

ISLE LA MOTTE  
School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November 16, 2016  
at Isle La Motte School

**Attendance:** Board members: Louise Koss, (LK) (by phone), Jane Zera, (JZ), Jen Rafferty, (JR)

Thomas Tregan, Principal, Beth Hemingway (Director of Student Services) (BH), Pat Treckman, Chet Bromley (CB), Paul Zera (PZ), Melanie Therrien

JZ called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Adjustments to agenda, board discussion of school window repair added at CB request.

Approval of minutes for October 19, 2016 regular meeting and October 30, 2016 special meeting. JZ moved to approve. JR seconded. Approved.

Discussion around picking a date for special budget meeting. Agreement was reached to hold the special budget meeting on Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. December's regular board meeting will be December 21 at 6 p.m.

**Board Discussion and Action:**

CB informed the board that St. Anne's Shrine will donate their stove to the school but the action still needs Shrine advisory board approval. A letter from the school board to the Shrine was discussed and reviewed accepting the donation of the stove and JZ volunteered to get the letter to LK for signature and back to CB for delivery to the Shrine.

The board reviewed and discussed an estimate from Rene Fournier for \$779.80 to fix windows at the school. Funding source and logistics of time to do the repair were discussed. The board agreed that it would be prudent to do the repairs sooner than later. JZ moved to approve the window repair. LK seconded. Approved.

Board members asked BH about availability of budget to actuals. Budget to actuals were not available for review. BH made an inquiry to find out status of availability for the board.

JZ asked a member of the public, Melanie Therrien, who came in after the meeting started, what she was attending the meeting for. Decision made by the board to go into executive session at this time to address Ms. Therrien's matter. Before going to executive session, LK concluded participation in meeting and excused herself from the executive session. Board went into executive session at 6:25 p.m. and concluded at 6:54 p.m. No board action taken.

**Board Discussion and Action (cont'd.):**

The board received only one bid for snow removal and sanding from Ember's Garden. Discussion ensued about this being the only bid received. Discussion also about clarifying frequency of snow removal over the holiday break. Motion made by JR to accept the bid from Ember's Garden for the 2016-17 season. Seconded by JZ. Motion approved.

**Superintendent's Report:**

The superintendent's report was sent to the board by Barbara Burrington. BH was present at the meeting representing the superintendent. Board members were invited to ask any questions.

**Principal's Report:**

TT shared that the lock company from Plattsburgh came to the school to look at the locks. A couple of proposals have been given to the board for consideration. No action taken at this time.

TT also noted that the holiday concert will be held on Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

TT also talked about the availability of grant funds from the VT School Board Association for things like locks, shades, security cameras and sensors, communication devices (grant amounts can range from \$2,500-\$10,000).

End principal's report.

**Board Discussion and Action (cont'd.):**

**Approval of Bills for Payment:**

JR asked for clarification of a tuition bill. BH addressed and answered the question. Discussion also about the bill for dishwasher repair, addressed by TT. Motion made by JZ to approve payment of payables in the amount of \$71,276.12. JR seconded. Motion approved.

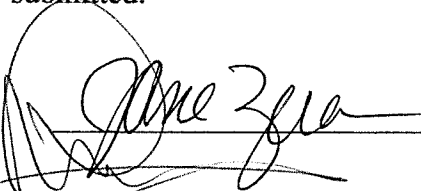
Board concluded regular meeting at 7:32 p.m. JZ made motion to adjourn. JR seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jane Zera

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