

ISLE LA MOTTE
School Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
at Isle La Motte School

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

Barbara Burrington (Superintendent) (BB), Thomas Tregan (TT), Pat Treckman, recording secretary, Paul Zera, Barb Larvey, Art Larvey, Keri Johnson

LK called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Approval of minutes for January 18, 2017 meeting. JZ moved to approve. LK seconded. Motion approved.

Adjustments to the agenda included taking the auditor presentation off (due to weather) and requesting the auditor to present at the March school board meeting. The other adjustment to the agenda was pertaining to school usage data.

Superintendent's Report:

The superintendent's report was shared by BB with the board. This report is available in full on the main GISU website.

Included was note of the February 23 organizational meeting of the newly formed Champlain Islands School District which will meet at Grand Isle School at 6 p.m. All people are invited to attend this organizational meeting of the district that will include Isle La Motte, North Hero and Grand Isle.

Principal's Report:

The principal's report was submitted. TT talked about working on perseverance in kids. He also mentioned that testing coming up will include SBAC's for the school and NECAP science assessment for fourth graders. TT also shared that he worked on and has obtained \$1,740.00 which represents the balance of a farm to table grant for the school from a few years ago. TT also shared that he met with The Abbey and is confident that there will be positive changes to breakfast and lunch choices going forward. It will be rolled out over the next month.

Board Discussion and Action:

The school's water system discussion began with TT indicating that he had received information voicing concerns from the state regarding the system. Art Larvey was asked to speak and talked about research he has done and communication he has had with the state about ongoing monitoring and testing of the water. A plan is in place to continue monitoring and maintenance with testing to occur over vacation breaks and again in May. Also discussed was a plan to seek pricing for a GAC filter replacement. Art was commended by the board for his assistance in research and communication with the state.

Voided check question: LK talked about an uncashed check to Canamak Farms from January 2016, which was then reissued in October 2016. Both checks ended up being honored and cashed by the bank in October 2016. Discussion held about getting reimbursed for the \$50.00. BB will communicate this action to Ellen Norris for resolution.

LK requested that Barb Larvey compile data re: school usage for the past calendar year.

Budget to Actuals: LK communicated concerns about FICA contributions, out of state tuition and what was long term loan interest. LK also requested that a net number with a bottom line for revenues and expensed still needed to be a part of the reporting for the school board.

Approval of Bills for Payment: Questions were raised again about billing for plowing and sanding at the school. Clarification will be requested for the same, and the bills were excepted out from bills submitted for payment. JZ was charged with communication on this matter.

Motion made by JZ for the payment of bills, in the amount of \$51,050.94. Seconded by LK. LK moved to amend the motion regarding the payables to except out payment of the bills for plowing and sanding until the Memorandum of Understanding sent to the contractor was returned signed by them. JZ seconded this amendment to the motion. Motion approved.

LK made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. JZ seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Jane Zera

Louise Koss

Jen Rafferty
Keri Johnson

