

ISLESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020—6:15
KINNICUTT CENTER
PUBLIC IS ASKED TO ATTEND VIA INTERNET LINK

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
Nakomis Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:20
SB members present Nakomis Nelson (NN), Melissa Jagger (MJ), Dave Dyer (DD), Bill Kelly (BK), Skylar Purdy (SP), Others in attendance; Superintendent Chris Downing, Head of School Chuck Hamm (HoS), Karen Betts, Melissa Burns, Renee Miller, Sonya Leach, Betha Howell, Cate Blackford, and Jesse Burns.
- II. Approval of Agenda / Adjustments to the Agenda
NN requests a motion to amend agenda to include nomination and election of board chair and vice chair MJ moves to do so, second by SP, all in favor.
- III. Approval of Minutes
BK moves to approve minutes from past meetings, including 07302020 Special SB meeting, 08042020 Board Meeting, 08122020 Special SB Meeting, and 08242020 Special Sb Meeting. NN seconds, all in favor with MJ Abstaining. Technical glitch prohibited MJ from viewing minutes prior to meeting.
- IV. Introduce and welcome new School Board members
New School Board members Sylar Purdy and Dave Dyer were welcomed by Chair Nakomis Nelson. Both new members thanked everyone and expressed gratitude for being selected to serve on the school board.
- IV-B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
MJ nominates Nakomis Nelson as Chair, BK seconds, all in favor.
MJ nominates Bill Kelly as Vice Chair, NN seconds, all in favor.
- V. Correspondence - Nurse Beth O'Mara's email re: isolation room
BK suggests internal discussion among administrators and expresses feeling good about the room.
- VI. Presentations - None
- VII. Reports:
 - A. Chair - NN is eager to have school begin and feels confident in the Reopening Plan.
 - B. Head of School - HoS reports a strong beginning to the year. Morale is high although tensions and anxiety are as well.
 - C. Superintendent - Supt. Chris Downing reviews DOE letter from DHHS asking Maine Principal Association (MPA) to delay the start of the athletic season. He went on to mention protocols of "positive care of COVID" patients in a DOE Priority Notice to school nurses.

D. Committee Reports

1. Facility - Although the committee has not met, HoS gave an update of summer work including: tents being used as outdoor classrooms, new deck built by HoS with sail shade donated by JB Turner of Frontstreet Shipyard in Belfast, install of playground fence, new roof over cafeteria is complete, forest mulcher expanded playground area and trail to solar array, nurse isolation room is all but complete, new van is working out well, laptops are ready and iPads are delayed in shipping, 12 new picnic tables will be used outside for lunch and classes, COVID Relief Fund (CRF) has been extremely beneficial in providing multiple improvements throughout the building.
2. Region 8 - None. HoS will invite John Gorahm to meetings or gather updated reports.
3. Magnet - ICS has three new Magnet students. The program is capped until emergency measures are no longer needed.
4. Athletics - ICS athletics are put on hold until reassessment in October. AD Tracey Ouri will be providing a statement to parents soon.

VIII. Open Session - No Comments

- IX. Unfinished Business: Walk through facility/isolation room and nurse station went well. Some discussion and questions re: needing a washable chair, air stop at bottom of door, and not using the bathroom as an isolation room. Of note; Nurse Beth O'Mara elaborates on the need for a wellness room as the isolation suite cannot be used for regular student visits, only COVID related symptoms. HoS is planning to utilize his office in the short term, as a wellness space and storage of PPEs, by moving to the basement Supt. office. Some discussion re: porta potties and hand sanitizers outside. HoS will take it under consideration and report back to the SB.
- X. Other Business: Update on hiring process
- XI. New Business: HoS brings up the topic of having positive COVID results within the school population. NN suggests we approach it case by case. BK suggests we follow CDC recommendations and guidelines. Nurse Beth agrees with NN that we are small enough to handle cases individually. BK inquires as to speed of test results. Beth reports that tests are conducted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with an approximate 48 hour turnaround. MJ notes concerns of other schools she is aware of and states we are one of the safest schools around. BK recommends HoS write up clarifying outline to share with the public. HoS agrees. Beth agrees that the isolation room meets DOE recommendations with the added concern of needing a well space. "My concerns have been addressed." BK inquires whether all K-12 students will be using the library. HoS clarifies that the library specialist will visit elementary grades while MS/HS students will visit the library for the time being.
- XII. Adjournment **BK motions to adjourn at 7:16, Sp seconds, all in favor.**