

ISLESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018—3:00 P.M. IN MS. KRISTEN'S ROOM

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Board chair Laura Houle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Board members in attendance: Laura Houle, John Gorham, Chloe Joule, and Melissa Jagger. Absent: Bill Kelly. Others in attendance: Heather Knight, Chuck Hamm, and Patrick Phillips.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Melissa Jagger, with second by Chloe Joule, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 school board meeting. Unanimous in favor.
- III. Correspondence
 - a. Letter of resignation from John Sommo: Mr. Phillips noted that we had received a letter of resignation from John Sommo, elementary guidance counselor. Heather noted that an ad has been posted to seek a replacement. The board thanked John for his service to the school and wishes him well.
- IV. Adjustments to the Agenda: None.
- V. Open Session: No comments were offered by the public.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Discussion and possible approval of school bus lease/purchase: Mr. Phillips reviewed the efforts by Dick Cilley and Patrick to explore the possibility of a state grant for partial funding of a new bus. His recommendation was to go with the current plan to enter a lease purchase with the bank for the Cressey bus. He explained that the timeline and scoring criteria for the state program would not favor our application. Motion by John Gorham, with second by Chloe Joule, to approve the lease purchase plan for the purchase of the new bus. Unanimous in favor.
 - b. Discussion and possible approval of solar array installation agreement with Revision Energy: Mr. Phillips outlined the information the board requested at its last meeting regarding the solar array installation proposal. He noted that he had reached out to the Town to find out their preferred approach to paying for the installation on the Town Office. However, the Town is not at this time certain of its approach. He also updated the board on his conversation with Bill Stockmeyer on his recommendations on process. Bill conveyed that the board has the authority to approve the agreement with Revision Energy, but he also added that the board should consider a special town meeting as well, as that approach would allow the taxpayers to have the maximum input into the process. The board discussed the options and worried that there might be a feeling among citizens that we're having too many special town meetings. John

expressed the opinion that as long as the board did a good job of communicating with the public and allowed for public comment and understanding, the board could make the decision after that process. Motion by John Gorham, with second by Chloe Joule, to give preliminary approval for the agreement with Revision Energy and to direct the administration to prepare materials to share with the public about the proposed solar installation, with a date for a formal approval by the board to be determined. Unanimous in favor.

- c. Update on staff hiring: Ms. Knight updated the board on the recent staff hiring, including the social studies / ELA position, the school nurse, but also noted that we have not been able to find a high school math teacher.
- d. Update on Anne Dillon House project: Mr. Phillips noted that we have not received word from the Dillon Dunwalke Trust as yet on the status of the grant proposal. He noted that he had worked with Bill Stockmeyer to clarify the approval process and that as soon as word arrives the board can begin setting the timeline for the referendum process.

VII. New Business

- a. Nomination of Social Studies / English Language Arts teacher: Mr. Phillips nominated Peter DaLilla for the Social Studies / English Language Arts position in the middle school. Motion by John Gorham, with second by Melissa Jagger, to approve the superintendent's nomination. Unanimous in favor.
- b. Nomination of part-time superintendent of schools: Laura Houle moved to approve the hiring of Bob England and the part time superintendent at per diem rate of \$450 for a contract of up to 50 days. Second by John Gorham. Unanimous in favor.

VIII. Committee/Administrative Reports

- a. Principal
- b. Superintendent
- c. Region 8
- d. Committee Reports

IX. Other Business: None

X. Executive Session: None

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick R. Phillips, Superintendent of Schools