

**Isle au Haut School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2011**

Board Members Present: Bernadine Barter, Kelly Hawkes, Kirsten Barter, H. Louise Bernstone
Board Member Absent: Sue MacDonald
Staff Present: Paula Greatorex, Robert Webster
Citizens and Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order

Bernadine opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:39 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Louise, second by Kelly, to approve October 24, 2011 minutes as amended.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

3. Teacher's Report

- Paula reviewed current academic activities. The first edition of the quarterly newsletter will be available at the Thanksgiving feast. Music, art and language arts are focusing on the Lighthouse Christmas.
- The InterIsland field trip was a success.
- The November 17th trip to Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School to see "The Phantom Toll Booth" and art class at Anne Claude Cotty's studio were great.
- Next field trip is December 1st.
- There is a surplus of IAH school art calendars. Kelly said that she will put a notice in the electric company bills and post it at the Stonington town office. Paula is open to suggestions for ways to sell the calendars.
- The smoke alarm at school went off, which was difficult to turn off.
- There is an InterIsland workshop on January 12-13 in Georgia. Paula is not sure that she will go. Grant funds are available to pay for the trip and the workshop

Motion by Kelly, second by Louise, to approve the cost of the workshop InterIsland workshop in Georgia. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

4. Superintendent's Report

Bob did not bring a monthly financial statement. Relocation of the central office was discussed at the November 2 School Union 76 meeting. There is space at the Deer Isle-Stonington schools that could be used for the central office. Brooklin and Sedgwick expressed reservations about a central office that would no longer be centrally located within the school union. The School Union 76 board directed Bob to put the costs of rent, heat and electricity back into the second draft of the central office budget to keep the central office at the current location in Sargentville.

Deer Isle-Stonington is considering withdrawal from School Union 76. DI-S will be looking at withdrawal over the next six months. If DI-S decides to withdraw notice will have to be provided to Brooklin and Sedgwick by June 30, 2012 for the change to take effect June 30, 2013.

Bob has notified the School Union 76 Board of his decision to retire in 2013. Isle au Haut will need a new state agent (superintendent) when Bob retires.

Bob reviewed the book *Inevitable: Mass Customized Learning in the Age of Empowerment*, which the Commissioner of Education Steve Bowen sent to all superintendents in Maine. Bob will bring a powerpoint presentation on the book to the December meeting.

5. Policies

Bob provided samples of policies on Homework and Integrated Pest Management. These samples will be customized for IAH and presented for a first reading at the December meeting.

6. Electrician and Chimney Updates

Haskell is waiting to find out the scope of the project. Kelly will consult with Haskell to determine what needs to be done so that the school can get a price for the work. No word from Les about the chimney.

Motion by Kelly, second by Louise, to approve up to \$1,000 for repair of the light ballasts. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

7. Stipends

Motion by Kelly, second by Kirsten, to approve school committee member stipends as follows:

Chair \$400; Secretary \$300, other school committee members \$200 each. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

8. Citizen's Comments

No citizens were in attendance.


9. Other Business

The next meeting of the school committee will be on Thursday, December 15th at 8:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Bernadine, second by Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 9: 24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Robert Webster
Superintendent of Schools