

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

MINUTES

Attendance: Board members: Laura Houle, Bill Kelly, Mike Boucher, John Gorhan, and Lars Nelson. Others in attendance: Superintendent Patrick Phillips, Principal Heather Knight, Jon Kerr, Kristen Kelley, Jess Woods, and Sunny Bolduc.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Mr. Phillips call the meeting to order in view of the board organizational meeting and the pending nomination process for board officers.
- II. Board organizational meeting: Nomination and election of board officers for the 2016-17 school year. Mike Boucher nominated Laura Houle for board chair, second by John Gorham. Unanimous in favor. Laura Houle took over conduct of the meeting. Called for nominations for vice-chair. Mike Boucher nominated Bill Kelly for vice-chair, second by Lars Nelson. Unanimous in favor.
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the June 14, 2016 school board meeting. Motion by Mike Boucher to approve minutes from the June 14, 2016 board meeting, second by Lars Nelson. Unanimous in favor.
- IV. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from Yvonne Thomas of the Island Institute. Mr. Phillips noted that there were two pieces of correspondence from Yvonne Thomas from the Island Institute regarding opportunities for educators sponsored by the Island Institute for the coming year. Mike Boucher stated that we should write a letter on behalf of the board expressing gratitude for the contributions made to island schools and educators by the Institute. Mr. Phillips agreed to draft a letter and get Laura to add her signature on behalf of the full board.
- V. Adjustments to the Agenda: None
- VI. Review of Financial Records: Mr. Phillips noted that the budget which is only in its second month of implementation is unfolding as expected with no unusual expenditures or differences in revenues. Mike Boucher asked about the status of the school lunch account, and Ms. Knight stated that she anticipates that the account balances will be cleared in the near future.
- VII. Open Session: None
- VIII. Presentations
 - a. High school and middle school programming for the 2016-17 school year: Ms. Knight, Jon Kerr, Kristen Kelley, and Jess Woods presented updated plans for the personalized pathways program modifications in the works for grades 6-12. Ms. Knight summarized the process the team, which included several other staff members, had used during the summer months to clarify the plans. She noted that the Leadership Institute on Hurricane Island was pivotal in giving the team time and facilitation to make great progress. Jon, Kristen, and Jess all contributed to the presentation. Mike Boucher noted that we should endeavor to link the sports program to the middle school and high school program. There was wide agreement with this perspective. Bill Kelly stated that the presentation represented a pivotal change in the school and was very happy to support the work.
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - a. Affirming board legal services for the 2016-17 school year: Tabled until the September meeting.
- X. New Business

- a. Presentation and review of ICS K-12 Science Curriculum: Jon Kerr and Ms. Knight presented the documents that had been prepared which outline the K-12 science learning targets, practices, and instructional units developed over the past couple of years, but accelerated under the leadership of Jon Kerr this year. The board wished to have the documents sent both electronically and provided in hard copy in the school library to allow further review by the board prior to adoption. Patrick agreed to follow up on this. It was also noted that the Curriculum Committee might review the document as well. Mike Boucher commented that this presentation represents an important milestone in the school's progress. He noted that the board should be approving such curriculum documents for each content area in the coming year.
- b. Staff hiring update (special education position and Title I position): Ms. Knight noted that we have received several applications for each of these positions, and that she will be conducting interviews in the coming week. The board wished to schedule a special board meeting to approve any nominations. The meeting was set for Wednesday, August 24 at 4:30 p.m. Call-in number will be provided.
- c. Appointment of coaches for fall sports: Ms. Knight informed the board of the fall coaches: Colden Golann and Rob McHugh for soccer, and Patrick Powers for cross country. Colden Colann and Patrick Powers will once again be co-athletic directors. Mike Boucher stated that he wants to be sure the contracts for the coaches are presented to the coaches in advance of commencement of duties to ensure clarity.
- d. Update on storage space construction project: Mr. Phillips gave the board a brief update on the status of the construction project, which is coming along very nicely. Mr. Phillips stated how helpful Mike Boucher had been in clarifying several final details with the contractor, which allowed the work to get back on track.
- e. Discussion of board committees for the 2016-17 school year. The board wished to keep the committees the same as last year. Mr. Phillips stated that he will get a calendar of meeting dates out soon.

XI. Committee/Administrative Reports

- a. Principal: Ms. Knight provided a brief overview to the board of projected enrollments, which should lead to a school overall enrollment of 87. She also stated that she will provide birth data as soon as she has it to help the board plan for any long term trends. It was noted that this might be a good topic of discussion for a joint school board and board of selectmen meeting. This indeed deals with the long term sustainability of the town.
- b. Superintendent: Mr. Phillips updated the board on the physical plant, including progress made by the custodial staff on getting the school ready for the year ahead. It was asked who is doing the tree cutting on the north side of the entrance road. Mr. Phillips stated that this was being done by the neighbor to the north. Mike Boucher asked that we draft a letter of gratitude for the very helpful work. Mr. Phillips agreed to draft such a letter.
- c. Region 8: John Gorham updated the board on the latest plans for the new Region 8 building project. He noted that the new building will be constructed just behind the current building, which will then be taken down once the new building is open to provide greater parking. John noted that there is much excitement about the project, but it must be approved by the voters in the fall. The project is roughly \$24 million.
- d. Committee Reports: None.

XII. Other Business: None.

XIII. Executive Session:

- a. Discussion of the principal's evaluation, Title I MRSA, section 405. Tabled until the September meeting.
- b. Discussion of the superintendent's evaluation, Title I MRSA, section 405: Table until the September meeting.
- c. Action taken as a result of the executive session.

XIV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.