

Isle au Haut School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2012

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

1. Call to Order

Sue opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:33 a.m.

2. Election of Officers

- A. Bernadine nominated Sue MacDonald as Chair. Kirsten Barter seconded the nomination. There were two votes for Sue McDonald with one abstention (MacDonald).
- B. Sue nominated Bernadine Barter for co-chair. Second by Kirsten Barter. There were two votes for Bernadine Barter with Bernadine not voting.
- C. Bernadine nominated Kirsten Barter for secretary. Second by Sue MacDonald. There were two votes for Kirsten Barter with Kirsten not voting.

The 2012-13 school committee officers are:

Chair - Susan MacDonald
Co-Chair - Bernadine Barter
Secretary - Kirsten Barter

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sue, second by Bernadine, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2012 as read. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

4. Teacher's Report

- The third quarter is now completed. Students are working on multiplication and division, projects for the InterIsland Science Fair, interpreting photos and three dimensional drawings, instrumental lessons, chorus, a photo show with visiting artist Walker Bob, spring book groups focusing on character development and finding details, colonial America and the Revolutionary War, and planning for the Boston Trip. The estimated cost of the trip is \$2,289.
- Paula asked if the practice of requiring two adults present when school is in session should be a school committee policy. Paula has asked Landon to sub for Lisa when she makes the once a week trip to DISES with Andrew. She needs an updated list of substitutes.
- Members of the Knox County Sheriff's Department recently visited the school to discuss bullying and other issues that have lately been of increasing concern. Paula has been viewing Ross Green video programs which can be accessed on-line at www.livesinthebalance.org. All school staff members will review these collaborative problem solving videos.

Motion by Sue, second by Kirsten, to approve the expenses for the Boston field trip in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 and the cost of a special boat if that is needed. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

5. Superintendent's Report

- There was no monthly financial statement.
- Interviews for the new payroll/benefits bookkeeper were completed during the week of April 2nd.
- Part time special services secretary Leslie Cote has submitted her resignation effective when a suitable replacement is chosen.

- The Maine DOE has completed compilation of the annual school financial reports. Bob distributed information on Isle au Haut School expenditures. Isle au Haut spends 64.34% of its school budget on regular instruction compared to the state average of only 41.68%.
- The School Union 76 Board has begun planning for the new superintendent search. Interviews will take place in May. Bob is still exploring the possibility of continuing as the superintendent for Isle au Haut after his official retirement August 1, 2012.

6. 2012-2013 School Calendar

There was discussion of returning to a one week March vacation instead of the traditional February and April vacations. The consensus of board members was to continue with the current arrangement of two vacations in winter and spring. **Motion by Sue, second by Bernadine, to approve the 2012-13 school calendar as presented. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.**

7. Updates on Chimney or Electrician

The chimney/electrician agenda item is the longest, continuously running agenda item in the history of IAH school board agendas. Rob Dewitt has promised to climb up on the roof to check out the issues with the chimney flashing. He will also check the gable ends of the roof. Sue will try to obtain prices from the electrician on the work that is needed.

8. Policies

Sue will draft some language on the "two adults at school at all times" policy as suggested by Paula. Bob will send Sue electronic versions of the Ethics Policy and Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure policies for the May meeting. Other policies that are needed include school system goals and objectives, tobacco use and possession, commitment to the Maine Learning Results, and employee discrimination and harassment complaint procedures.

9. Citizen's Comments

No citizens were in attendance.

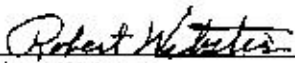
10. Other Business

Motion by Sue, second by Bernadine, to employ Robert Webster as state agent (superintendent) for the 2012-13 school year. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no. The next meeting of the school committee will be on Thursday, May 24th. The agenda will include policies and an update on the electrician/chimney issues.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Sue, second by Kirsten, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Vote: 3 yes; 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



 Robert Webster
 Superintendent of Schools