

ISLESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018—6:15 P.M. IN MS. KRISTEN'S ROOM

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Laura Houle called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Board members present: Laura Houle, Bill Kelly, John Gorham, Lars Nelson, and Chloe Joule. Other present: Heather Knight and Patrick Phillips.
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes of the February 13, 2018 board meeting: Motion by John Gorham, with second by Lars Nelson, to approve the minutes of the February 13 board meeting. Unanimous in favor.
  - b. Minutes of the March 6, 2018 budget workshop: Motion by John Gorham, with second by Chloe Joule, to approve the minutes of the March 6 budget workshop. 3-0 in favor. Lars Nelson and Bill Kelly abstained.
- III. Correspondence: Letter from Jon Kerr notifying the board of retirement at the end of the current school year. Motion by Lars Nelson, with second by Chloe Joule, to accept the letter of retirement with regret and gratitude for service to the school. Unanimous in favor.
- IV. Adjustments to the Agenda: None
- V. Open Session: No comments were offered.
- VI. Presentations: None
- VII. Unfinished Business
  - a. Discussion and possible approval of boat donation: This item was tabled indefinitely.
  - b. Discussion of proposed breakfast program for 2018-19 school year: Heather updated the board on recent work by Pete, Heather, Judy Smith, and the elementary team to solidify a regular breakfast program for students in grades K-12. Heather noted that the program would face a funding gap of approximately \$7,000 on an annual basis if we wished to make the breakfast program free to all students. Heather expressed the belief that we could make payment for breakfast either minimal or voluntary to be sure no student went without breakfast due to cost. The board directed the administration to find the \$7,000 in next year's budget but remain at the current level of overall spending.
  - c. Update from administrative search committee—Laura Houle: Laura updated the board on recent work on preparing for the next phase of the search process. She noted that applications will be ready for viewing by the search committee members beginning on Wednesday afternoon, and

that each member would have a folder in the box with a confidentiality form, a rating form, and extra paper. Laura will provide keys to board members who may need to get into the school after regular hours for reviewing the applications. She will call a meeting of the search committee on late next week to tally the ratings by search committee members and select a group of interviewees based on consensus ratings.

#### VIII. New Business

- a. Report on Magnet Committee recommendations for 2018-19 school year: Heather updated the board on recent work on the magnet program for next year. She stated that the magnet enrollment for next year should be roughly equal to this year. The board discussed whether it would be advisable to continue to increase the magnet tuition to be sure that local taxpayers would not be asked to subsidize mainland students. It was observed that if the tuition went up too much, we would no doubt see a sharp decline in enrollments. Board members expressed the opinion that the magnet program continues to be an essential part of the overall school program, but that the board should consider gradual tuition increases to be sure the program remains viable. Heather noted that we are planning to add a transportation fee for costs associated with Quicksilver and supervision on the ferry.
- b. Discussion and possible approval of the proposed school calendar for the 2018-19 school year: Heather reviewed the proposed calendar for next year which was based on the Region 8 calendar for ensuring common days for all midcoast students. The board and administration agreed that the proposed start date should be moved into the last week of August and that the last day of the holiday break in December should be Tuesday, January 1. Heather will communicate back to the teachers on these modifications, and will bring back the calendar in April.
- c. Proposal for modification of 2017-18 school calendar—Heather Knight: Heather requested a slight modification of this year's calendar to move the professional day from Friday, May 11 to Friday, May 18. Motion by John Gorham, with second by Chloe Joule, to move the professional day to Friday, May 18. Unanimous in favor.
- d. Discussion and possible approval of the budget for the 2018-19 school year: The board reviewed the earlier discussion at the budget workshop and considered whether any additional changes would need to be made. It was agreed to adjust the budget for the breakfast program, but otherwise the budget reviewed at the workshop was agreeable to the board. Motion by John Gorham, with second by Lars Nelson, to approve the proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year. Unanimous in favor.

#### IX. Committee/Administrative Reports

- a. Principal: None
- b. Superintendent: None
- c. Region 8: John noted that the construction project is moving ahead smoothly, with only minor issues dealing with site work.
- d. Committee Reports

X. Other Business: None

XI. Executive Session: None

XII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.