

**Inter-Lakes School Board Special Meeting
Humiston Building Conference Room
103 Main Street – Suite 2, Meredith NH
April 21, 2023 @ 7:45 a.m.
*Additional Public Access via Google Meet***

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Merrill called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Mrs. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Ms. Susan Bousquet
Mr. Michael Bryant

Others Present:

None

Members Absent

None

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Opened at 7:46 a.m.*

NEW BUSINESS

Destination Imagination Fundraising Update & Request for Funding

Ms. Bousquet provided the Board with an update regarding the Destination Imagination team's fundraising efforts. Ms. Bousquet shared a handout with an estimate of what the approximate total cost for the trip would be. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hanson asked if hotels and airlines give schools any discounts for trips like this. Ms. Bousquet replied that DI reserved a block of rooms, but they are not at a discounted rate.

The trip is Friday to Wednesday. Just over \$15,000 has been raised. The total cost of the trip is around \$18,450. The team has received \$5500 from Inter-Lakes School District; \$2000 from Meredith Village Savings Bank; \$100 from Student Leadership \$634.63 from tabling outside Annie Jr. performances; \$1,006 in bake sale proceeds; \$1,000 from the PTO; and \$3,600 from GoFundMe so far. They have a fundraiser on May 5th at the Mug restaurant, an ongoing Little Caesar's fundraiser going on, and a fundraiser in the works with Winnepesaukee Bagels.

Mrs. Moriarty asked what amount the team is requesting from the Board. Ms. Bousquet said she was not sure what to ask for. Mr. Hanson asked if it would be fair for us to authorize an expenditure of \$3,800. Mrs. Merrill noted that we should be covering some meals for the team members as well. Mr. Hanson asked if there is a policy dictating what the School Board should cover in terms of trips. Mrs. Moriarty said there is no policy, but the practice has been to cover meals for those kids who cannot cover their own meals. The Board reached consensus to approve up to \$6,000 so that meals could also be covered if necessary.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve up to \$6,000 to support Destination Imagination attendance and participation at Globals.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Hanson expressed appreciation for the group for working so hard on fundraising efforts. Mrs. Starmer noted that this is an incredibly expensive trip, and it may help in the future to have some kind of guidelines about what expenses the School District should cover. Mrs. Moriarty noted that the Policy Review Committee may want to entertain a new policy.

Mr. Hanson called the roll.

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

NO: --

The motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Moriarty commended Ms. Bousquet for her work with this team. Ms. Bousquet commended the team and the parents for their fundraising efforts and enthusiasm. Some combination of the seven team members have been at every single event, including their parents. We are also taking advantage of rehearsals every week to practice a few things. Many have never been in a big city or been on a plane. We are using our rehearsals between now and then to practice some things like how to communicate with someone who does not speak English. We are really trying to make the most of this experience. Mr. Hanson says he just hopes that the kids are able to tell him they went to the Show Me State. Good luck!

Professional Staff Nominations

Mrs. Moriarty presented the Board with a Professional Staff Nomination for the role of Special Educator at the Middle High School for the 2023/2024 school year.

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker to approve the Professional Staff Nomination as presented. Mr. Hanson called the roll.

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

NO: --

The motion passed 7-0.

Donations

Mrs. Moriarty recommended that the Board approve the following donations:

- Donation in the amount of \$1,000 from the Inter-Lakes PTO for Destination Imagination students to attend Global Competition.
- Donation in the amount of \$500 from the Inter-Lakes PTO to pay for Admission Fees for the 4th grade field trip to the Belknap Mill.

To be applied to the Laker-Bots:

- Donation from Nicole Harding in the amount of \$1,000
- Donation from Kory Brunell in the amount of \$2,495
- Donation from David Carpentiere in the amount of \$1,500
- Donation from Elegant Ewe Yarns LLC, in the amount of \$500
- Donation from Rachel Kusch in the amount of \$1,200
- Donation from Adam Nudd-Homeyer in the amount of \$6,000
- Donation from Matthew R. Towle in the amount of \$1,200
- Donation from Altrusa of Meredith in the amount of \$350
- Donation from Elizabeth M. Schubert in the amount of \$1,000
- Donation from Interlakes Animal Hospital in the amount of \$1,500

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mrs. Starmer, to accept the donations, with gratitude.
Mr. Hanson called the roll

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

NO: --

The motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

ESEA Program Assurances & Equitable Services Affirmation

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve Superintendent signing ESEA Program Assurances and Equitable Services Affirmation as presented. Mr. Hanson called the roll.

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

NO: --

The motion carried 7-0.

CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

General Operating Expenses

Mrs. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. Billings, to approve the payment of bills, manifests #3031 and #3033. Mr. Hanson called the roll

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

NO: --

UPCOMING FRANCE TRIP

Mrs. Moriarty shared that the French trip, organized by Madame Bedford, will be leaving in the next few weeks. Around eight students are going. Mrs. Bedford has a plan to see Paris and the French countryside.

SAFETY UPDATE

Mr. Hanson noted that the safety team has toured all the schools, and has one more meeting in two weeks with local law officials. Mrs. Starmer asked if the District has considered applying for a Homeland Security grant for upgrading safety facilities. Mrs. Moriarty replied that the District applied and received \$400,000 in grant funds. Mr. Hanson reminded the Board that when the safety team comes up with their final recommendation, that will be a nonpublic event.

CURRENT OPENINGS

Mrs. Moriarty said that there are two special educator positions open, and a grade 7 math teacher opening. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Moriarty expressed concern about filling the remaining special education positions. Mr. Billings asked how the District is remaining competitive with other school districts in N.H. Mrs. Moriarty said that is something to keep looking at.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *Closed at 8:18 a.m.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Inter-Lakes School Board @ Humiston Building – Conference Room

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

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Inter-Lakes School Board @ Humiston Building – Conference Room

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

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Inter-Lakes School Board @ Humiston Building – Conference Room

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

Date TBD

Inter-Lakes School Board Policy Review Committee @ TBD

- Policy Review Committee Meeting – Time TBD

Mrs. Moriarty would like to start with at least a two hour block.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 a.m. Mr. Hanson called the roll.

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

NO: --

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Bullimore, Recording Secretary