

ISLE LA MOTTE  
School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 21, 2016  
at Isle La Motte School

**Attendance:** Board members: Louise Koss, (LK), Jane Zera, (JZ)

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

LK called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

No adjustments to agenda noted.

Approval of minutes for November 16, 2016 regular meeting and December 13, 2016 special budget meeting. JZ moved to approve. LK seconded. Motion approved.

**Superintendent's Report:**

LK read over the highlights of the December report. (See attached report)

**Principal's Report:**

TT noted that ILM is anticipating 2 incoming kindergartners and 5-6 preschoolers for the 2017-18 school year.

Grants and donations have been made to the school for the ski program and kitchen. 9 ILM students are participating in the program together with students from NH. Donors include ILMCO, Kris Luce/Allstate and the Shrine (stove and equipment donation).

TT also noted that the holiday concert was packed and a great evening.

Disposal of the playground was accomplished with zero cost to taxpayers thanks to local individuals who donated equipment or their time.

PZ is working on arranging for storage of American Red Cross cots in school's storage room. PZ also arranged to get rid of a collection of old paint that was found stored.

TT noted that one new student has arrived for this school year and one student left this week. Also noted that two more new students are coming in January.

Math curriculum: Noted that more math time will be added to the school's curriculum. Megan Grube, Director of Curriculum for the GISU will be working with teachers at tomorrow's local inservice.

**Principal's Report:**

Finally, TT noted that DC Energy is adding additional security equipment/windows all of which are being funded under a grant that the school obtained.

**Board Discussion and Action:**

LK indicated that she would be signing the Abbey food service contract tonight. Also reviewed by the Board was an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ember's Garden. After review, LK determined that the MOU still needed requested board revisions that JZ communicated to the GISU office previously. BH given the MOU to go back to the GISU for needed revisions.

Budget to Actuals (which the board received late p.m. 12/21/16):

Many questions were raised by the board re: line items on the Budget to Actuals.

Proposed FY 17-18 budget also discussed and many questions raised. Among them were why the current proposed budget dropped so much. (over \$200,000.00)

BH submitted the following to L. Carpenter, GISU business manager via email drafted at the meeting and as questions were raised regarding Budget to Actuals and the proposed FY 17-18 budget:

Budget to Actual Questions (in the email):

"Line 7: Unemployment. Why is it for FY17 \$1,404.00 and FY18 \$200.00? Why the big decrease? Is this based on a rate?

Line 31: Why is there group health in here as there is no teacher? (UA-PreK)

Line 19: How is Worker's Compensation impacted by VEHI?

Line 40: Special Ed Health Insurance and Dental being charged this year?

Line 41: Why is there FICA as there is nobody that has been paid this school year out of this line?

Line 43: Why is this in the budget? All services at the SU?

Line 61, 64 and 66: Why is this in the budget to actuals? Is this accurate information? What is it? Need justification.

Line 94: Please explain.'

Line 130: Please explain why not all encumbered?

When does the Abbey Group charge ILMSD? If it is at the end of the year, can we assure it will be applied for the current fiscal year?

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

In the Budget to Actuals, the ILM school board would like the revenues as well as the expenses.

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

FY 17-18 Proposed Budget Questions (in email to GISU business manager)

Still need an answer to Line (Question) 3 in B. Burrington's previous email to GISU business manager. (Still need an asterisk at the bottom of the budget with GISU assessment totals so they can compare them in the budget (apples to apples comparison))

Why did the health instructional amount go down if you do not have the new rates?

Line 232 does not include .5 of Rebecca Ashline's health (insurance).

Still need an answer to #2 of BB's previous email (re: EEE speech salary for Rebecca Ashline). You can't base it on actuals because it is a rate (dental/health). Why did it go down?

Principal services lines in the proposed budget – "based on actual amounts changing..." What does this mean? Why did this decrease for FY 17-18? For example, dental.

Answer #9 (response to BB's previous email to GISU business manager re: proposed salary increases) Was it there previously and is it still there or was it never in the first draft?

Please ensure for January's meeting that the special education paraeducator is added to the budget.

Line 382 – What does "true up later" mean?

Add a 6<sup>th</sup> PreK student to Line 85.

Please clean up Budget increase (decrease) percent column.

Why is there a VEHI rate in Workman's Compensation? Workman's Compensation is not based on VEHI?

Why are things based on FY 16 Actuals when they are under-reported because they are shown in the budget to actuals for FY17?" End email questions.

LK asked TT to make sure he has all things needed in the proposed budget and to have verified prior to the January 2017 board meeting.

**Approval of Bills for Payment:**

The board moved on to discussion of bills (payables) and received clarification of certain bills from TT and BH. Motion made by JZ to approve payment of payables in the amount of \$66,031.20. LK seconded. Motion approved.

**Other Business:**

CB addressed the board about an article that he read in the Burlington Free Press that he had read re: ILM School having a couple of positive tests for lead in the school's water. He asked for information about where this stands. TT responded by saying that information was correct and that the school has responded and the problem has been mitigated for now. There were lead and copper contaminants from infrastructure in the school and not the well. TT indicated there would be ongoing work going on with a water engineer, Patrick Smart, and this work may include changing the filter more often.

PZ requested a key from the school board for the storage closet where the Red Cross emergency cots will be stored. LK gave Paul keys.

Board concluded regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. JZ made motion to go into executive session at this time. LK seconded. Motion approved.

Executive session began and concluded at 8:09 p.m. LK made motion to adjourn. JZ seconded. Motion approved.

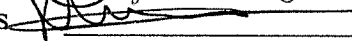
Respectfully submitted.

Jane Zera



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