

Minutes
March 3, 2025

Isleboro School Committee

Present: Chairperson Zach Conover, Member(s): Colleen Dove, Lars Nelson, Skyler Purdy, Jennifer Selendy

Others Present: Dr. Cornelia Brown, Superintendent of Schools, Kate Legere, Principal, Eoin Kehoe, Becky Bolduc, Senior Trip Advisor and staff member, Jen Bailey, Magnet Coordinator and staff member, Nokomis Nelson, Haley Currie-Nelson, classroom teacher.

Call to Order and Roll Call: Chairperson Conover called the Meeting to Order at 5:30. Roll Call was taken. Present: Zach Conover, Lars Nelson, Colleen Dove, Skyler Purdy and Jennifer Selendy via Zoom, who joined at 5:40.

Consent Agenda: Chairperson Conover used the Chairperson's Privilege to rearrange the order of the Presentations, allowing the Senior Class Trip to go first, followed by the Introduction of the Magnet Coordinator, Jen Bailed, and lastly the budget presentation by Dr. Brown. The Minutes of the January 13, 2025 Minutes were included in the Consent Agenda.

Motion: It was Moved by Mr. Purdy and seconded by Mrs. Dove to approve the Consent Agenda.
Vote: 4-0

Public Comment: Mr. Doug Welden, a community member of Islesboro and the Islesboro Ambulance Association, asked if the School Committee was going to take a position on the proposed ferry change(s). Chairperson Conover said that the School Committee had not taken a position but the item was later on the agenda for discussion.

Presentations:

- a. **Senior Class Trip:** Islesboro senior Kehoe distributed information regarding the senior class trip, planned for April 19-29. Mrs. Bolduc complimented the students for raising a significant amount of money to ensure that all students who wish to attend may do so. Students will visit Greece and Italy and notably, will be in Italy for the Easter holiday. Using a school van, the students will travel to Logan Airport (Boston) for departure. Various school committee members noted that the senior trip has been a longstanding tradition for Islesboro Central School, stretching back into the early '90s, one which often sets it apart from other high schools.

Motion: It was moved by Lars Nelson and seconded by Colleen Dove to approve the Senior class trip.
Vote: 5-0

- b. **Introduction of Jen Bailey, Magnet Coordinator:** Dr. Brown and Principal Legere introduced Ms. Jen Bailey, the new Magnet Coordinator. Ms. Bailey shared several promotional materials for the Magnet program with the School Committee, including a brochure, advertisement, and plan for the recruitment of additional magnet students.
- c. **Presentation of the 2025-2026 Islesboro School Department Budget:** Dr. Brown gave each Committee Member a Budget Binder and reviewed the information contained within. The Budget Binder is new this year and contained information pursuant to previous discussions with the School Committee, including a detailed ADS report going back three (3) years, the traditional budget that will go to the Islesboro Town Meeting, information for each individual Cost Center, and myriad back up materials. School Committee members asked a variety of questions, among which included whether the Reserve Balances would be provided and Dr. Brown said they would at the next meeting. Chairperson Conover noted that if the Islesboro Central School could increase its Magnet Student enrollment by two (2) students it could bring down the budget by approximately 1%. During the discussion regarding purchasing a streaming service for the gymnasium Mr. Nelson asked if consideration could be given to providing this service to community members for free. Dr. Brown said she would look into it.

Reports:

- d. School Committee Chairperson: None
- e. Principal: Winter sports have wrapped up and we will celebrate the athletes at a banquet next Tuesday evening.
- f. We have intramural basketball for middle and high school students twice a week as well as high school volleyball for the month of March, thanks to Tracey Wuori for organizing
- g. Spring open house and potluck dinner on Thursday, March 20
- h. Superintendent: Dr. Brown reviewed the Budget calendar for March, including budget meetings on 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 (Public Hearing) and then voted on March 31.
- i. School Board Representative: Senior Kehoe asked the Committee to consider providing additional resources for students taking the PSAT and SAT. Dr. Brown said that this item would be added to the March 10 Curriculum Committee agenda.

Committee Reports:

- j. **Policy:** Chairperson Dove said that the Policy Committee met that morning (March 3) and that later on the agenda there are several policies being considered for a First Reading.
- k. **Magnet Committee:** The Committee has not met since the last meeting.
- l. **Curriculum Committee:** The Curriculum Committee will meet on March 10 and that the agenda was linked to the Regular School Committee agenda.
- m. **Facilities:** Mr. Nelson reported for the Committee and noted that one(1) bidder responded to the bid package for the repointing project. That individual

conducted a site visit with Mr. Cilley and suggested that the School Department consider a sealant instead of repointing the entire exterior. Leaks would need to be repaired first. Additional information will be provided to the Committee at a later date. The Facilities Committee also discussed a request to re-do the hallway floors and reviewed a short proposal to do so. Lastly, the Facilities Committee discussed the potential streaming project, replacement of the scoreboards in the gymnasium, and adding a portable stage to the gymnasium.

- n. **Finance:** Mr. Purdy reviewed the discussion from the Finance Committee which focused primarily on the School Nutrition Program and cost overrun(s).

Unfinished Business: The Committee discussed progress toward their 2024-2025 goals and noted that financial stewardship was going very well.

New Business: It was moved by Colleen Dove and seconded by Jennifer Selendy to table the following policies until the March 10 meeting:

Policy JICK Bullying

 **JICK-E Bullying Report Form**

Policy JKAA-R

JLCD:Administration of of Medication in School

Policy JRA-E: Notification of Rights Under FERPA

Policy KBF: Parental Involvement in Title One

Proposed Ferry Change(s): The School Committee briefly discussed the State of Maine Ferry Service proposed change(s) to the ferry. The discussion included asking the Town's committee if the School Committee might have a representative to the group. Mr. Nelson suggested sending a letter to the Town's Committee expressing what might be a potential issue for the Islesboro Central School. The School Committee asked Dr. Brown to confer with Principal Legere and DRAFT a letter for the March 10, 2025 meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 3: 1:00 Facilities Meeting:

March 10: 5:30 ICS Budget: School Committee Deliberation

March 10: 11:00 Curriculum Committee Meeting:

March 17th: 5:30 ICS Budget and School Committee Deliberation

March 24th: 5:30 Public Hearing on the ICS Budget and adoption of the 2025-2026 Islesboro School Department budget

Adjournment: It was moved by Mrs. Dove and Seconded by Mr. Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:00. Motion was unanimous.