

ISLESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017—6:15 P.M. IN THE ICS MUSIC ROOM

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Board chair Laura Houle called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Board members present: Laura Houle, Lars Nelson, John Gorham, and Mike Boucher. Others present: Heather Knight, Sara Runnion-Bareford, Owen Howell, and Patrick Phillips
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes of the March 21 school board meeting: Motion by Lars Nelson, with second by John Gorham, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2017 board meeting. Unanimous in favor.
 - b. Minutes of the March 28 special school board meeting: Motion by John Gorham, with second by Lars Nelson, to approve the minutes of the March 28 special board meeting. Unanimous in favor.
- III. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from Krysti Hall: Mr. Phillips noted that we had received a letter of resignation from Krysti Hall, school secretary. It was clear from the several comments made by administration and board that Ms. Hall would be missed. The board wishes her well in her next endeavor.
- IV. Adjustments to the Agenda: Mr. Phillips asked that the board add a discussion of the 2016-17 audit report under New Business. It was agreed.
- V. Review of Financial Records: Mr. Phillips noted that nothing unusual or unexpected had occurred in the last month in regard to either expenditures or revenues. He did note that Sally will begin refining her estimates of our ending balance and might recommend an oil purchase prior to the end of the school year.
- VI. Open Session: Owen Howell attended the board meeting and advocated to the board that condoms be made available to high school students. He noted that he had been approached by a student who raised this as a concern. Owen also noted that he would be placing condoms at the Health Center, the Athletic Club, ICC, and the ferry terminal as part of a comprehensive approach to the concern. Both board members and administration agreed that there is a need to ensure that high school student have access to both condoms and feminine hygiene products. Heather noted that feminine hygiene products are provided in baskets in girls' bathrooms. Mr. Phillips noted that he had surveyed his counterparts in the mid-coast region and learned that none had made provisions for condom machines in bathrooms, but several were either considering or had already provided condoms in the school nurse's office. Mr. Phillips noted that the school has a human sexuality curriculum and that this would be a logical place to start in building understanding with students

about the topic. He suggested that we form a small group to review this issue and bring back a recommendation to the next board meeting. The group would consist of Heather, Jess Woods and Patrick Powers (our sex education teachers), Mr. Phillips, and possibly a parent.

- VII. Presentations: Explore possibilities for modifying our foreign student program: Heather Knight presented an overview of the federal guidelines for the two types of foreign student programs, F-1 and J-1 visas. Sara Runnion-Bareford was also in attendance to share her experiences working in this field. Heather's presentation grew out of both a short-term request to see if our current exchange student could return for a second year, and a longer-term consideration to possibly expand our high school enrollment. It was agreed that Heather would consult further with Sara to investigate whether smaller school, such as ICS, had a logical program option to participate more fully in a foreign student program.
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- a. Update on senior class trip: Laura Houle updated the board on the specifics for the upcoming senior class trip, which begins this coming weekend. Laura noted a couple of small changes to the itinerary, and summarized a few safety issues that the group will be mindful of during the trip. Many wishes for a successful trip were offered!
- IX. New Business
- a. Discussion and possible approval of the 2017-18 school calendar: Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by John Gorham, to approve the school calendar for the 2017-18 school year. Unanimous in favor.
- b. Affirmation of ICS teachers on continuing contract: Mr. Phillips read the list of continuing contract teachers and noted that the administration would bring probationary teacher recommendations to the next meeting.
- c. Discussion of preparation for town meeting discussion of school budget: The group discussed the possibility of additional presentations for the town meeting but eventually decided that just keeping to the budget presentations would be best. Heather did note that she would consider making a display board with highlights of the Pathways Program.
- d. School board member recognition: The board and administration took several minutes to recall the many, many contributions that Mike Boucher had made over the years. Mike's contributions to the improvements to the building renovation were highlighted, along with his extraordinary generosity and openness with island students. It was noted that part two of the recognition would take place at the Recognition Night this spring. Mike was asked, and accepted, to continue his role on the Facilities Committee.

- e. Audit Report: Mr. Phillips handed out copies of the Executive Summary of the recently received audit report of ICS finances. Mr. Phillips noted that there were no findings or recommendations about major changes to our financial management procedures. The board wanted Mr. Phillips to let Sally know how much her conscientious work is appreciated in this regard.
- X. Committee/Administrative Reports
- a. Principal: Heather updated the board on the status of magnet student outreach efforts, the hiring process to replace Krysti Hall, spring coaches, and plans for Knowledge Night. She also noted that our special education teachers would be making a presentation at the next board meeting.
 - b. Superintendent: Mr. Phillips updated the board on the recent meeting of the Evaluation Committee, a proposal from Ryan Martin to expand the functionality of the barn in service of a more developed Sustainability Center, and the progress being made to correct a number of safety issues on the playground. He also recommended that following meeting dates for board committees: Facilities on Tuesday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m.; Policy on May 23 at 4:30 p.m.; and Curriculum on Tuesday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m.
 - c. Region 8: John Gorham noted that the Region 8 board had not met since the last board meeting.
 - d. Committee Reports: None
- XI. Other Business: The board was asked if our current exchange student might be allowed to participate in the senior class trip next year. The board discussed this and asked Heather to be sure that proper provisions would be in place in the event that the student needed to return home during the trip. Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by John Gorham, to approve the participation of exchange students in the following year's senior trip, on a case-by-case basis. Unanimous in favor.
- XII. Executive Session: None
- XIII. Adjournment: Motion by John Gorham, with second by Mike Boucher, to adjourn. Unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick R. Phillips, Superintendent of Schools