

ISLESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020—4:00 P.M. VIDEO CONFERENCE  
PUBLIC IS ASKED TO ATTEND VIA INTERNET LINK

MINUTES/DRAFT

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Nakomis Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:02

SB members present: Nakomis Nelson, Chloe Joule, Melissa Jagger, and Bill Kelly.

Others in attendance: Superintendent Chris Downing, Head of School Chuck Hamm, Dave Dyer, Betha Howell, Beth O'Mara, Renee Miller, Jon Bolduc.

I. Approval of Agenda / Adjustments to the Agenda

Nakomis directs the meeting directly to New Business

II. New Business: HoS Report regarding temperature screening students at school

Head of School (HoS) reviews recent DOE and CDC guidelines regarding temperature taking as part of a daily screening of students in school, HoS goes on to relay information from the Mid-Coast Superintendent's recent meeting. No other local schools are engaging in taking students' temperatures at school. Drummond and Woodsum attorneys recommend sticking with the DOE Framework for Reopening Schools. Dr. Cheryl Theithy at PBMC, said they were a total waste of time, in reference to taking student temperatures at school. HoS recommends we remove temperature taking from our Reopening Plan and rely on parental/family morning screening. Additionally, thermometers are being provided to all families of ICS students, including staff, and a morning text alert will be sent to the same regarding morning screenings.

Supt. Downing confirms the expectation that families need to perform morning screenings prior to sending children to school. Melissa asks if students can be sent to school in the event a family does not yet have a thermometer. Chris directs us to the new listing of symptoms recently published by the CDC. It states a list of symptoms and combination of symptoms. In short, he states students may come to school and that temperature alone is not a deciding factor.

Nakomis interjects and recaps HoS and Supt. Downing's recommendation we remove temperature screening from the Reopening Plan. HoS and Supt. Downing concur.

**Nakomis moves to remove temperature taking as part of screening students, based on the recommendation of HoS and Supt. Downing. Chloe**

**seconds-discussion ensues.** Melissa seeks further clarification from HoS. HoS directs the inquiry to School Nurse Beth O'Mara. Beth states we should follow CDC and DOE guidelines and support the removal of temperature taking as part of our screening process. **All in favor of removing temperature taking from the screening process and the Reopening Plan.**

Chloe directs our attention to Beth O'Mara's email regarding the newly renovated nurse's station versus a rented isolation trailer. Melissa and Nakomis state they have not read it thoroughly. Melissa suggests we meet as a board at school in order to tour the facility with a focus on the nurse station and isolation room. Nakomis concurs, HoS agrees.

III. Adjournment

**Chloe motions to adjourn at 5:10, Melissa seconds, all in favor**