

DEER ISLE-STONINGTON CSD SCHOOL BOARD

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REGULAR MEETING

Deer Isle-Stonington High School

Tuesday, January 3, 2017- 5:30 PM

Board Members Present: Jane Osborne, Presiding, Elizabeth Steele, and Skip Greenlaw.

Staff: Christian Elkington, OJ Logue, Todd West. Carla Magoon, Mickey Flores
Student Representatives: Brandon Penfold and Caleb Hardie

Guest: Monique Labbe, Duke Shepard, Bill Shepard, Heidi Shepard, Bob Dodge, Roger Bergen

1. Call to order and Declaration of a Quorum

Vice Chair Jane Osborne called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 5:30 PM. Osborne announced that Stephen York is in New York and Loring Kydd is in California.

2. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

3. Introductions- Everyone present introduced themselves.

4. Approval of the agenda

Eliminate: Action Item 9 d. Add: Action item 9.2- Employment of staff

Motion by Greenlaw and seconded by Steele to approve the agenda as amended. Vote 3/Y, 0/N

5. Approval of the minutes of December 6, 2016

Motion by Greenlaw, seconded by Steele to approve the minutes of December 6, 2016. Vote 3Y, 0N.

6. Citizens Comments

Heidi Shepard inquired about the enrollment of students in the two schools. Magoon reported 210-211; 36 students in kindergarten, and one student enrolled in kindergarten just today. West reported a "flurry of new students"- 3 maybe 6. The superintendent will provide updated enrollment data at the February meeting.

Roger Bergen inquired how the assistant principal (John Dow) was doing. Magoon responded "going well". Bergen responded that a number of people have heard otherwise and asked him to inquire. Bergen further stated that a number of parents and two teachers were not comfortable with discipline in the schools. He wanted to know if the money is being well spent? Magoon asked that people be direct and contact the administrators with their concerns. Elkington suggested that we need a pro-active approach to communicating progress. Duke Shepard, Bill Sheppard, and Heidi Shepard all expressed satisfaction with Mr. Dow's approach to discipline based on their experience with him.

7. Reports:

7.1 Student Representative's Report

Brandon Penfold reported that the renovations to the students' bathrooms are nearing completion. He also reported that the students had completed a survey about the lunch menus and food. Caleb Hardie reported that the students planned the lunch menu on Fridays and that students liked the food better on Friday. West will review the cost of the lunch program and see if there might be some grant funding to expand the student's involvement in lunch planning.

7.2 Questions on Administrative Reports

Elkington reported that the faculty was beginning RTI (Response to Intervention) and literacy training with Consultant Carrie Thurston and that there was Title Funds from the Union to support teachers and students' learning through a re-written grant.

Elkington also reported that there will be a teacher workshop day for all the faculty and staff on Friday, January 13. Dr. Logue and his sister, Dr. Logue, will be working with the special education staff. The teaching staff will hear a presentation from Consultant Curtis Jack relative to student learning objectives (SLOs), and how to apply data driven learning objectives to their instruction.

Elkington reported that the renovations to the boys' bathroom should be completed in two weeks.

Greenlaw inquired about the balance in the student transportation account and that it looked as if more than three-quarters of the budget had been spent when only one-half of the fiscal year has elapsed. Elkington will investigate

and report back to the school committee as there are several lines in the budget around transportation.

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8. Discussion Items

- 8.1 Nature Trail- Mickey Flores, middle school science teacher, gave a presentation about the students' recent trip to the Gulf of Maine Institute and about the rededication of the Nature Trail, which was to take place on December 12th, which turned out to be a snow day. Flores talked about proficiency based education for the students in terms of students measuring light and photojournalism.
- 8.2 Assessments Results Review- Elkington distributed confidential academic test data comparing the performance of DIS students with students in Hancock County. The data was based on NWEA test results. Elkington observed that the tests had changed three times recently, but that DIS students were "doing pretty well" compared to other units around the state. In response to a question from Greenlaw, Elkington stated that he did not have enough information yet to accurately interpret the data and hopes to share more at the next meeting.
- 8.3 Island Education Revitalization Committee (IERC)- Jane Osborne presented the committee's quarterly report regarding the IERC recommendations. The committee recommends an expanded orientation for new school board members. Osborne reported that 8 members of the Union 76 school board met on December 10 for an excellent workshop about improving communication and learning new techniques of working together more effectively. There was discussion about how we might go about "strengthening curriculum" for all schools and that we would continue to use the services of the financial consultant to free up the superintendent's time to deal more directly with education matters.
- 8.4 Special Education students numbers review 2014-2017- Dr. OJ Logue-Logue presented some preliminary information relative to how long CSD special education students remained under "individual education plans". More information will be provided at the next meeting. Greenlaw asked that a data base regarding special education students be established and maintained so that we would have up-to-date information about the progress of our students. Elkington shared that this was the start of that process and agreed we need to have one and that the preliminary work shared tonight will develop into a data base.

8.5 Policies (1st reading)

- a. Deer Isle-Stonington CSD By-Laws- The policy committee reported that they were recommending returning to identifying policies by numbers compared to the alphabet as recently adopted to comply with MSMA identification of policies. The first reading of this policy will be at the February meeting.

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9. Action Items:

9.1 Policies- Second Reading- Greenlaw moved and Steele seconded a motion to adopt- Application for Committee Members, 9.06A Job Description: Assistant Cook, and 9.06C Job Description: Food Service Assistant. Vote 3/Y, 0/N.

9.2 Employment of Staff- Greenlaw moved and Steele seconded a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation and employ Tracie Martin as a sub in grades $\frac{3}{4}$ for the remainder of the 16/17 school year. Vote 3/Y, 0/N.

10. Executive Session- Greenlaw moved and Steele seconded a motion to go into executive session at 7:12 PM pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6) (D) Negotiations. Vote 3/Y, 0/N. The school board rose from executive session at 7:47 PM.

11. Communications- There were none.

12. Adjournment- Steele moved and Greenlaw seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Vote 3/Y, 0/N.

Respectfully submitted,

Skip Greenlaw

Secretary Pro Tem