Isle au Haut School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes October 24, 2011

Board Members Present: Sue MacDonald, Bernadine Barter, Kelly Hawkes

Board Member Absent: Kirsten Barter, H. Louise Bernstone

Staff Present: Paula Greatorex, Robert Webster

Citizens and Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order

Sue opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:40 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Suc, second by Louise, to accept the June 29 and September 20, 2011 minutes as read. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

3. Teacher's Report

- Paula reviewed current academic activities. The boys are working in a reading group on The One Eyed Giant with students from Islasford and Cliff Island using the tandberg system.
- Mike Schrader has introduced the students to the ukulele He purchased three ukuleles for \$80.86
- She attended a two day conference sponsored by the Island Institute and made two presentations at the conference.
- The outer island student council has been elected. The first meeting was Oct. 7.
- The October 26-28 field trip will visit the Penobscot Marine Museum, the Challenger Space Center and the University of Maine Planetarium. They will stay at Camp Jordan in Ellsworth both nights.
- · The dehumidifier must be replaced
- Abigail Hilt visited the school on Oct. 10th with classmates from the White Mountain School.
- Anne Bardaglio, coordinator of the outer island TLC, visited and worked on technology with the students.

Motion by Sue, second by Kelly, to approve the October 26-28 field trip to Searsport and Bangor with a budget of up to \$1,000. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

Motion by Sue, second by Kelly, to approve the Grand Theater field trip to Ellsworth to see the "Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe with a budget of up to \$200. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

Motion by Sue, second by Kelley, to approve reimbursement for Mike's purchase of three ukuleles in the amount of 86.00 from REAP funds. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

Motion by Kelly, second by Sue, to approve the purchase of a new dehumidifier from the school budget. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

4. Superintendent's Report

Bob presented the October financial statement. Preparations for the audit are underway. Bob will be attending the Maine School Management Conference. Topics of workshops that he plans to attend include new approaches to teacher and administrator evaluation, building bridges with the humanities, the new Common Core standards and the SMARTER Balanced Assessment System that will replace the NECAPs as the state's student assessment, incentive pay for administrator compensation, mass customized learning, and the new law on probationary teachers. Changes in state subsidy law should

increase funding to Isle au Haut by about \$1,200 in 2012-13. The School Union 76 meeting is coming up on November 2 in Sedgwick at 6:00 p.m.

5. NCLB Budget

Bob recommended that NCLB funding be used for professional development. Motion by Sue, second by Kelley, to approve the 2011-12 NCLB hudget as proposed. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

6. Electrician and Chimney Updates

The electrician has visited the school. No one has heard officially from Haskell. Lisa told Paula that she told the electrician to replace the ballasts in all of the lights. The wiring was okay. Les the mason is supposed to be coming out. Flashing needs to be inspected and possibly repaired. Sue will speak with Rosey to get Les's phone number.

7. Louise's Play

Sue spoke to Louise. The first four plays are okay for children. Paula spoke with Linda Nelson about arrangements for the play. The students will have just returned from a three day field trip so students will no kep for another trip off island so soon. Paula will see if the play could be presented on IAH as part of a pot luck.

8. Policies

No policies were presented.

9. Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen comments.

10. Other Business

Minutes of the July and August meetings were lost. Sue will write up the minutes from her notes. The next meeting of the school committee will be on Tuesday, November 22 at 8:30 p.m. Agenda items will be electrician and the chimney updates, school committee stipends, and policies.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Bernadine, second by Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 9: 30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Webster

Superintendent of Schools