

Isle au Haut School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2012

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

1. Call to Order

Sue opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:32 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes. Bob forgot to bring them.

3. Teacher's Report

- The children finished their recent writing project: a school newsletter.
- Progress in other academic areas was reported at the meeting earlier this month.
- She presented a more detailed plan for the Walker Bob photography/writing course.

Motion by Louise, second by Kelly, to approve the Walker Bob visiting artist project expenses in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

4. Superintendent's Report

- Bob explained the new education legislation proposed by Gov. LePage on K-8 school choice and public funding for religious schools
- He provide copies of the 2010-11 school financial audit.
- Deer Isle-Stonington is trying to move the School Union 76 central office from Sargentville to one of the DI-S schools.

Motion by Sue, second by Kelly, to approve the transfer of \$1,272 from the administration account to the operation and maintenance of plant account to cover the over expenditure. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

5. 2012-2013 Budget

Bob reviewed budget draft #2 which is \$1,483 less than draft #1. The proposed school budget will require \$20,612 (12%) less tax revenue than the current budget thanks to the a 2012-13 ower budget and a larger carryover balance from the 2010-11 fiscal year. **Motion by Sue, second by Louise, to adopt draft #2 of the budget as amended in the amount of \$190,013 Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

6. School Calendar

Bob did not bring a draft calendar. He will have one for the next meeting.

7. Updates on Chimney or Electrician

Sue called both the mason and the electrician. Neither has called her back. We'll have to wait until spring to follow up on these building maintenance issues. Kirsten will call a local person to inspect the flashing on the chimney for leaks.

8. Policies

Sue has not reviewed the list of policies. This will be on the next agenda.

9. Citizen's Comments

No citizens were in attendance.


10. Other Business

Kirsten brought up the possibility of providing educational services to an unenrolled high school age individual. If the student is willing to commit to a tutoring program with an educational outcome such as a G.E.D. and parents are supportive and engaged, the school committee will consider looking for a tutor. Two school committee positions are open at the March town meeting. If either of the incumbents don't run for re-election a candidate(s) will need to be recruited. Louise will show the DVD of her play at the school at 2:00 p.m. today. The next meeting of the school committee will be on Wednesday, April 11. The agenda will include school calendar, policies, election of board officers and an update on the chimney.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Sue, second by Kirsten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Webster
Superintendent of Schools