorium Manager
Public & Guests

Ms. Merrill reminded anyone wishing to address the Board, they should state their name and town of residence; comments should be 2 to 3 minutes per person, please be civil and respectful.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Sara Champagne, Meredith. Would like to know when or if the policy regarding masks and sports was going to be revisited. Inside sports at away games with masks is a big disadvantage to the Inter-Lakes teams.

Email: Carolyn Richards, Meredith. Feels like the mask mandate requirements has not been fairly addressed and that input is not, and has not been considered since Covid began from students and parents. We are not in this together, until all input is considered.

Keith Champagne, Meredith. Expressed concern with Public Input only pertaining to what is on the agenda. How is the public supposed to respond if they cannot address concerns to the Board. This should be reconsidered.

Karen Sticht, Meredith. Minutes from the last meeting are on the agenda; would like to revisit the attorney's thoughts about a Special District Meeting. The Board should look at what Moultonborough is doing – special meeting is scheduled for 10/13.

Grace Ainsworth, Meredith. Noted that the second Public Input was missing from the Agenda; it is important to provide an opportunity for voices to be heard to have respectful dialogue. Concerns with the curriculum change from IA to Auto and the addition of Special Education

Coordinators as proposed on the Agenda were brought forward; get creative, think outside the box.

Cindy Creteau, Meredith. Understands that it is not easy to be a School Board Member; does not understand the 3-minute rule for public comment. Suggest that the Board consider moving public comment to near the end of the agenda to provide people an opportunity to give constructive input; listen to votes.

Keith Champagne, Meredith. Expressed concerns that it appears the Board is taking steps to isolate from the people.

Brad Champlain, Meredith. Was disappointed that the Board refused to consider the petition that was submitted for a Special District Meeting. He is hoping to see some changes and feels more public input should be considered.

Cindy Creteau, Meredith. Noted that if minutes from last meeting are on the Agenda, then the minutes can be addressed. Feels that all email comments should be read.

Laurie Davis, Meredith. Stated that the Board is not following Roberts Rules, the Agenda is a mess. The School Board is supposed to work with members of the community.

With no further comments Public Input was closed at 6:25 p.m.

V. MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting – September 14, 2021

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, as amended. The motion passed 5-0.

Amend minutes to reflect correct spelling under public comment - Leo Dwyer not Neal.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Enrollment

Mrs. Moriarty reported that overall enrollment is slightly higher than last year at this time. The Home School count is only those families who began their program this school year.

B. School Highlights

Dr. Downing, ILM/HS Principal introduced a video highlighting the start of the school year from the Lakers News Team. Laker News representatives interviewed students throughout the school about what they have enjoyed about the start of the school year. Home Coming events are scheduled all next week, checkout the Athletics page for a detailed list of events and activities.

Mr. Bryant, ILES Principal thanked Brendan Dowd for working with the grade 6 & 7 students for the Pledge of Allegiance recording at the start of the meeting. Thanks, was also extended to Kat DeCamp for her work with students developing the ILES School Highlights video that is being presented.

Mr. Hillger, SCS Principal shared a video of all that is going on at Sandwich Central School. Thanks and appreciation was extended to SCS community; it has been a lot of work to get the school year off and running – things are going great.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Program Opportunity – Automotive Mechanics to Replace Current Industrial Arts Programming

Mrs. Moriarty request Board approval to survey students to see if there was any interest in Automotive Mechanics; a candidate has not been found to fill the IA Teacher position. She noted that the class would be an exploratory course, developing beginning skills and interest – this will not be a CTE course.

Discussion ensued regarding the steps taken to accommodate students who had signed up for the IA course and the difference between the exploratory Automotive course versus classes at Huot Technology Center.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve going forward with exploration of an Automotive Mechanics Course by first surveying students for interest; and then looking at how the program would be developed. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Leave of Absence Request

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to approve the leave of absence request as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

C. New Hire Nomination of Professional Teaching Staff

No action required. Mrs. Moriarty shared that Mr. Reidy will be transferring from ILES to the 8th Grade Science position; Mrs. Paquette will fill Mr. Reidy's position; and we will be looking to hire an Elementary Teacher.

D. New Building Special Education Coordinator for ILES and ILM/HS – 3 hours per week

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the need for additional support for the Director of Student Services; the significant demands required to meet the needs of families, agencies and coordinate Out-of-District placement requires some support.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed positions and the process hiring within the district for the additional hours.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the Building Special Education Coordinator for ILES and ILM/HS for 3-5 hours per week as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Donation

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to accept the donation as presented; with gratitude. The motion passed 5-0.

IX. POLICY

A. Policy Review Committee Minutes – September 14, 2021

No action required.

B. First Reading

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the first reading of the following policies, as presented:

- Policy #1330 – Community Use of School Buildings and Facilities
- Policy #1411 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies

- Policy #3327.1 – Electronic/Digital Signatures
- Policy #4118 – Evaluation of Professional Personnel
- Policy #9240 – Board Officers

The motion passed 5-0.

C. Rescind

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to rescind the following policies:

- Policy #1330.2 – Use of School Buildings
- Policy #9220 – Functions and Responsibilities of a Vice-Chairman
- Policy #9230 – Functions and Responsibilities of the School Board Secretary

The motion passed 5-0.

D. Reviewed – No action required

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the Board

Mr. Cunningham spoke to the concerns expressed by the audience in regards to Public Input. Historically there was Public Input at the beginning and end of the meeting; providing an opportunity to become clear about Board action. The suggestion was made to go back to that format.

Support was expressed by Board members to have two places for public input on the agenda to provide the opportunity for people to share questions or concerns. Ms. Merrill stated that a second opportunity will be added to the next agenda.

B. Members of the Administration None

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Inter-Lakes School Board @ ILM/HS Community Auditorium, Meredith NH

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

B. Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Inter-Lakes School Board @ ILM/HS Community Auditorium, Meredith NH

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

C. Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Inter-Lakes School Board @ ILM/HS Community Auditorium, Meredith NH

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. Billings to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary