

**Isle au Haut School Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**December 12, 2011**

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

1. Call to Order

Sue opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:42 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Bernadine, second by Kirsten, to approve the November 22, 2011 minutes as read.**

**Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.**

3. Teacher's Report

- Paula reviewed current academic activities.
- Rehearsals for the holiday play are underway. Some props for the play are needed. IAH drew Matinecus for the Secret Santa exchange between schools. They made a wreath using a lot of donated materials and spent about \$5.00 which was the established limit.
- About 30 people enjoyed the school Thanksgiving dinner.
- The field trip to Ellsworth was successful.
- Science projects will be shared among the island schools using the Tandberg video system.
- A new student visited the school this morning with his father and sister. The child is in fourth grade and will be transferring from Northport. His first day may be on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Sue asked about the winter trip. Paula hasn't decided on any final plans to date. Sugarloaf or Moosehead Lake are possibilities. For the spring field trip the islands are thinking about either Boston or Washington, D.C.

4. Superintendent's Report

- Bob distributed the monthly financial statement.
- The School Union 76 Committee met on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The 2012-13 central office budget was approved including funds to keep the central office at the current location in Sargentville. The office might still be moved if the DI-S school committee members are united on a vote to move the office.
- The study committee on the future of School Union 76 has been appointed.
- Union 93 in Blue Hill discussed the possibility of Brooklin and Sedgwick joining that school union if Deer Isle-Stonington decides to drop out of School Union 76. They are also forming a study committee.
- A first draft of the 2012-13 school calendar and a first draft of the 2012-13 school budget should be on the agenda for the January meeting.
- State subsidy is very uncertain for 2012-13. If the governor's plan to cut MaineCare are not approved, cuts to education subsidy will be on the chopping block. The fall school enrollment report to DOE was filed late. Bob has appealed to the deputy commissioner Jim Rier to allow the IAH student count to be entered into MDFMS. He hasn't heard from Rier yet.

5. Electrician and Chimney Updates

Sue hasn't heard anything on the electrician. She hasn't spoken with Kelly who was going to contact Haskell. She hasn't heard back from the mason who is supposed to inspect the chimney. Sue will check with Kelly on the status of the electrician and call the mason again.

6. Policies

Bob brought the list of required policies to go through the LAH policy manual. We should determine if any required policies are missing. Policy work was postponed to January.

7. Citizen's Comments

No citizens were in attendance.

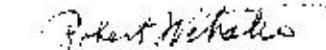
8. Other Business

Paula has been contacted by island readers and writers who will be reading The Adventures of Tom Sawyer this winter. This is a community reading project. As many copies of the book as needed are available. Paula has requested a dozen copies. The next meeting of the school committee will be on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 8:30 p.m. New school calendar, new budget, electrician, policies and chimney will be on the agenda.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Sue, second by Kirsten, to adjourn the meeting at 9: 24 p.m. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Robert Webster  
Superintendent of Schools