

ISLESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018—6:15 P.M. IN MS. KRISTEN'S ROOM

MINUTES

5:45 P.M.: Finance Committee met to review warrants. Present: Laura Houle and Chloe Joule.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Board chair Laura Houle called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Board members present: Laura Houle, Bill Kelly, John Gorham (6:25), Chloe Joule, and Melissa Jagger. Other in attendance: Heather Knight, Chuck Hamm, Ryan Martin T.L. Tutor, and Patrick Phillips.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes of the May 8, 2018 board meeting: Motion by Chloe Joule, with second by Melissa Jagger, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 board meeting. Unanimous in favor.
- III. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from Christine Riley, RN
 - b. Letter from Colden Golann
 - c. Motion by Chloe Joule, with second by Bill Kelly, to accept the letters of resignation with regret. The board wished to be sure to have a letter prepared for Laura's signature expressing the board's gratitude for Colden's outstanding service to the school.
- IV. Adjustments to the Agenda: None.
- V. Open Session: No comments were offered by the public.
- VI. Presentations: None.
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - a. Second reading of policy IKF—Graduation Requirements: Motion by Bill Kelly, with second by Melissa Jagger, to approve the second reading of policy IKF—Graduation Requirements. Unanimous in favor.
 - b. Discussion and possible approval of school bus lease purchase agreement: Mr. Phillips updated the board on the prospects for obtaining a state grant to offset 80% of the cost of the planned purchase of a new bus. After reviewing the issue, the board requested the Mr. Phillips investigate the grant program to see if the prospects were good. He also noted that it would be prudent to get in touch with the bus vendor to see how long the current estimated price would be valid. The issue was table until the special board meeting at the end of June.
 - c. Discussion and possible approval of ground-based solar array: T.L. Tudor and Ryan Martin presented a revised proposal for a ground-based solar array, and walked the board through the engineering aspects of the project, as well as the financial projections on the cost of electricity over the next 40 years and the potential for savings on energy costs, if

- the array is eventually purchased by the school. The board had questions about the options for purchase and how best to approach the cost, and how the Town will handling this issue as well. The board then discussed the process for formally committing to the project, whether it would take a special town meeting or whether the board could act at a board meeting. Mr. Phillips said he would be in touch with legal counsel on this and let the board know what his recommendations are.
- d. Continued discussion of the implications of the ferry rate increase: The board asked Heather and Patrick to review the funds in next year's budget the might be used to help offset the cost of commuting faculty. John Gorham reported to the board the results of his informal survey of other organizations and businesses on the island regarding their approach to paying travel expenses for mainland employees. He noted that the majority of folks he contacted paid some or all of employees' travel costs. After reviewing the availability of possible funds to support commuting faculty, the board asked to have this issue placed on the August agenda for further review.
 - e. Update on staff hiring process: Heather updated the board on the progress in hiring the few teaching positions open: PE/Health, middle level ELA/Social Studies, and math. Sbe noted that the PE/Health teacher would be nominated tonight, and that the interview teams would be completing the process for the other two positions in the next week or so. Good candidates!

VIII. New Business

- a. Nomination of teachers to fill PE/Health and Social Studies/English positions: Mr. Phillips nominated John Van Dis for the middle/high school science position, and Samantha Diamond for the PE/Health position. Motion by John Gorham, with second by Chloe Joule, to approve the superintendent's nomination. Unanimous in favor.
- b. Nomination of part-time superintendent for the 2018-19 school year: Tabled until a suitable candidate is found.
- c. Discussion and possible approval of Region 8 Cooperative Agreement: Motion by Bill Kelly, with second by Chloe Joule, to approve the Region 8 Cooperative Agreement. Unanimous in favor.
- d. Discussion and possible approval of budget transfer authority: Motion by Melissa Jagger, with second by Chloe Joule to approve the request for budget transfer authority by the superintendent so that funds can be transferred across budget categories to balance the uneven expenditure of budgeted funds.
- e. Discussion of whether to hold July board meeting: The board did not wish to schedule a July board meeting, unless a short meeting were necessary for appointing staff.
- f. Discussion of initial goals for the new administration: summer work plan: No action taken on this.

- IX. Committee/Administrative Reports
 - a. Principal: Heather updated the board on the status of hiring staff, and on the transition steps that are underway to support the new administration.
 - b. Superintendent: Patrick updated the board on the Anne Dillon House project.
 - c. Region 8: John Gorham updated the board on the Region 8 construction project.
 - d. Committee Reports: None

- X. Other Business: None

- XI. Executive Session: The board went into executive session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Title I MRSA, section 405. The came out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. No action was taken.

- XII. Adjournment: The board meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.