

**ISLE AU HAUT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2011**

School Committee Members Present: Bernadine Barter, Kirsten Barter, Susan MacDonald,
Kelly Hawkes
School Committee Member Absent: H. Louise Bernstone,
Staff Present: Paula Greaterox, Bob Webster
Citizens/Guests Present: Alex Harris

1. Sue opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:30 a.m. She introduced the latest Island Fellow Alex Harris.

2. Minutes

No minutes were available from the June, July or August meetings. Kirsten has ordered ink and will have the July and August minutes next month. Bob will bring the June minutes to the October meeting.

3. Teacher's Report

Paula provided a written report. She thanked the Board for the leave of absence to see her grandchild Donovan. She outlined the topics students are working on in each subject area highlighting the self portraits the students did with Anne Claude Cotty. The Island Institute Fellow Anne Bardaglio has done a great job. The Institute is looking for a school committee contribution of \$2,000 which is the same as last year. Sue signed the agreement for the 2011-12 year. The Common Ground Fair is Friday, September 23. The InterIsland Event is September 28 and 29 on Matinicus. Transportation will be provided by the Sunbeam. Paula gave the REAP paperwork to Bob for completion. This year's allocation is \$19,511.00. The Outer Island field trip planned by Anne Bardaglio is planned for October 21. Final financial details aren't yet available. Paula is planning a visit to the University of Maine Planetarium and Bangor's space exploration program. She will provide details at the October meeting. The Pie Auction total was \$3,125.00. The classroom lights are getting worse and flashing around the chimney must be looked at. Sue will follow up with another electrician. Paula suggested another name - Dick Dunham.

Motion by Susan, second by Bernadine, to approve \$2,000.00 to support the Island Institute Fellow program for 2011-12. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

4. Superintendent's Report

Bob noted the employment of new central office staff: Josh Nichols - special education director; Deborah Larrabee - payroll benefits bookkeeper; and Leslie Cote - special education director secretary. The Maine School Boards Association conference will be held on October 27 and 28 at the Augusta Civic Center. Bob could not locate the copies of the financial statement which he thought he had with him.

5. Payroll

Selectmen have suggested that the payroll be signed by all all board members at the same time at the school. The consensus of the school committee was not to change the current procedure. **Motion by Kelly, second by Sue, to keep signing of the payroll as it is currently conducted. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

6. Louise's Play

Louise was not present to discuss the arrangements for her play on October 27. Paula will call the Opera House to find out scheduling details and content of the other short plays.

7. Electrician

Kelly knew of an electrician coming to the island for another project and will call to see if he is available. The swing set is installed and it works very well.

8. Policies

Bob did not provide any new policies for discussion. He will bring a new batch of policies for the October meeting.

9. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments. Kirsten asked about alternative high school educational opportunities for a former eighth grade graduate of Isle au Haut. Online programs, other high schools, G.E.D. and the C School in Belfast were suggested.

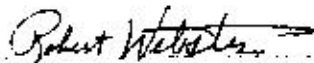
9. Other Business

The next school committee meeting will be on October 17, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. The agenda will include chimney inspection, policies, electrician, and Louise's play.

10. Adjournment

**Motion by Sue, second by Kelly, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m.
Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

Respectfully Submitted



Robert Webster
Superintendent of Schools