

Isle au Haut School Board Minutes  
February 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm

Members Present: Rita MacWilliam, chair; Kathie Fiveash, Sharen Wilson, Mike Fedosh, Patricia Barter

Staff present: Dan Ross, Superintendent; Marcela Carroll, Teacher

Citizen: Abigail Hiltz, Selectman

Minutes of January 22 approved. Sharen/Mike 5-0; minutes of special meeting Feb. 7 approved. Kathie/Sharen 4-0-1

#### Teacher's Report

- Marcela went through her written report highlighting some items
- Ski trip included meeting up with Monhegan to share a Valentine's Party, and pool time. Lisa was unable to attend due to illness.
- The study of the human body included community members and a variety of activities.
- With swimming classes complete, there is a need for physical activities
- Art Teacher, Jadyne LaDeay is working out well with the hopes she will continue next year. Kathie encouraged members to go onto her website.
- Bryan Carroll put in a lot of time and expertise to fix the heat pumps. He is encouraged to submit a bill. The contact is Jim McDonald 506-999-0855 from Stash Energy.
- Yvonne Thomas from Island Institute presented a puberty lesson to the 5<sup>th</sup> grader and a health lesson with the littles.
- Question: Could the Sunbeam nurse, Simone, teach health lessons to the students? Rita will contact her.
- There are a variety of upcoming events: Poetry workshop, TLC Spirit Wee, Dance and Art workshop in Deer Isle, Dance Recital in Town Hall May 1, May 6-8 Spring TLC field trip to Schoodic Institute
- Discussion Items: mice issues are being addressed; trash and burn barrels need to be purchased; Washington DC proposal

## Superintendent's Report

- The budget numbers are on track for this year.
- The legislature is working on a law that hands off 3 and 4 year special services to the schools instead of CDS. That will impact programming and budget. The change should happen in the next 2-3 years.
- Dan will talk to Michele about K screenings. Discussion of what the current identification process is for birth – 3. Now, pediatricians make recommendations to parents, or parents may bring up a concern.

## Washington DC trip proposal

- Marecela presented the proposal to the Board. Lisa would not be going but stay at school to teach the new student and pre school.
- The trip would be 2 days traveling – plane transportation and 3 days in the city staying at a private home on a summer Isle au Haut resident.
- The projected cost would be around \$5000.
- School Board members shared their thoughts.
- Motion “To vote on the proposed trip to Washington DC” Mike/Sharen  
Vote failed 0-3-2

## Budget 24-25

- Budget workshops March 8 at 10am; March 18 4:40-5:30 before the regular meeting; approval meeting March 27 at 1:00pm

## Policies

- Motion “Policies BEDH and GCOA be approved.” Sharen/Mike 5-0
- First reads
  - Motion “Table policies AD and ADA.” Rita/Sharen 5-0
  - Motion “Policies GCOC, GCSA, GCI, GCFB-R, DJH, DJ, DN, ADF, ADC, EBCA, EBCC, ACAB, AC, AC-R go to 2<sup>nd</sup> reads” Sharen/Mike 5-0
- The Board needs to clarify a common system to be used when going through policies.

## Other Business

- Motion, “To hire Lilyanna S. as custodian.” Tricia/Kathie 5-0

- Transition for new teacher, Michele Turner
  - Dan is working with her.
  - Recommend some time at the school with Marcela.

Next regular meeting Monday, March 18 at 6:00; special budget meetings March 8 at 10, March 18 at 4:30 and March 27 at 1:00

Motion to adjourn. Mike/Kathie The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm