

Isle La Motte School Board Meeting Minutes  
2/17/16  
Isle La Motte School

Meeting is called to order by LK at 6:05pm

Attendance - Louise Koss (LK), Barbara Callahan (BC), Jen Rafferty (JR) by phone, Tom Tregan (TT), Barbara Burrington (BB), Barb Larvey (BL), Beth Hemingway, and Lynn Carpenter (LC). Public present: Jane Zera (JZ), Joyce Tuck (JT), Janet Soavi, Cathy Craig, Art Larvey (AL), Paul Zera (PZ) and Heather Jarvis (HJ),

Adjustment to the agenda.

Motion to approve 1/20/16 meeting minutes by BC and seconded by LK. Minutes approved but not signed . Minutes will be at town hall for signatures tomorrow.

6:10: Executive session: Personnel & Student issue

6: 30: Out of executive session

Superintendent's Report:

Curriculum Coordinator has been released from her contract and a new interim curriculum coordinator, Dr. Kerry Sewell has stepped in. He is working to prepare the GISU for the SBAC's, the software program needed for this, and checking the finances for the grant sponsoring this.

A retreat was held with a focus on the SWIFT program. Every three months data will be processed and fed into the federal grant.

Act 46 the cap will be changed by 2018. The threshold for FY2018 has been repealed. Act 46 is not going away.

The Integrated Field Review Pilot Project review is now scheduled for fall and winter 2016 – 2017 school year.

Special Education will all be under the GISU and new Speech Pathologist has been hired. The Vermont Counsel of Special Education Administrators (VCSEA) 2016 Legislative Priorities will be funding structures to support the Multi-Tiered of Supports, Models of Service Delivery, and Mental Health Service for Children and Families. G.I. County spends \$5,000,000 on Mental Health.

Starting July 1, 2016 preschoolers may choose to attend a prequalified preschool program outside their school district.

We are in final year of SWIFT program. It has now been extended.

The third page is a cheat sheet that illustrates the general budget information for each town.

Discussion followed.

Please see attached Superintendent's Report.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Fish has a new son, John, born Feb. 3rd. We have a substitute teacher, Mr. Meeks.

We are eligible for another LERAC Grant of approximately \$5,000 for books, etc..

We also received an Exxon Mobil Education Math and Science Grant of \$500, through the efforts of Paula Whitcomb of the Crossroads Travel Ctr.

The annual community dinner will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

A talent show will be held on March 30, organized by Mrs. Walker our music teacher.

The playground is moving forward. There is a possibility of a golf tournament in Alburgh as a

fund raiser.

The class configuration changes are going well and a presentation at SWIFT in July is being considered

The leadership meetings focused on PBIS, Positive Behavior, Intervention & Support, the goal of which is to ingrain this and make it happen so that it will be here long after many of us are gone.

They are preparing for the SBAC for grades 3 – 6 in mid April.

We have been awarded a VHI Grant, which BL wrote. It is for \$10,000 to build trails, 8 – 10' wide around the school property.

A building update was given by AL stating issues that need to be looked into: the water system and contract (need to have work done before school starts next year); HVAC – no asbestos in building; hot water heater (1997) should be replaced; siding, soffit and fascia work; door on east side of building; stove must be evaluated and possibly replaced; no electrical issues, septic on 3 year plan, but we must look at furnace. Plan and develop escrow account for repairs. Our security system should be checked. Suggest these issues be looked at again in April – May to determine if funds are available.

Board Discussion:

BH presented information on Special Education and where we stand. There may be a surplus of \$83,183 in FY16 budget due to changes in IEP plans and changes in students status, although there are going to be some additional costs. Things can change as students move in and out.

LK reported on the Prek-6 Options Committee which includes alternatives to Act 46. Would like 5 members on committee and the results of committee could be reported and voted on in November.

Act 46 next meeting is Tues. 2/23 in Alburgh. The committee is discussing what the formation should be, PreK – 6 or PreK – 8, or two school districts, one PreK – 6 and one PreK – 8. There will be an open public forum of Act 46 on Sat. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> as part of the School Board portion of the Town Meeting. LK will check with the Select Board to get there o.k. and give the Act 46 presenters, Mike Deweese, and BB, an idea of time allotted for them.

Janet Saovi presented ideas for after school programs, summer programs, and the playground through grants. They want confirmation that they should continue looking at programs through grants. All programs must be approved by GISU and Tom. Some grant paperwork is out already but all must go through Tom and see what the impact on the school will be.

BL reported on the key situation. There are three keys that are needed to get around the building; one for doors, one master key, and one for closets. Heather Luce will be contacted to see if any locks or keys were changed. LC will look for any invoices related to keys /locksmith.

LC reported on Budget to Actuals. A discussion on the changes in the budget occurred during the presentation.

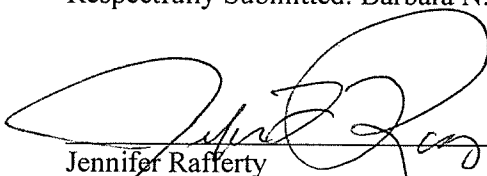
The ILM Library asked that during the School Board Town Meeting it be mentioned that the library spearheaded the SurfGlobal contract, they paid for the paint for the multi-purpose room, and helped pay for the school trip last year.

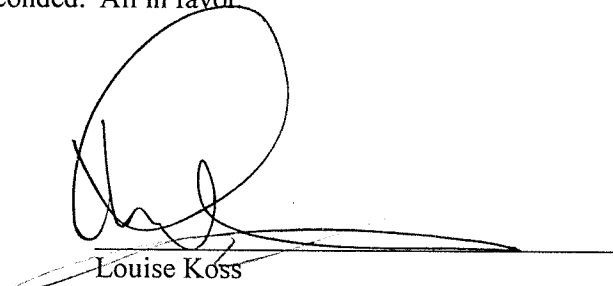
Action:

LK moved to approve the payables of \$87,578.04. BC-2nd. All in favor.

LK motion to adjourn at 9.27 pm. BC seconded. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara N. Callahan

  
Jennifer Rafferty

  
Louise Koss

  
Jane Ziera