

ISLE AU HAUT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
December 22, 2016
Meeting Minutes

School Committee Members Present: Karen Teague, Kendra Chubbuck, Sue MacDonald, Alison Richardson (via conference call)
Staff Present: Chris Elkington (via conference call)
Absent: Roz Santaspago

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Sue opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:35 a.m.

2. Minutes

The Minutes from November 18, 2016 were reviewed. A Motion was made by Sue to approve the Minutes as written. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

3. Superintendent's Report

a. Tuition Student Update – Chris is still working on the issue of the second student's residency.

b. Music Teacher Update – As there have been no applicants, it is time to plan for an artist in residence for a week twice a year. Chris has talked with Brooklyn and Sedgwick schools about advertising for a shared teacher position for next year. If we are able to offer a full-time position, it may be easier to hire someone. The board was in agreement that we should try this for next year.

c. Budget – We need to start talking about the budget. The next Town meeting will be the last Monday in April.

d. Other – The students have not had any formal physical education. Karen approached Rita about volunteering to teach P.E. It was discussed whether this could be a paid position or not. If Rita can come up with a proposal for a contract position, Chris may be able to post a bid for the position. We could possibly look into a shared position like the music teacher for next year.

4. Teacher's Report

See attached report from Rita MacWilliam dated December 2016.

5. Maintenance

We received one bid from Luther Smith with a total cost of \$5,575.00. There were some questions on his bid about whether old drainage pipes existed that had been covered up and how the concrete slab would be insulated. We would like to talk to Luther for clarification on these questions.

A Motion was made by Karen to accept Luther Smith's bid after clarification of the board's questions. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

6. Island School Policy Revisions and Update

The board reviewed the draft Internet Safety Policy. A Motion was made by Kendra to adopt the Internet Safety Policy as read. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

We received a copy of the DISES handbook. Chris would like a couple board members to review the handbook with Rita to see what pertains to Isle au Haut. He would like a draft policy book before the next board meeting. Kendra agreed to sit with Rita and come up with a first draft that the board can review.

7. New Business

Alison talked to a company in Ellsworth about conducting an energy audit at the school. The cost would be \$200 and they would need to review previous utility bills. They will tell us what needs to be done to reduce energy costs. They also install heat pumps. It was discussed that Island Institute may have already done this or may be able to do this for less. Alison will contact them.

Sue made a Motion to allow Alison to contact Island Institute and schedule an audit if one had not already been done. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

Jim Wilson would like a letter of support from the school board for their proposal to Efficiency Maine.

Kendra went to a Maine Island Coalition meeting last month regarding early childhood education. She shared her experience with the board. We discussed what the school could possibly provide for preschool aged children in the future.

9. Citizens Comments

No citizens were present.

10. Adjourn

Sue made a Motion to adjourn. Vote: 4 in favor; 0 opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Teague, Secretary