

Isle au Haut School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2012

Board Members Present: Sue MacDonald, H. Louise Bernstone, Kelly Hawkes, Kirsten Barter, Bernadine Barter at 8:33 a.m.

Staff Present: Paula Grestorex, Robert Webster

Citizens and Guests Present: Brenda Clark briefly stopped to let the board know that the internet problems at the Revere Hall have been reported.

1. Call to Order

Sue opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:35 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sue, second by Kirsten, to approve the minutes of May 24, 2012 as written.

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

3. Teacher's Report

- The Brooklin School jazz quartet, Erica Walstrom's science class and the school nurse visited the school in May.
- Counselor Hector Sapien visited the school and worked with two students on team building.
- Paula distributed ed. tech. evaluations and the annual curriculum report.
- She recommended summer tutoring for two students, two hours a day, three days a week for four weeks.
- Jason Barter volunteered to help resurrect the clam bake fund raising event.
- She recommended re-employment of the art and music teacher for next year.
- Paula asked that student attendance be addressed for next year.
- She also suggested further work with the Ross Green program to work on student behavior issues in preparation for next year.

Paula explained the goals that Hector Sapien has suggested for improving student cooperation and respect. Bob will check to see what Hector Sapien has been paid for counseling services.

A clam bake is a good idea. The pie auction hasn't been very well attended. Perhaps the pie auction could be combined with the clam bake. A silent auction was suggested. Doing two fund raisers at once might not be a good idea. A date will need to be selected for the clambake. August was suggested as a better time when more people are around. Sue will organize groceries and clams. Bernie will organize a dance for that evening. Paula will organize set up, clean up and contact the land owners. Kelly will solicit donations of hotdogs and buns. The silent auction was put on hold for now.

Motion by Sue, second by Bernadine, to employ Anne Claude Cotty as art teacher and Michael Schrader as music teacher with each earning \$5,253 for 30 days. Vote: 5 yes; 0 no.

Sue read the Memorandum of Understanding on the Teacher Learner Collaborative (T.L.C.) with the Island Institute. Paula explained what the program involves including the school's use of the Tandberg technology and equipment. **Motion by Sue, second by Louise, to approve the TLC Memorandum of Understanding with the Island Institute. Vote: 5 yes; 0 no.**

4. Superintendent's Report

- Bob will attend the annual Commissioners Conference for superintendents on June 26 and 27
- School Union 76 voted to move of the superintendent's office to renovated space at Deer Isle-

Stonington High School. The move will take place in the fall.

- The new superintendent of schools is Mark Jenkins from Fort Fairfield.
- Bob will accompany Mr. Jenkins to Isle au Haut for the July meeting
- A new school nurse will be employed soon.
- Bob distributed the monthly financial statement.

5. Policies

Sue reviewed changes to the Professional Ethics Policy, Student Affirmative Action Grievance Procedure Policy and the Staff Affirmative Action Grievance Procedure Policy made at the previous meeting. **Motion by Sue, second by Bernadine, to adopt all three policies as revised. Vote: 5 yes; 0 no.**

6. Attendance Policy

Sue conducted the first reading of the Student Attendance Policy adding language requiring parental notification of the school by 7:45 a.m. in cases of absence due to illness or family emergency. **Motion by Sue, second by Louise, to accept the first reading of the Student Attendance Policy as amended. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention (Kelly).**

7. Updates on Chimney and Electrician

Susan did not get a response from the Blue Hill electrician. No other new information was available.

8. Citizen's Comments

No citizens were in attendance.

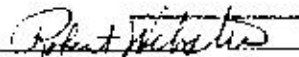
9. Other Business

Sue read the draft letter on the gun problem. Kirsten left the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The letter notifying parents of unsupervised student possession of guns was revised. The next meeting of the school committee will be on Monday, July 16, 2012. The agenda will include student attendance policy, clam bake, counselor services, chimney and electrician updates and welcoming the new superintendent.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Sue, second by Bernadine, to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m. Vote: 4 yes; 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Webster
Superintendent of Schools