

ISLESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2106—6:15 P.M.—ICS MUSIC ROOM

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Laura Houle, board chair, called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. Board members in attendance: Laura Houle, Mike Boucher, Lars Nelson, John Gorham, and Bill Kelly (arrived at 6:21). Also in attendance: Heather Knight, principal, and Patrick Phillips, superintendent.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes of the August 9, 2016 board meeting. Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by Lars Nelson, to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2016 board meeting. Unanimous in favor.
 - b. Minutes of the August 24, 2016 special board meeting: Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by Lars Nelson, to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2016 special board meeting. Unanimous in favor.
- III. Correspondence
 - a. Copy of the letter sent to the Island Institute. Mr. Phillips provided copies of the letter to the Island Institute he had written last month at board request.
 - b. Copy of the letter sent to the Stevens family. Mr. Phillips provided copies of the letter to the Stevens family he had written last month at board request.
- IV. Adjustments to the Agenda: None
- V. Review of Financial Records: Mr. Phillips noted that the school's budget was unfolding as expected, with no financial issues arising in the past month that were of concern.
- VI. Open Session: No comments by public.
- VII. Presentations: None this month. Ms. Knight noted that she is anticipating a series of presentations in the coming months with teachers updating the board on the status of new programs.
- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Discussion of board legal services (tabled from the August 9 meeting): Bill Kelly stated that he had a difference of opinion with the superintendent on the best approach to securing legal services for the board. Mr. Phillips commented that he had recently talked with the lawyer suggested by Mr. Kelly and had concerns about her limited school law practice, that she currently had no public school clients and that the firm did not have a lawyer who specialized in special education. Mr. Kelly noted that this is a philosophical difference, that he prefers the single-attorney approach. The board decided to take no further action on this matter at this time.
- IX. New Business

- a. Update on stipend positions for the 2016-17 school year: Ms. Knight presented a comprehensive list of stipend positions for the coming school year. Mike Boucher asked about the status of maintenance positions and asked that the administration ensure that all bus inspections be conducted in a timely manner, since we no longer have the services of Craig. Mr. Boucher also asked that the administration follow through in the coming days on his suggestion that coaches be integrated more effectively into the middle and high school program, so that students are receiving the same messages from both teachers and coaches.
- b. Discussion of the board committee schedule for the 2016-17 school year: Mr. Phillips reviewed the chart for committee meetings and noted that the board had agreed with Mr. Kelly's idea of most committees meeting once every two months. The next committee to meet will be the Curriculum Committee on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Looking ahead, Mike Boucher noted that he will not be in town for the scheduled date for the first Facilities Committee meeting. Mr. Phillips said he would send out possible alternative dates to both Mr. Boucher and Mr. Gorham to identify an alternative date.
- c. Review and consideration of a proposed contracted services agreement with Linda Bowe: Mr. Phillips presented the proposed contracted services agreement with Linda Bowe for the coming school year. He noted that the contract was for roughly one day per week, rather than the two days per week Linda worked for the school last year. This, he noted, was due to the current, more positive climate and range of issues at the school this year. Both Mr. Phillips and Ms. Knight spoke in favor of continuing this support for the school for the coming year, but agreed that this should not be considered a permanent plan. Bill Kelly raised concerns about the plan, questioning why additional administrative support was needed if we have two administrators already. Mike Boucher reminded the board that he had argued for adding an assistant principal last year due to the large number of issues impacted the office of the principal. Mr. Kelly said he would support the plan for one more year. Motion by Bill Kelly, with second by John Gorham, to approve the contracted services agreement with Linda Bowe. Unanimous in favor.

X. Committee/Administrative Reports

- a. Principal: Ms. Knight updated the board on a range of issues, including: the personalized learning program being implemented in grades 6-12; the first annual middle school mixer; pot luck and open house; and the new middle school approaches being implemented by the staff.
- b. Superintendent: Mr. Phillips updated the board on the first meeting of the Stipend Review Committee, which met earlier in the day. He noted that the committee, which was called for in the last contract negotiations, would be meeting monthly over the next few months and would produce recommendations that would be communicated to board and teachers association prior to the beginning of this year's contract negotiations.
- c. Region 8: John Gorham updated the board on the warrant signing that had occurred recently regarding the proposed new Region 8 building. He noted that the impact to Islesboro taxpayers would be roughly \$7/\$1,000 in assessed valuation.

d. Committee Reports: None.

XI. Other Business

XII. Executive Session

a. Discussion of the principal's evaluation, Title I MRSA, section 405 (tabled from the August 9 board meeting): Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by Lars Nelson, to enter executive session. Unanimous in favor. The board entered executive session at 8:00 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 8:40 p.m.

b. Action taken as a result of the executive session: Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by Lars Nelson, to add two years to the principal's contract, so that her current contract would extend through the 2018-19 school year. 4 to 1 in favor. Mr. Kelly requested that the minutes record that he was in favor of the superintendent's recommendation to add one year to the current contract.

c. Discussion of the superintendent's evaluation, Title I MRSA, section 405 (tabled from the August 9 board meeting). Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by Lars Nelson, to enter executive session. Unanimous in favor. The board entered executive session at 8:50 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 9:09.

d. Action taken as a result of the executive session: None.

XIII. Adjournment: Motion by John Gorham, with second by Mike Boucher, to adjourn. Unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.