

Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting
Humiston Building Conference Room
103 Main Street – Suite 2, Meredith NH
April 11, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Merrill called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Mrs. Lisa Merrill, Chair
Mr. Mark Billings, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Charley Hanson
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman
Mr. Craig Baker
Mrs. Siobhan Balazs
Mrs. Nancy Starmer

Members Absent

None

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Mrs. Erica Pappalardo, Curriculum Director
Dr. Amanda Downing, ILM/HS Principal
Mr. Mike Bryant, ILES Principal
Mr. Jeremy Hillger, SCS Principal
Mr. Mark Parsons, Director of Technology
Ms. Jaclyn Clark, ILMHS Teacher
Ms. Susan Bousquet, ILES Special Educator
Ms. Patricia Parsons, ILES Grade 5 Teacher

Others Present:

Mr. Paolo Cao, Student Representative
Winni-Dip Participants
Members of the Public

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 6:00 p.m.*

STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION – WINNI-DIP

Mrs. Moriarty congratulated the amazing group of students and educators who completed the Winni-Dip. This group raised an incredible \$14,596. Inter-Lakes earned first place for overall fundraising for a high school. The District also had the top three individual fundraisers. Officer Keith True raised \$4,005, Skylar Clark raised \$2,044, and Hayden Hebron raised \$1,543. Inter-Lakes earned the highest donations per high school dipper. All of the proceeds benefit the Special Olympics. A special thank you to Ms. Jaclyn Clark for organizing this incredible event. The Board presented the participants with certificates of achievement.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Student Representative Paolo Cao provided an update on student affairs. The Laker of the Month is Charlie Depres. Mr. Cao thanked Hermit Woods for their sponsorship. Spring sports are in full swing. 7th grade is heading to Cape Cod April 13-21 for Nature's Classroom camp. The math team had their last event at Newfound, where they came in second place, and 1st place overall for the season. FBLA went to Manchester on March 23rd-24th. The first robotics

competition of the season was held at Rhode Island on March 11-13th, and the Laker-Bots finished 2nd out of 30 teams. Mr. Joe Derrick, Laker-Bots mentor, was nominated for the Woody Flowers award, which celebrates effective instruction and communication in the areas of science, engineering and design. On March 24-26, the Laker-Bots competed at UNH, finishing 3rd out of 41, and making it to semi-finals. The Laker-Bots won the Sustainability Award for their work to foster interest in robotics and ensure the longevity of this program at Inter-Lakes. The district championship was April 5-8, where the Laker-Bots finished 3rd out of 45 teams in their division. They made it to semi-finals and playoffs, and in the biggest moment in Laker-Bots history, the Laker-Bots qualified for the World Championship in Houston, TX. The send-off is on Friday, April 14th. The Laker-Bots still seeking funding for travel. Finally, there will be spring concerts April 13th, and a spring dance on April 15th. The Board thanked Mr. Cao for his update.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

A. Committee Assignment Interests

Committee assignments and Board delegates were reviewed.

B. Changes to the 2023/2024 School Board Schedule

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the changes to the 2023/2024 School Board Schedule as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

MINUTES

A. March 21, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

B. March 31, 2023 Special School Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mrs. Starmer, to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2023 Special School Board Meeting. The motion carried 6-0-1 (Mr. Baker abstaining).

C. April 5, 2023 Special School Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mrs. Starmer, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2023 Special School Board Meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #3029. The motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. ILSD – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Requirement – Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service

Mrs. Moriarty shared that the District is required to have the Board review this document every six months. No changes were proposed.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mrs. Balázs, to maintain ESSER III Requirement – Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE – Superintendent, Board Secretary, Board Members

Mrs. Merrill shared a very positive letter written to the Board about the Sandwich sixth-grade field trip to Washington D.C. Mr. Hillger noted that the trip went off wonderfully, and thanked the Board for their support of the trip.

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Enrollment Report

Mrs. Moriarty reported stable enrollment as of April 3, 2023.

B. Financial Updates

Mrs. Moriarty shared that the District is in a good position financially and that Mrs. Temperino will have a report at the next meeting relative to our current position.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Fundraising Updates

Destination Imagination:

Ms. Susan Bousquet thanked the Board for their generous donation to pay the entrance fee for Destination Imagination Globals. The team, "Blobfish Heroes of Asparagus," will travel to Kansas City, MO for Globals. Fundraising is happening quickly. The students already set up a table during Annie Jr. performances where they raised \$634.63. They have a bake sale planned at Heath's Market next Sunday, April 16th. They have a Little Caesar's online fundraising campaign. There is a potential fundraiser at The Mug restaurant in the works. The team is attending the PTO Meeting next week to see if there is anything they can do to support the trip. Student leadership will be supporting the trip with a donation as well. Within the Inter-Lakes community, the team is also sending letters to some organizations, hoping they can support the trip. The team already receive \$2,500 from MSVB. Airfare, hotel and entry free for the event total approximately \$19,000. Seven students are going, and every student has a chaperone going. Chaperones will be paying for their own travel.

Laker-Bots:

Mrs. Moriarty explained that the Laker-Bots' trip to Houston, TX will cost about \$28,000. Between fundraising and parent contributions, the remaining cost will be made up to get them to Houston. The team has a GoFundMe page and is working actively on fundraising. There are eleven students and four mentors going, including

Mr. Derrick.

B. SpeakUp for Safety

Mrs. Moriarty shared information regarding SpeakUp for Safety, a recommendation by the state's safety task force. SpeakUp is a tip line, priced at \$1/student. It will be rolled out in May to students and parents. For elementary students, it will be rolled out to parents. For grades 7-12, there will be education for students about what this is and the responsibility that comes with using it. If somebody has a safety concern and are able to make direct contact with an administrator, that is the preference, but if a safety concern comes through the tip-line during off hours, it will go out simultaneously to a group of administrators. If there is no response, it will go to one of the people who monitors the tip-line 24/7, who will determine whether there is an immediate concern and what action should be taken.

C. Donations

- Donation of a park bench to Sandwich Central School from The Sandwich Recycling Project.
- Donation in the amount of \$500 from Hearts and Hands to be used by Heart and Sole (Girls on the Run) for the purchase of running shoes for girls grades 3-8.
- Donation in the amount of \$2,000 from Lakes Region Community Services Council to be used to purchase Hannaford grocery gift cards for families in need.
- Donation in the amount of \$200 from Mr. Tedd Bourassa for the Inter-Lakes Elementary School Occupational Therapy Program.
- To be applied to the Student Activities' After Prom Party club:
 - Donation in the amount of \$250 from The Xavier Group LLC.
 - Donation in the amount of \$250 from Meredith Landing Real Estate LLC.
 - Donation in the amount of \$250 from Heather Phelps.
 - Donation in the amount of \$500 from Paugus Bay Marina LLC.
 - Donation in the amount of \$2000 from Meredith Village Savings Bank.

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mrs. Starmer, to accept the donations, with gratitude. The motion carried 7-0.

D. ILMHS Main Campus Road Sign

Mr. Swanker shared a proposal for the sign. The current sign is about 42 years old. The new sign would have the modernization of digital signage, but preserve the traditional sign as well. The traditional sign would be brushed aluminum. All letters and center circle would be backlit with LED. The entire sign would be made from solid materials that will last in weather, salt, debris, etc. Discussion ensued. Mr. Swanker explained the process of how the sign will be installed.

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the design as presented. The motion carried 6-1.

YES: Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, Mr. Billings, Mr. Hanson. Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Starmer, Mrs. Balázs

NO: Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker noted that he voted no due to the high cost of the sign. Mrs. Moriarty explained that the District could go with a cheaper sign, but it would look cheap and probably would not age well. The sign is a major landmark and the District wants something with a degree of quality. Mr. Swanker noted that at some point, the District would probably have had to put the same amount of money into maintaining the current sign. There are numerous New Hampshire school districts that have gone this route.

E. Personalized Pathways for Professional Learning

Mrs. Erica Pappalardo shared a presentation on how personalized pathways for professional learning work. She noted that this work would not be possible without the support of Antioch University of New England.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Porter-Zuckerman asked how many courses are there to select from. Mrs. Pappalardo replied that the team has designed three courses to date. Mrs. Merrill asked if these modules are timed. Mrs. Pappalardo responded that the modules are not limited by the confines of a traditional semester. Educators can opt in and out of content when it meets their schedule.

All three courses live in Schoology, the same learning environment that the teachers use with students. Discussion ensued regarding Schoology. Schoology launched in July 2020. There are 117 teaching staff in the system.

Mrs. Starmer asked if any of the modules are about literacy or if there will be any literacy modules in the future. Mrs. Pappalardo responded that while literacy is not part of this experience, for two summers in a row the team launched and facilitated a year-long course related to literacy. Mrs. Moriarty noted Mrs. Pappalardo has put a lot of work into deconstructing these modules.

Mr. Baker shared that he thinks this is brilliant and appreciates the work that has been done. He asked if there are going to be other avenues that teachers can still use. Mrs. Pappalardo responded that there is no intent to make this the only platform. Mrs. Moriarty noted we are required to have a master's development plan approved by state. The best practice is to have a variety of ways for people to earn their clock hours.

Mrs. Pappalardo shared a screencast video prepared by Ms. Mary Beaudoin, ILES Grade 3 Classroom Teacher, which showed the structure of the modules on Schoology.

Ms. Patricia Parsons, Grade 5 Classroom Teacher at ILES, shared that she is taking the SEL class. She also took the two more traditional classes in literacy in the last two years. The SEL class is just as rigorous as the traditional classes were. She expressed that it is very flexible, and it's great to be able to work on it on weekends, snow days, etc. The SEL class specifically has been great. Mrs. Moriarty noted how warm and welcoming Mrs. Parsons' classroom is and thanked her for sharing her work.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Closed at 7:23 p.m.*

F. Full School Day Kindergarten Schedule at Sandwich Central School

Mrs. Moriarty and Mr. Hillger recommended that the Board support a full school day kindergarten at Sandwich Central School. A draft proposal document was shared with the Board. No additional costs are anticipated; in fact, the District would no longer support transportation to the Sandwich Childcare center, which would save money. Mrs. Starmer noted that it looks like there will be an option for half-day kindergarten. Mr. Hillger said that the school is willing to work with families if they're reluctant to commit to the full day.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Porter-Zuckerman expressed concern that it may be disruptive to split the learners into half-day and full-day kindergartens. Mr. Baker noted that the new plan may put half-day kindergartners at a disadvantage, and did not support the proposal.

Mrs. Moriarty noted that this proposal offers choice for the whole district, since those in Meredith could choose to send their children to SCS for the half-day option if desired. It makes it difficult for families to move within the Sandwich community if they don't have a full-day school option. School is childcare for many families as well as education.

Mr. Hanson disagreed with the proposal to offer both full-day and half-day options, and recommended offering full-day kindergarten only. Mrs. Merrill noted that some students have a difficult time with full day. Mrs. Starmer stated that while this is an issue for working parents, it is also an issue of education. Some parents feel their children would benefit more from a full day experience.

Mrs. Moriarty recommended establishing full-day kindergarten in Sandwich, with no option for half-day.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mrs. Starmer, to approve implementing a Full-School Day Kindergarten Schedule at Sandwich Central School for the 2023/2024 school year, with no option for a half-day. The motion carried 6-1.

YES: Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, Mr. Billings, Mr. Hanson. Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Starmer, Mrs. Balázs

NO: Mr. Baker

G. 2022/2023 Fund Balance - Athletic Infrastructure - \$225,000 - Including Architecture Study of Locker Rooms

Mrs. Moriarty reminded the Board that last year they approved a sum of money for this project. The District is asking for an expansion to include other spaces. The District would like the architect to look at how some spaces may be reorganized to provide better space use, and to look into providing more single-stall restrooms. A longer-term, bigger redesign is not happening at this stage but there are some spaces that could be transformed into single-stall bathrooms in the short-term. In addition, ILES needs small spaces for specific therapies, one-on-one interventions, etc. Another addition to this proposal is to have the architect examine this issue and look for creative solutions. The District is seeking permission to contract with the

architecture firm for these projects. An official proposal will be brought forward to the Board in May.

The Board agreed to table this item for a future meeting, and requested more information from Mrs. Moriarty before taking any action.

H. Rotary Youth Exchange Application

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the Rotary Youth Exchange Application as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

I. Cultural Homestay Program Requests

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve Cultural Homestay Program Student Requests as presented. Discussion ensued. Mr. Billings asked about the economics of a youth exchange program. Mrs. Moriarty explained that tuition is generally waived for an exchange student. The motion carried 7-0.

J. ESEA Program Assurances and Equitable Services Affirmation

The Board reached consensus to table this item until the next Regular School Board Meeting. No action was taken.

K. FY24 School District General Assurances

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mrs. Balazs, to sign FY24 School District General Assurances as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

L. School Calendar 2023/2024

Mrs. Moriarty presented the School Calendar for 2023-2024. Discussion ensued. Mr. Baker noted that the School Board Meetings should be added to the Calendar, and a link to the agendas. This amendment will be made before publishing the calendar.

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve the 2023/2024 School Calendar, with amendments. The motion carried 7-0.

M. End-of-Year 2022/2023 School Year Schedule

Mrs. Moriarty presented the proposed end-of-year schedule.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mrs. Starmer, to approve 22/23 End-of-Year schedule as presented. Discussion ensued. The motion carried 7-0.

N. Inter-Lakes Administrative Nominations

Mrs. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the administrative nominations as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

NONPUBLIC SESSION: RSA 91-A3(c) – This includes matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this Board.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to enter Nonpublic Session.

Mr. Hanson called the roll.

YES: Ms. Lisa Merrill, Mr. Mark Billings, Mr. Charley Hanson, Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman, Mr. Craig Baker, Mrs. Siobhan Balazs, Mrs. Nancy Starmer

NO: --

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mrs. Starmer, to return to Public Session.

Mr. Hanson called the roll.

YES: Ms. Lisa Merrill, Mr. Mark Billings, Mr. Charley Hanson, Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman, Mr. Craig Baker, Mrs. Siobhan Balazs, Mrs. Nancy Starmer

NO: --

NEW BUSINESS

A. Inter-Lakes Professional Teaching Nominations

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the professional nominations as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Friday, April 21, 2023

Inter-Lakes School Board @ Humiston Building – Conference Room

- Inter-Lakes School Board Special Meeting – **7:45 a.m.**

B. Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Inter-Lakes School Board @ Humiston Building – Conference Room

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

C. Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Inter-Lakes School Board @ Humiston Building – Conference Room

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

D. Date TBD

Inter-Lakes School Board Policy Review Committee @ TBD

- Policy Review Committee Meeting – **Time TBD**

ADJOURNMENT (Action Item)

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.