

ISLESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016—6:15 P.M., ICS MUSIC ROOM

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Board members present: Laura Houle, Bill Kelly, Mike Boucher, John Gorham. Absent: Lars Nelson. Also present: Patrick Phillips, Heather Knight, Colden Golann, Melinda Jagger, Eric Jagger, Sylvia Randleter, Sophie Lau, Lake Lindelof, Charlie Jagger, Kristen Kelley, Sage Kelly.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes of the October 11, 2016 board meeting: Motion by John Gorham, with second by Bill Kelly, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 board meeting minutes. 3-0 in favor, with Mike Boucher abstaining.
- III. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from ITA on intent to bargain: Mr. Phillips noted that the Islesboro Teachers Association had sent a letter notifying the board of their intent to bargain on changes to the current teachers' contract.
 - b. Letter from Mr. Phillips in response to the ITA: Mr. Phillips noted that he had formally acknowledged the ITA letter.
- IV. Adjustments to the Agenda: None
- V. Review of Financial Records: Mr. Phillips noted that nothing unusual had occurred so far in the implementation of the 2016-17 school year budget. Expenditures and revenues were unfolding in alignment with the projected budget.
- VI. Open Session: No public comments were offered.
- VII. Presentations:
 - a. Presentation by Colden Golann on ICS middle school program changes for the 2016-17 school year: Colden Golann provided a detailed update for the board on the middle level program, what changes had been designed by staff, and how the students were responding so far. He noted that the impetus for middle level changes had been both around designing a schedule that worked well for the age group, as well as developing a set of instructional and character building activities that were more developmentally appropriate. Colden reminded the board of the staff retreat on Hurricane Island this summer and its critical role in providing the teachers and Heather time to rethink and build new programming ideas. Colden outlined the revised schedule and identified which teachers were teaching each subject, along with summarizing the Project Based Learning structures that had been added to the curriculum. He also summarized the new student conduct program that had been developed, which Colden said had been really successful so far in keeping the focus on learning and not behavior. The middle level students joined in and talked about some of the recent instructional units (Survival and Hero's journey themes) and hands-on learning activities they had participated in. Students also covered the different components of the curriculum, including the science, mathematics,

and Big History units. Colden also noted that students and teachers had participated in a regional Civil Rights Team training in Augusta recently. Colden noted that the early results with students and parents were very encouraging. Ms. Knight and Mr. Phillips commented that Colden had emerged as a wonderful asset to the school, and noted how glad they both were that they found a way to have him join the staff. Board members also commented how positive the program sounds. Mike Boucher wanted to be sure that funds and time were available next summer for the staff to continue to development this type of programming. Ms. Knight assured the board that, just as we did this past summer, budget dollars would be available and time provided for teachers to engage in planning.

- b. Presentation by the 2017 Senior Class on proposed class trip: Laura Houle, Dick Cilley, and Sage Kelly presented an overview of the trip the student and advisors had agreed on: Italy and Greece. After reviewing the itinerary for the 8-day experience, the board discussed the degree of flexibility the students and advisors might need in any last-minutes changes due to security issues, etc. but otherwise were very supportive of whatever decisions the adults and students make. It was noted that the same consideration be applied to any single student or family that has concerns about safety. Complete consensus should be our goal. Sage Kelly suggested that the trip could be extended to a couple of days in Cyprus, on the assumption that it would be a valuable learning experience to be in such a complex cultural and geopolitical part of the world. Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by Bill Kelly, to approve the plans for the senior class trip. 3-0 in favor with Laura Houle abstaining.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Second reading of policy ADA—School District Goals and Objectives: Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by Bill Kelly, to approve the second reading of policy ADA—School District Goals and Objectives. Unanimous in favor
- b. Second reading of policy IHEDA—Post-Secondary Enrollment Options: Motion by Mike Boucher, with second by John Gorham, to approve the second reading of policy IHEDA—Post-Secondary Enrollment Options. Unanimous in favor.
- c. Discussion of board goals: Motion by Bill Kelly, with second by Mike Boucher, to table until the next meeting. Unanimous in favor.

IX. New Business

- a. Discussion of changing academic credit for arts courses: Mr. Phillips briefly summarized the memo from Jess Woods regarding changing the credit awarded for arts and music classes from partial to full credit, on the assumption that additional student work or experiences would be required beyond the four day class meeting schedule. Mr. Phillips noted that he fully supported the recommendation. Motion by Bill Kelly, with second by Mike Boucher, to approve the recommendation to award a full credit for music and art classes. Unanimous in favor.

- b. Discussion of paving costs and options for school contribution: Mr. Phillips outlined the recent discussions between the school and the town on funding for the recent paving of the entrance road to the school. Mike Boucher discussed the history of the capital improvement account and argued that this fund should not be used for paving, which we all agree is primarily a town function. John Gorham noted that if the town wished to have a small contribution to help pay, that we should honor that request. Motion by Bill Kelly, with second by John Gorham, to contribute \$10,000 to help pay for the paving, to be taken from the capital reserve account. 3-1, with Mike Boucher voting no.
- X. Committee/Administrative Reports
- a. Principal: No further comments by Ms. Knight.
 - b. Superintendent: Mr. Phillips updated the board on the progress being made by the Stipend Review Committee. He also commented that he hoped to initiate a small task force on civic engagement and citizenship, to be sure the school is intentional about promoting active and engaged citizenship among students.
 - c. Region 8: John Gorham updated the board on the very successful vote among Region 8 towns on the proposed construction bond. He congratulated the board and staff of Region 8 and a very effective public information campaign.
 - d. Committee Reports: None.
- XI. Other Business: None.
- XII. Executive Session: MRSA Sec. 405 D. to discuss contract negotiations with the ICS teachers association. Motion by John Gorham, with second by Mike Boucher to enter executive session to discuss the upcoming negotiations process. Unanimous in favor. The board entered executive session at 8:14 p.m. and came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the discussion.
- XIII. Adjournment: Motion by John Gorham, with second by Mike Boucher, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick R. Phillips, Superintendent of Schools