

Isla au Haut School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2014

Board Member Present: Sue MacDonald, Kelly Merrill, Nancy Calvert, Bernie Barter
Board Members Absent: Kirsten Barter
Staff Present: OJ Logue, Paula Greatorex, Mark Jenkins
Citizens and Guests: None

1. Sue opened the meeting and declared a quorum at 8:30
2. Kelly Merrill was welcomed as the newest board member, replacing Jason Barter.
3. Moved by, Sue and seconded by Nancy, to accept the minutes of the September 17th meeting as read by Mark. Unanimous.
4. Teacher's Report: Paula passed out and reviewed her report.
 - a. Most academic areas were touched upon, with special emphasis given on the many out of school learning experiences.
 - b. The contract for counseling services is ready. Paula and Ashley Pesek (AMHC) will arrange the schedule'
 - c. Karen Teague has been hired and has begun teaching Physical Education.
 - d. A list of maintenance items was mention and will be addressed later in the meeting.
5. Moved by Bernie, seconded by Nancy, to expend up to \$3,000 from REAP funds in support of a field trip to Rockland, November 12-14. The trip will include a visit to a seaweed manufacturing plant, a farm, the lighthouse museum, Island Readers and Writers. Unanimous.
6. Moved by Sue, Seconded by Nancy, to pay for a special boat run for the superintendent and special education director. Unanimous.
7. Mark read his superintendents report
8. Discussion on field trip policy. There was consensus to have the superintendent draft or find a model of a policy which would support current school practices. In essence, the teacher will leave appropriate work for students not going on a trip, but no staff person or substitute will be left behind to instruct the student.
9. Maintenance: There was a good deal of conversation and brainstorming on what needs to be accomplished and how to proceed. The results left much of the legwork to Nancy and Sue.
 - a. Sue will contact Ellard and Rob DeWitt about their availability or willing ness to take on the work. She will secure a straw vote of the board on whom to hire. Speed being of the essence.
 - b. Nancy will attempt to secure an electrician to install ceiling fans.
 - c. Sue will find out about the sump pump
10. Stipends - Table until November's meeting
11. Citizens Comments - None
12. Other business - Sue read Jason's letter of resignation from the board.
13. Next meeting - November 21st
14. Sue adjourned the meeting at 10:30.