

**Inter-Lakes School Board Regular Meeting
Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Community Auditorium
1 Laker Lane, Meredith, NH
March 8, 2021**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Hanson called the meeting to order at 4:30 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. Charles Hanson
Mr. Duncan Porter-Zuckerman*
Ms. Nancy Starmer*

Members Absent:

Ms. Raven Strother, Student Rep.

*Remote attendance

Administrators Present:

Ms. Mary Moriarty, Superintendent
Ms. Trish Temperino, Asst. Superintendent
Ms. Erica Pappalardo, Curriculum Coordinator
Mr. Scott Currier, ILM/HS Principal
Ms. Sarah Dumais, Athletic Director
Mr. John Martin, Technology Director
Mr. Brian Swanker, Facilities Director
Ms. Holly Vieten, Guidance Director

Others Present:

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

IV. NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:2 (a)

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to enter Non-Public Session under R.S.A. 91-A:2 (a) at 4:32 p.m. The Board Secretary polled the Board. The motion to enter Non-Public Session passed unanimously.

Public Session

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to enter Public Session at 6:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair called for a brief recess.

V. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PRESENTATION

Ms. Pappalardo, Curriculum Coordinator provided an overview of professional learning opportunities that district educators were able to take advantage of. The focus was on-line learning and the challenge of meeting everyone where they are. Ms. Pappalardo shared a video she produced noting her own professional learning skills are still progressing. Three primary grade teachers shared some of the skills they have developed through the professional learning opportunities and how this knowledge is benefitting student learning.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Lindsay Weiner, Meredith thanked the School Board for live streaming their meetings. She believes the format has prompted more public participation and hopes that the District will continue virtual opportunities in the future.

Mr. Billings commented that the School Board has always supported more interaction with the public.

Corrine Jutton, Meredith thanked Athletic Director Sarah Dumais for her efforts in getting students back playing sports. She asked for an explanation of what teams Inter-Lakes can play and why.

Ms. Dumais responded specifically regarding the shortened season for the Middle School Basketball Team. One team cancelled play; a second instance the team was enroute to play another team when they were advised of a positive COVID test on the away team campus prompting the game to be cancelled; and the last game of the season was also cancelled when the visiting team could not come to Inter-Lakes.

Julie Hayward, Meredith asked whether athletes playing strenuous spring sports like Lacrosse that requires a mouthguard will still be required to wear a mask while playing. She said the club teams are still requiring masks to be worn on the sidelines but when an athlete is playing, they can remove their mask.

Ms. Dumais responded that NHIAA has not made a decision for spring sports; but the NHIAA Executive Director has indicated that a mask and mouthguard mandate is likely. Inter-Lakes followed NHIAA regulations regarding mouthguards and masks for winter sports.

Superintendent Moriarty said as COVID-19 infection rates continue to drop that is an issue that can certainly be revisited.

VII. MINUTES

A. Regular School Board Meeting – February 9, 2021

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. C. Hanson, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Inter-Lakes Public Budget Hearing – February 3, 2021

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 Public Budget Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE

A. General Operating Expenses

Mr. Billings moved, seconded by Mr. Baker, to approve the payment of bills, manifest #3018. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Enrollment

Superintendent Moriarty said the District is beginning to experience some movement between the Physically In-Person, Virtual Pathway and Hybrid Learning Models. On March 15 all Virtual Pathway families will be surveyed to determine if they plan to continue or switch to another option. Mr. Billings asked whether the District will have the space needed to maintain social distancing if a number of Virtual students returned to In-Person learning.

Superintendent Moriarty said the District is still looking to hire another Third-Grade teacher noting the survey results will help the administration strategize.

B. District/School COVID-19 Update

One hundred forty-five staff members from educators to bus drivers have signed

up to get COVID vaccinations at the Point of Distribution site between Carroll and Belknap Counties likely by the end of the month. If the vaccinations take place as now planned, the Superintendent said, in-school cohorts could cross as soon as April.

C. Financial Report

Assistant Superintendent Temperino said \$207,622 has been spent or encumbered since her last report. She cautioned that circumstances are changing so rapidly it is difficult to estimate potential fund balance.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Billings shared written guidance he has received regarding the operation of a performing arts center in the wake of a pandemic.

XI. OLD BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hiring Process/Update – Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Principal and Inter-Lakes School District Technology Director

Superintendent Moriarty reported that seven applications have been received for the Principal position that remains open until March 15; and nine applications have been received for the Technology Director position that closed on Friday. Meet and greet opportunities for finalists for each position are anticipated to be scheduled for March 30 and March 31.

B. Inter-Lakes Middle/High School Spring Sports

The Administration recommended going forward with all spring sports including tournaments, although the exact schedule and tourney line-up remains unknown. Superintendent Moriarty praised the hard work of the athletes and their families in adhering to the safety protocols. Despite the positive improvements in COVID cases, the administration cautioned that things can change resulting in some disappointments. The outdoor weather is improving and depending on what the NHIAA is proposing, Inter-Lakes may revisit the mask mandate, according to Ms. Moriarty.

C. Increase Art FTE's for Grade 7 & 8 For Third Trimester

The Administration explained that because of scheduling and mitigation efforts the District was forced to reduce Art Education offerings for 7th and 8th graders. The recommendation is to add additional Art Education for middle schoolers at a cost of \$24,000 that qualifies for SR2 funds. Those expenses can be covered back to March 2020.

D. Facilities Use Request – Downtown Basketball Academy – Inter-Lakes Basketball (Grades 6,7,8)

Superintendent Moriarty said it had been the Administration's recommendation as part of the District's School Opening Plan that the use of Inter-Lakes facilities by outside groups be restricted. The proposal requesting use of space, would be to allow the same group of kids that just wrapped up their shortened basketball season to continue to play and develop their skills. These kids are already part of the Inter-Lakes community.

Mr. C. Hanson moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to approve the requests for use of

gym space by Downtown Basketball Academy Skill Development as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. POLICY

No action required.

XIV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A. Members of the Board None

B. Members of the Administration None

XV. DONATION

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Porter-Zuckerman, to accept with gratitude a donation of supplies valued at \$6,000 from Ocean State Job Lots. The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. PUBLIC INPUT None

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Town Elections/School District Officer Elections

B. Wednesday, March 23, 2021

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

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

C. Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Inter-Lakes School Board @ ILM/H Community Auditorium (LiveStream)

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

D. Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Inter-Lakes School Board @ ILM/H Community Auditorium (LiveStream)

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

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. Billings to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Bea Lewis Wheeler
School District Clerk