

**Isle au Haut School Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 2, 2012**

Board Members Present: Sue MacDonald, Bernadine Barter, H. Louise Bernstone, Kelly Hawkes,

Board Member Absent: Kirsten Barter

Staff Present: Paula Creatorex, Robert Webster

Citizens and Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order

Sue opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:36 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Sue, second by Kelly, to approve the July 27, 2011 minutes as read. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

**Motion by Sue, second by Kelly, to approve the August 23, 2011 minutes as read. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

**Motion by Sue, second by Kelly, to approve the December 22, 2011 minutes as read. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

3. Teacher's Report

- Paula reviewed current academic activities.
  - A book group with Islesford students
  - Measurement, fractions, multiplication and division
  - Colonial America
  - Geology, weathering, erosion
  - Chinese New Year dragons
  - Instrument lessons, band and chorus (folk opera?)
- Field trips are coming up. She identified specific costs for the March 13-17 trip to Sugarloaf with the Monhegan School. Total cost estimated \$4,263.
- The Matinicus Island School visit will be March 21-23.
- Photographer Walker Bob has proposed another visiting artist program for two full weeks in photography and writing at a cost of \$2,500. Paula will get a more detailed financial proposal from Walker Bob.
- The spring field trip to Boston is in the planning stages with five island schools.
- Paula would like to take a three credit course on creative science instruction through inquiry at a cost of \$375.
- Paula is working with four other island schools (Islesford, Matinicus, Monhegan and Cliff Islands) in a Teaching Learning Collaborative. They share science and social studies lessons, conduct book groups, plan field trips and raise funds for their projects with students.
- The island student council has held meetings through the Tandberg system. They've planned social activities including game night and parties.

**Motion by Sue, second by Kelly, to approve the Sugarloaf field trip expenses in an amount not to exceed \$4,500. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

**Motion by Sue, second by Kelly, to approve expenses for the Matinicus School visit with Black Dinah chocolate lessons in an amount not to exceed \$120. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

**Motion by Sue, second by Louise, to approve the cost for Paula's course of \$375. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

4. Superintendent's Report

- Bob distributed the monthly financial statement. He will follow up on Lisa Turner's work at

DISES The value of her time helping DISES students should offset cost of special education services at DISES for Speech/OT.

- Bob reviewed the 2010-11 school financial audit.
- The withdrawal of Deer Isle-Stonington from School Union 76 appears to be unlikely

5. School Calendar

Bob did not bring a draft calendar. He will have one next month.

6. 2012-2013 Budget

Bob reviewed the budget proposal. **Motion by Sue, second by Louise, to approve the first reading of the budget. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

7. Updates on Chimney or Electrician

No word yet from either the mason or the electrician. Sue will follow up again.

8. Policies

Bob brought a policy manual to use as a resource for determining which policies need attention. Sue will look at what policies haven't been reviewed in ten or more years to figure out which policies will be taken up at future meetings.

9. Citizen's Comments

No citizens were in attendance.

10. Other Business

Louise asked several questions on Paula's contract renewal, adult participation in field trips, and home schooling options. She has a copy of her play that she would like to make available for the school. She is interested in renewing her criminal background check so that she can substitute at the school. The next meeting of the school committee will be on Thursday, February 16. The agenda will include school calendar, school budget, policies, and update on the electrician/chimney.

11. Adjournment

**Motion by Kelly, second by Sue, to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Webster  
Superintendent of Schools