

**DEER ISLE-STONINGTON CSD
SCHOOL BOARD**

“Creating resourceful, knowledgeable and compassionate citizens of tomorrow.”

REGULAR MEETING

Approved Minutes

**Deer Isle-Stonington High School Gym
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - 5:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Jane Osborne, Tracie Morey, Liz Perez, Darrell Williams, William Shepard

Staff: Chris Elkington, Tara McKechnie, Lynne Witham, Ben Moss, Liz Moss, Betsy Woodward, Dennis Duquette

Guests: Duke Shepard, Leslie Landrigan

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum under emergency legislation
The Chair called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 7:08 p.m.
2. Moment of Silence
3. Introductions
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Shepard to approve the agenda. Second by Williams.
Discussion: Superintendent asked to remove Discussion Item 10 a. ii- Finance Committee.
Motion stands to approve the agenda as amended. Vote: 5/Y 0/N
5. Approval of the Minutes of August 19, 2020
Motion by Morey to approve the minutes of August 19, 2020. Second by Shepard. Vote: 5/Y 0/N
6. Citizen’s Comments
7. Communications
Superintendent Elkington announced that we received another FFVP(Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program) grant for \$50 per student roughly \$15,000. Also, this morning we learned that the USDA extended the Summer Food program until 12/31/20 for feeding local children 18 years of age and younger regardless if they are a student or not.
8. Special Presentation
Skipped
9. Reports
Questions on Administration Reports
The Superintendent announced that Director of Special Services Mary Bridgham has secured another \$24,000 from grant funds for work on Math through Tier III funding.

10. Discussion Items

a. Updates

i. Student Numbers

1. In-person
2. Remote

Superintendent Elkington reported to the Board that right now we have about 25 homeschool children. That is an increase of about 25%. Principal Tara McKechnie reported the current student numbers @ DISES: in person 159, remote 35, homeschool 16, hybrid 2 and undecided 1.

ii. DISES

Principal McKechnie reviewed with the Board the plan for the Open House on Thursday. It will include the new dropoff/pickup routine and the plan for nutrition. In the area of maintenance, teachers are working on packing up their rooms and putting items in storage that are not needed until later in the school year. She will be sending a parent newsletter tomorrow.

iii. DISHS

Principal Dennis Duquette reported that the high school has been working on PD last week and this week. He reported that he sent out a survey to staff and had a positive response. They have come up with a safety protocol. This protocol will be going out to parents tomorrow. Principal Duquette says the high school has strong plans for grades 8-9. Grades 10-11 are still a work in progress. We are proposing that we have grades 8-9 come on Tuesday and grades 10-12 on Wednesday. Principal Duquette is looking for Board approval for this schedule.

Superintendent interjected that the reason for this schedule versus the elementary school is because the high school moves a lot! The Superintendent reminded the Board that this is not a formal motion. The high school is just looking for input and questions or concerns before moving forward with this schedule. Board member Shepard asked if this would affect the total number of student days? The Superintendent responded that it would not.

Principal Duquette wanted to recognize the staff at the high school for their work ethic and attitudes. Teachers are giving up their lunch time to remain in their rooms to eat with their classroom students. Board Chair Osborne shared that she has been present in both schools and the staff has been tremendous.

Superintendent Elkington pointed out and wanted to make clear to everyone that this is going to be a difficult year and that administrators spent most of their summer working on their school's reopening plans. He also said we are asking teachers to change their craft along with other changes and guidelines that they need to adapt to. Almost all teachers and staff will be coming back.

iv. School Nutrition Plans

The Superintendent shared that the nutrition program will include remote students and food will be delivered to families most in need. Including the FFVP grant foods. That the HS has some concerns about the satellite food program.

He stated that his main concern is getting fresh food and calories to students in a timely manner. It will be a work in progress. A big question is how will we feed all kids remotely.

v. Transportation

The Superintendent reported that we are in good shape as our size helps.

vi. Maintenance/Cleaning Review

The Superintendent reported that we will need time after students arrive and then a few times during the day to clean surfaces. It will be a work in progress. We have a cleaning company ready to come help if needed.

vii. SU 76 Remote Learning Coordinator

1. Introduction

Superintendent Elkington introduced Coordinator of Remote Learning, Elizabeth Moss. The Superintendent says he has had great, early reports from others working with Mrs. Moss.

2. Review

Mrs. Moss reviewed her plan and explained her role and responsibilities. The goal is getting all the technology setup for teachers and students for the first day of school. She reviewed what was worked on with teachers during PD days.

3. Website

Mrs. Moss presented the new website that she developed as a resource for teachers. The website is still a work in progress.

11. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E) Consultation w/Attorney

Motion by Shepard to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E) Consultation w/Attorney @ 8:12 p.m. Second by Perez. Vote: 5/Y 0/N
Back to Regular session @ 8:38 p.m.

12. Action Items

a. Fall After School Activities Review

i. Where is the State?

ii. Does the Board want to reconsider

The Board and Superintendent discussed the MPA's latest set of guidelines and the DHHS and DOE Commissioners' responses and what that means for DIS fall sports. It is clear that the MPA needs to go back and adjust and so there will be no next steps until the MPA response is released. It was noted that the MPA has had it recommended (DHHS & DOE), to delay fall sports again since they came up with their new guidelines late and because there are concerns with them.

b. Resignation-none

c. Hiring-none

13. Executive Session pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §1747 Public Improvements
Motion by Morey to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §1747 Public
Improvements @ 9:04. Vote: 5/Y 0/N Back to regular session @ 9:12

14. Approval of Two-year Transportation Contract

a. Motion to approve

i. Moved by: _____ Second by: _____

Motion by Shepard to approve a two-year transportation contract with Brown's
Busing with a 4.05% increase over last year's contract for the first year and no
increase for the second year. Second by Perez. Vote: 5/Y 0/N

It was noted that there will be only one activity bus regularly available
for afterschool programming in this contract. Not two as in the previous
contract. In the 2nd year of the contract the total mileage available will
increase by 2,000 miles. Brown's and SU 76 will look to continue leases
on the present buses as used buses for the next contract, which would
reduce the lease costs to the CSD in the future contract. The contract
includes a 25 cent/hr raise for returning drivers in 20-21.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Morey to adjourn @ 9:20 p.m. Second by Perez. Vote: 5/Y 0/N

Respectfully submitted,



Rhonda Eaton, Secretary