

Isle La Motte School Board Meeting
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09-16-15

Attendance - Barbara Callahan (BC), Barbara Burrington, Louise Koss (LK), Tom Tregan(TT), Paul Hinman (PH), Jane Zera (JZ), and Jen Rafferty (by phone)(JR.), Chet Bromlwy(CB).

Meeting call to order by BC 6:10pm

Adjustment to the agenda - changing the date of ILM board meeting

Superintendent's Report

There was a new teacher retreat. A lot of hiring throughout the district. Training on forms, community building, phone tree, etc. Teachers from year before talked about their first year. Lose several teachers due to our location, and smaller salaries. Longevity is one of the ways to impact students.

Act 46 meeting. Coordinating committee. Next meeting on September 26 6:30-8:30 at NH school. Committee members really need to talk and discuss their vision and what your town wants. There is some gossip around SH and whether they are going to participate in the committee. They are going to participate. To get the .08 tax break would have to have plan ready by July 1st 2016. The plan was really for districts that were already set for the change.

Act 46 was driven to keep property taxes down. Limit the impact on taxpayers. Through this saving there should be more opportunity for students. School must stay within spending cap 1.53 for ILM. ILM is over. Looking at all resources and where can we get more efficiency to get below the cap.

2nd retreat with the GISU. All districts have to be in line with minimum educational guidelines. We are not in compliance. Most districts are not. However we as a district need to be working on it. We are part of a pilot. One of 12 districts in the pilot program. The district will learn how we are out of compliance and have more than a year to work on our deficiencies.

High impact strategies. Feedback to students give them a step by step guide on what is correct and re teaching to get the students to work at the highest level. It's the child's expectation of themselves. High schools will have proficiency grading. Multiple ways to help students to become proficient that may not be traditional. Change in language to offer dual enrollment so students can be enrolled in community college and high school. This would be paid by the school or town.

Personal learning plans. Middle and high school need to have a plan by 11-01-15. District is working on this.

Special Education needs to be centralized staff. Look at all students on IEP.

5 year plan. TT has contacted some people to follow through with the 5 year plan. TT thinks we need to have more information.

Library would like to recognize Jeanine Lawrence and have some type of reading contest. TT is working on this.

Open house is September 29th. Staff is very special. Give a lot of themselves. TT will have some academic recommendations.

The tower at the firehouse is owned by the school.

Budget to Actual

LK states that it is worthless. There are bills for health insurance that are not reflected in the report. It is not accurate.

Act 46. BC is the ILM delegate. Act 46 meeting is 08/22 at NH at 6pm. GISU meeting is 08/29 in NH at 6pm

LK question whether we should pay lunch worker mileage to travel from Alburgh to ILM for summer program. Was there a contract signed for this?

Requesting a credit from the dental insurance for TT for the month of July.

Paper is \$26 a case. LK asked Can we find it cheaper.

BC asked why we have to spend so much on water. Can we install a system that would meet our needs and be more reasonable priced.

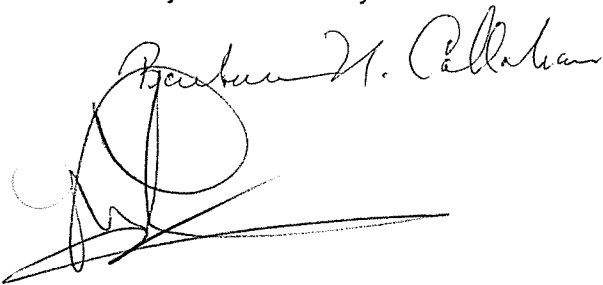
JR Motion to approve the \$11,734.62 BC 2nd. All in favor.

PH was on committee to designate a high school. LK suggests that we take the information from the ILM committee and give it to the Act 46 committee. ILM committee needs to continue their work per the voters. LK believes that this information would be very valuable to the Act 46 committee. LK wants the committee to look into a merger with Chazy, NY. BC to call Carol Stata for the ILM committee information to present/forward to the Act 46 committee.

PH asked TT if he had information on special Ed cost in NY.

Next meeting October 14, 2015 at 6pm.

Adjourn at 7:43 by LK.



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