

**Inter-Lakes School Board Meeting and Public Hearing
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Community Auditorium
1 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH
February 8, 2022**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECORD ROLL

Members Present:

Ms. Lisa Merrill, Chair*
Mr. Mark Billings, Vice-Chair
Mr. Charles Hanson, Secretary
Mr. Craig Baker
Mr. Howard Cunningham
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman
Ms. Nancy Starmer
Mr. Riley Towle, Student Rep.

Members Absent:

*remote attendance

Administrators Present:

Ms. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Ms. Trish Temperino, Asst. Superintendent
Dr. Amanda Downing, ILM/HS Principal
Mr. Mark Parsons, DoIT Director
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Director

Others Present:

Mr. Jason Cornelissen, Auditorium Manager
Mr. Chris Mega, Video Recorder
Public (In-person & Remote)

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Public input regarding the withdrawal of funds from the Inter-Lakes School District Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust for refurbishment of the Inter-Lakes School District Track and Turf Field.

Mr. Billings opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

With no questions or comments from the public, Mr. Billings closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve the withdrawal of funds from the Inter-Lakes School District Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust in the amount of \$660,095 for refurbishment of the Inter-Lakes School District track and turf field. The motion carried 7-0.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Parsons read email from comments@interlakes.org:

Ashley Dunn, Meredith – My comments concern the upcoming elections for members of the School Board; representing the parents and students of the school district is a multifaceted job. Ensure candidates are not of a singular mindset – opposition to mask-wearing; and will represent our students, teachers, and families with respect and dignity.

VI. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Dr. Downing, ILM/HS Principal introduced teachers Mr. Patrick Quinn and Ms. Kate Criscone who provided a PowerPoint presentation showcasing the amazing artwork

from the fourteen students who received recognition by the NH Scholastic Art Awards. Students were introduced and presented with a certificate from the School Board for their accomplishments. The students are: Alaina Nedeau, Sara Harris, Olivia Kimball, Sophia Nydegger, Lola Hodgman, Kaleb Sharman, Victoria Weisman, Isabel Dube, Christenia Kangas, Jett Lucas, Amelia Nudd-Homeyer, Julia Pendergast, Lily Richardson, and Autumn Sheehan.

VII. INTER-LAKES STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Riley Towle congratulated his classmates who received recognition from the NH Scholastic Art Awards! Riley reported that the first week of semester two has been completed; all students are eager to finish the school year off strong. Course selection for next year are now underway, a great experience for underclassman. Everyone is excited about the upcoming Winter Carnival scheduled for the week of February 21st; the Carnival will follow COVID-19 restrictions while still offering many fun activities. There is an anticipated Lip Sync Tournament to be held in the spring.

VIII. MINUTES

A. Special Board Meeting – January 25, 2022

Ms. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 Special School Board Meeting. The motion carried 6-0-1; with Mr. Porter-Zuckerman abstaining.

B. Inter-Lakes School District Public Hearing – February 2, 2022

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 Inter-Lakes School District Public Hearing. The motion carried 6-0-1; with Mr. Porter-Zuckerman abstaining.

IX. 2022-2023 BUDGET/WARRANT ARTICLES

A. Warrant Article #3 – 2022-23 School District Operating Budget

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve the 2022-2023 School District Budget in the amount of \$29,446,576 to bring forward to the Annual School District Meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

B. Warrant Article #4 – Student Transportation Expendable Trust

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to approve Warrant Article #4 as presented to bring forward to the Annual School District Meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

C. Warrant Article #5 – Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve Warrant Article #5 as presented to bring forward to the Annual School District Meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

D. Warrant Article #6 – Special Education Expendable Trust

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to approve Warrant Article #6 as presented to bring forward to the Annual School District Meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

E. Warrant Article #7 – Optional Masking

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to approve Warrant Article #7 as amended; adding at the end of the article "legal counsel has advised that this is a non-binding advisory article." The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Baker requested clarification regarding the amendment to Warrant Article #7. Mrs. Moriarty responded that according to legal counsel the petition article is a health and safety issue; and the responsibility resides with the School Board no matter what the outcome of the vote is at the Annual School District meeting.

The motion on the floor carried 7-0.

X. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #3015. The motion carried 7-0.

XI. SUPERINTENENT / ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Enrollment

Mrs. Moriarty reported that enrollment is up by five students since last month's report.

B. Financial Report

Mrs. Temperino reported that an additional \$104,198 has been spent or encumbered since the last report. The adjusted available balance is \$1.5 million; please note that we have approximately \$1 million due in pending grant approvals.

C. Staffing Update

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the Staffing Shortage Report handout; there is some improvement for bus drivers, First Student is only down two drivers as this time.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recommended Updates to the Inter-Lakes School District COVID-19 Mitigation & Response Plan for 2021-2022

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the recommended updates as presented for the Inter-Lakes School District COVID-19 Mitigation & Response Plan for 2021-2022 which meets the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Requirement for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service.

Mrs. Moriarty provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Plan; reviewing updates to slides #13 through #22 (*see attached*).

The motion on the floor carried 7-0.

B. Review of Funding for American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER III).

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the requirement to ensure continued conversations in public providing an accounting for amount of funds used and where those funds have been spent. Purpose of ESSER III funds is to respond to the school year and preparing for the future; also confirming the Board supports use of ESSER funds.

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to support the current use of ARP ESSER Funds. The motion carried 7-0.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS**A. Donations**

- \$400 from The Sandwich Fair Association for Inter-Lakes Middle High School Band and Chorus.
- \$451 from Meredith Village Savings Bank (Pink Game Donation) to the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for their donation to the American Cancer Society.
- **Donations for the Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Robotics Club:**
 - \$500 from Granite Beach Management
 - \$500 from Harts Restaurant, Inc.
 - \$500 from Center Harbor Comm Development Association
- **Donations for the Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Class of 2023:**
 - \$250 from Victoria & Joseph Prior
 - \$510 from Ragnar RTB LLC
- **Donations for Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Yearbook advertisements:**
 - \$300 from RM Piper Inc.
 - \$300 from Edward Detolla
 - \$270 from Crystal Furnee
 - \$270 from Dockside Florist
- **Donations for Inter-Lakes Middle/High School After Prom:**
 - \$500 from Cnerre Projects LLC
 - \$1,500 from Heart and Hands Thrift Shop
 - \$250 from Just Hit Print
 - \$250 from Interlakes Animal Hospital
 - \$500 from Ames Associates
 - \$500 from Hayward & Company
 - \$500 from Smart Wireless
 - \$500 from Goodhue-Hawkins Meredith LLC
 - \$250 from Scott Compton Builders
 - \$250 from Miracle Farms Landscaping
 - \$250 from Barbara Rand Good Neighbors Serv
 - \$250 from Bayside Realty

Ms. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the donations with gratitude as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

B. Administrator Benefits Overview

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the Administrator Benefits Overview for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Mrs. Moriarty reviewed the language updates that were incorporated to the Overview after the budget presentation.

The motion on the floor carried 7-0.

C. Non-Bargaining Benefits Overview

Mr. Porter-Zuckerman moved, seconded by Ms. Starmer, to approve the Non-Bargaining Benefits Overview for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

XV. POLICY No action required

XVI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**A. Members of the Board** None**B. Members of the Administration** None**XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

Carolyn Champlain, Meredith – childcare would be appreciated during School Board meetings for families that would like to attend the entire meeting. Ms. Champlain asked who decides what week school vacations will be each year; there is a conflict with school vacation week (a week later than previous years) and the Annual District meeting when the budget will be voted on. Many residents and voters are not going to be able to make the meeting.

Mrs. Moriarty provided the process for calendar development. The first Wednesday in March is traditionally the date of the Annual Meeting; the Board would determine the date of the meeting.

Mark Anderson, Meredith – appreciates the hard work of putting the budget together. Mr. Anderson was made aware of a recent effort by some people to launch smear tactics on social media regarding his involvement being solely related to masks. He suggested that if anyone has questions regarding anything related to himself or they should reach out to him directly. There is more to worry about than senseless campaigns; no need to go down the route of smear tactics. Thanks for the work done on this budget.

XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Billings asked Board members for input regarding the Annual Meeting date of March 2nd; if the meeting is not held on the 2nd it would need to be moved to March 7th to accommodate other Town Meetings. Discussion ensued regarding the conflict with the Annual Meeting and February vacation week; the scheduling conflict was not intentional and should be changed to accommodate the issue.

Ms. Starmer moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, the Board approve changing the date of the Annual District Meeting from March 2, 2022 to March 7, 2022. The motion carried 7-0.

A. Monday, March 7, 2022 (new date)

Inter-Lakes School Board @ ILM/HS Community Auditorium / Gymnasium

- Annual School District Meeting – **6:00 p.m.**

B. Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Town Elections/School District Officer Elections

C. Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Inter-Lakes Special School Board @ ILM/HS Community Auditorium (Livestream)

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

XIX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3 II(a)(c)

Mr. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to enter Non-Public Session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee; and matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any

person, other than a member of this Board, unless such person requests an open meeting. Board Secretary Hanson polled the Board:

YES: Mr. Baker, Ms. Starmer, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Porter-Zuckerman,
Ms. Merrill, Mr. Billings, Mr. Hanson

NO: --

The motion carried 7-0.

Public Session

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to return to Public Session at 7:56 p.m.

The motion carried 7-0.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Hanson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Marilyn G. Martell
Recording Secretary